



A Kannapolis couple escaped serious injury when this car went out of control and struck a bridge railing on Interstate 85 early Monday morning. They were among six persons hurt in area highway accidents. (Staff Photo)

## Decision Is Announced Monday

# Tobacco Quota Cut 7 1/2 Percent

A reduction of 7 1/2 percent in the poundage-acreage allotment of flue-cured tobacco for 1981 was announced Monday by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In announcing the largest allotment reduction since 1977, U. S. Agriculture Secretary Bob S. Bergland said he made his decision after reviewing recommendations from individuals, state farm bureaus, and warehousemen in the five flue-

cured leaf states.

James A. Graham, North Carolina's commissioner of agriculture, commented that the quota cut "is a move the tobacco industry can live with."

Charles R. Pugh, an extension economist with the N. C. State University

Agricultural Extension Service, said the quota reduction could increase tobacco market prices next year. He explained the cut could bring the supply in line with the demand.

The average support price for flue-cured tobacco this year was \$1.41

per pound, a 9.4 percent increase over the 1979 price. Economist Pugh predicted next year's support price would be at least \$1.50 per pound.

L. C. Cooper, Warren County extension chairman, commented: "Most Warren County farmers would have preferred not

to have a cut. But evidently the agricultural officials saw the need for the reduction, based on the amount of tobacco on hand in the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation and held by the buying companies."

Stabilization Corporation in a report just issued

noted that its receipts from the 1980 crop totaled 46.3 million pounds, or 10.2 percent of gross sales. This amount was up from last season when 25.7 million pounds, or 7.5 percent of sales, were placed under the government's price-support loan program.

## Two Wrecks In County Hurt Six People, Cost \$15,000

A Kannapolis couple was injured — neither critically — in an Interstate 85 crash and four persons were hurt in a wreck near Lake Gaston, the State High Patrol has reported.

Trooper B. R. Pope said that the couple, Virgil L. Misenheimer, 24 and his wife, Tamra, were hospitalized after their car went out of control and struck a bridge railing some 4.8 miles west of Norlina at 1:45 a. m. Monday.

Pope said the driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel while his wife was sleeping in the back seat of the couple's 1980-model Oldsmobile. The trooper said Misenheimer was traveling south when the car plowed into the end of a bridge rail. The vehicle then skidded around and overturned, skidding 60 feet on its top and came to rest after striking the face of the bridge.

Both of the injured were taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. The driver was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Pope reported that \$7,000 damage was done to the vehicle and \$400 to the bridge and a vertical warning panel sign.

Four persons were injured Friday at 6:30 p. m. at the intersection of Rural Paved Roads 1344 and 1352 some 5.8 miles northwest of Littleton.

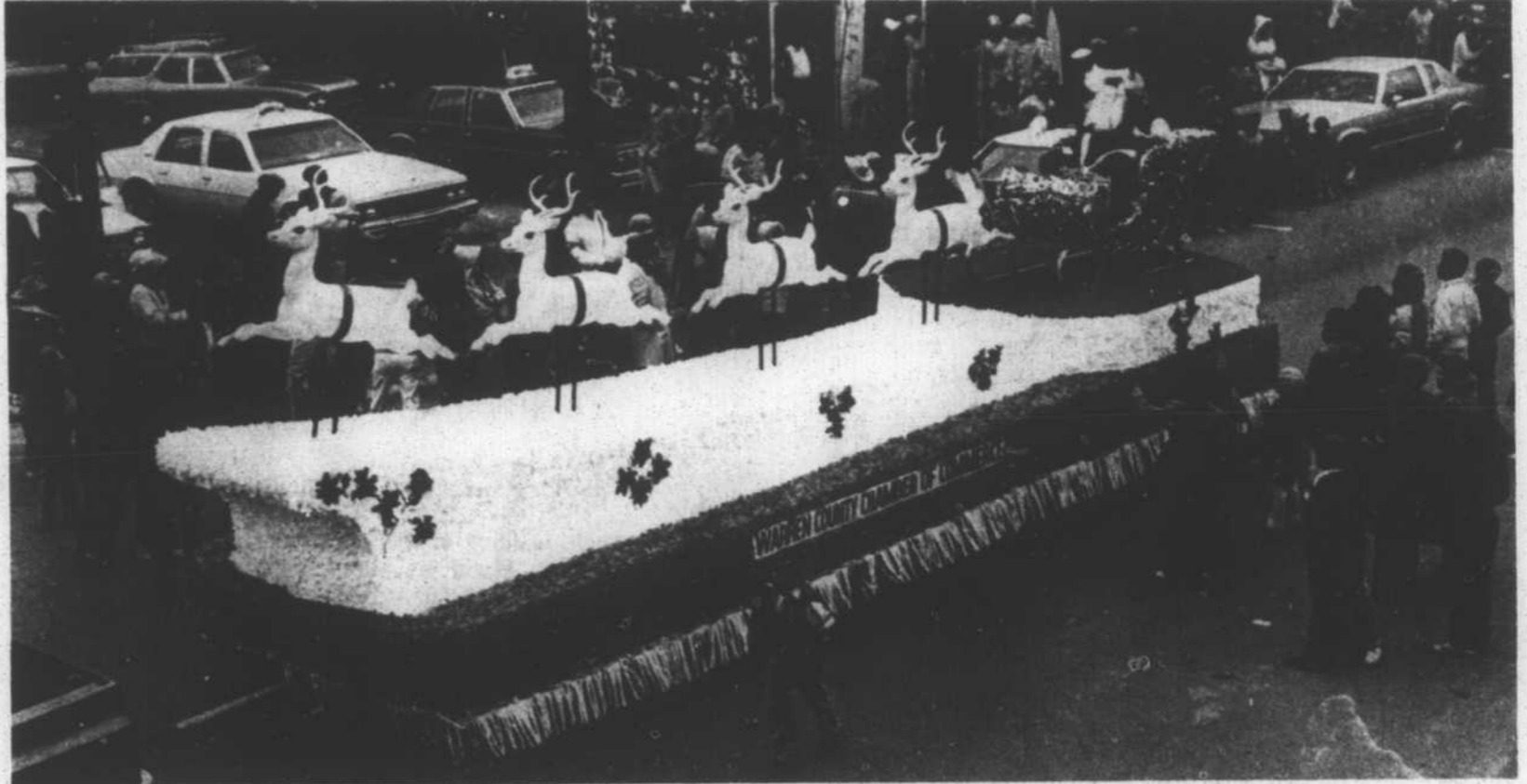
Pope reported that Sue Anne Field, 21, of Gaston was driving a 1978 Ford north on 1344 when

George H. Carroll of Rt. 2, Macon pulled into the path of Mrs. Field's vehicle. Carroll, 72, was driving a 1978 Chevrolet.

After the impact, Mrs. Field's car traveled 175 feet and struck a tree before coming to rest. Meanwhile, a third vehicle, unaware of the crash, ran into Carroll's car. Joane Amelia Clayton, 22, of Cary said she did not see Carroll's disabled vehicle in time and was unable to stop.

Miss Clayton and a passenger, 22-year-old Martha Coston of Littleton, were hurt in the crash and were taken to Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. Also treated and released at the Hospital were Catherine Field, 40, and Cynthia High, 20, of Gaston.

Carroll was charged with a safe movement violation. Wreck damages totalled \$8,000.



Santa Pays Annual Visit To Warrenton During Friday's Christmas Parade

# Commissioners Move To Phase Out Soul City

A local bill to have the Legislature adopt an act ratifying dissolution of the Soul City Sanitary District was approved by the Warren County Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting here Monday morning. Although the Sanitary District was abolished by the Division of Health Services under the State Department of Human Resources on Nov. 5, the request for legislative action was made by Lane Whorton, attorney for the Soul City Sanitary District. The request will be made to a Warren County Representative in the General Assembly.

County Manager Glenn Newsome said Tuesday that the duties of the Sanitary District will be carried on by Charles Worth, assets manager, until such times as its duties are taken over by the county.

At the request of the Warren County Industrial Commission, the commissioners agreed to ask the Department of Transportation to remove all Soul City signs.

The commissioners amended an error in the minutes concerning the appointment of Ulysses Ross to the Warren County Planning Board. At the former meeting Ross was appointed to the planning board, when as a matter of fact his previous appointment had some time to run. That part of the minutes concerning his recent appointment was ordered stricken from the minutes.

The commissioners ordered delinquent taxes turned over to the county attorney for collection. The commissioners received the county finan-

cial statement from the finance officer and learned that county affairs were being handled well within the 1980-81 budget.

An increase in revenue of federal funds in the amount of \$8,857 for Title 20 Day Care Program, caused the commissioners to adopt a budget amendment showing increase.

Since the Warren County Health Department has not yet taken any action on the zoning of the county for trapping and fox hunting, an agenda item concerning possible action from the State Wildlife Resources Commission concerning the determination of fox population and regulation of hunting was referred to the Board of Health.

A request from the Warren County Planning Board that for the commissioners to increase the members from five to seven members

failed to meet the approval of the commissioners. They voted to leave the membership as it is for at least one more year.

Henry Henderson appeared before the board

in regard to a prior request for the state to take over a section of road in property adjacent to Soul City. The request had been forwarded to the Department of Transportation which had not-

fied the commissioners that the cost of the project nullified the request. The number of property owners on the mile-long road justified its inclusion, the commissioners held. Chairman

Jack Harris told Henderson that he was familiar with the road and the needs of the citizens living along it. He promised that he and the board would do all in their power to have the

road request reconsidered.

Glenn Newsome, county manager, reported that sales and use tax received for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1980, totalled (Continued on page 3)

## Warrenton Business Is Changing Hands

One of Warrenton's older businesses has been sold.

Selby Benton, owner of Benton Furniture Company, announced Tuesday that he has sold his business to Charles Wayne Clower of Durham. Prior to moving to Warrenton he had been district manager of Carolina Sales Corporation of Greenville. He has been staying for several days with Benton while the change in ownership is taking place. Mrs. Clower and their four children,

two girls and two boys are expected to move to Warrenton in July. They are Presbyterians.

Benton came to Warrenton in 1948 where he opened a furniture store under the name of Benton and Green, his partners being his brother, W. J. Benton of Louisburg and Tom and Morton Green of Raleigh.

In 1958 Selby Benton and his wife, the former Bettye Davis of Warrenton, bought the old Garage building on North Main Street from the late

Barker Williams. This was later transferred into a large store building. A few years later Benton bought out the interest of his brother and the two Green brothers.

When Gaston Lake Dam was under construction Benton bought a large tract of land in Sixpound Township and developed it into what became Lake Gaston Estates, and has shared in the tremendous growth of the Lake Gaston area. For a number of years he has devoted much of his

time to the project, and now hopes to devote full time to its further development.

For a number of years Benton has been interested in the growth of Warren County and perhaps more than any other man is responsible for having the county commissioners levy an annual tax for industrial development, and in the creation of the Warren County Industrial Commission. He is one of the

founders and long-time supporter of the Warren Academy, a private school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Benton, before her death a few years ago, were active members of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church where he is still active. He is the father of a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Cooper of Warrenton and a son, Glenn Benton, a senior and journalism major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Local Woman Is Seriously Hurt

A 19-year-old Warrenton woman was seriously injured around 10 a. m. Thursday of last week when her car struck a bridge railing on State Road 1325 about three miles east of Warrenton.

Highway Trooper C. E. Lockley, investigating officer, said that a car driven by Mrs. Brenda Louise Alston struck the railing as she tried to avoid hitting two deer that ran into the path of her car. She was taken to Warren General Hospital for treatment.

An estimated \$2,000 was done to her car when it hit the railing and ran down an embankment. Damage to the bridge railing was estimated at \$200.



Newly elected officers of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce are shown following their selection on Monday night. Brad Carroll, chamber president, was named to another term as president.

Others pictured are, left to right, Charles Hayes, first vice president; Butch Scott, treasurer; Carroll; Lillian Ellington, secretary; and David Gardner, second vice president. (Staff Photo)

## Boycott Enters Its Third Day

The black boycott of Warren County white stores called Monday by a group calling itself the Warren County Political Action Committee in protest of the hiring of Ben Terrell, principal of Scotland Neck High School, as principal of the new Warren County High School, entered its third day Wednesday with mixed reaction at Warrenton, where the principle efforts to put pressure on the board of education is being made.

Reaction ranged from "business has been affected adversely, and less trade by both whites and

blacks, to no affect on business." Leggett management said that business had been good this week with blacks and whites participating. She said that on Tuesday when Leggett's entire chain ran its special chain-wide bargain days, business in the Warrenton store was probably the best in the history of the store.

One store owner said he feels that his business has been hurt by the boycott but that the real test may come during the remainder of the week, as Social Security checks arrived (Continued on page 3)