

## For New Gym

# Order Given For Seating

An order for twelve rows of bleacher seats for one side of the Warren County High School gym was mailed this morning to Universal Equipment Company, Raleigh, following a special meeting of the Warren County Board of Education on Tuesday night. Present at the meeting to answer questions from board members was Alan L. Blankenship, representative of Universal Equipment Company.

The bleachers will consist of 18-inch wide modular plastic seats with steel supports, and are priced at \$24,784, which is

within the \$25,000 allocated to the Board of Education for purchase of part of the bleachers by the Board of County Commissioners.

While four of the five board members, including the chairman, favored the purchase as did the superintendent of schools, it took more than an hour's discussion before Supt. Mike Williams was instructed to purchase the bleachers.

Board member Leigh Traylor, confessing to favoring wood, objected to purchasing a new type seat without an opportunity to check upon its operation, and while voting for the purchase, wanted to buy 13 rows of seats, because it would be easier to later ask the board for 12 rows at an increased price. The other members were unwilling to ask the commissioners for an additional \$8,000 and were told by Supt. Williams that this additional amount of funds could not now be budgeted. He said that he felt that the Board of Education was getting a real bargain.

Board of Education member Harold Harris voted against the purchase because he was unwilling to have the members buy manually operated bleachers. Alan Blankenship had earlier told the board that the electric controls could be added later at relatively little cost.

Supt. Williams said that the Board of Education had been given a date of from 60 to 90 days for the bleachers to be installed, and this should provide for their installation by July 1.

Prior to the decision to purchase the bleachers, the board members discussed at some length a proposed policy on reduction of staff, with no action taken. Following the discussion of the bleachers, the members discussed budget matters at some length.

## Rep. Fountain Not To Run

U. S. Rep. L. H. Fountain of Tarboro announced Saturday that he will not seek re-election in the newly-formed 2nd Congressional District.

In a prepared statement, Fountain said "Seeking re-election this year would make it necessary for my friends and supporters of both the old and new parts of the 2nd District to spend large sums on a campaign for only one more term. And I would prefer not to place such a burden upon them."

Fountain has served 15 terms in the U. S. House representing Vance, Warren and Granville counties, and is considered by some one of the most conservative members in that body.

Former U. S. Attorney H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr., of Durham has announced that he will be a candidate for Fountain's seat in the primary. According to reports published elsewhere, Jim Ramsey of Roxboro and W. W. Yeargin, Jr. of Oxford also may run, along with I. T. "Tim" Valentine, a Nashville lawyer.

# Convict Is Sought Following Stabbing

An escaped convict, sought by officials of the Department of Correction since April 1976, is now being sought by Warren County officers following a stabbing at the Starlight Palace on Highway 1001, on the edge of Warrenton on Sunday at 1:30 a. m.

Chief Deputy Dorsey Capps, who was called to the scene and who has been investigating the crime since, said on Tuesday afternoon that he has sworn out a warrant against Joseph "Chub" Mayfield, Jr., charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, causing serious bodily injury. He requests that anyone knowing anything about the whereabouts of Mayfield notify the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Stabbed in his rib cage early Sunday morning was Jonathan Phillips of 125 Lyles Lane, South Hill, Va. Carried to the South Hill, Va., Community Memorial Hospital, he was transferred to the University of Virginia Medical Center in Richmond, Va. Following surgery Phillips' condition was reported to be stable.

When in the course of his

investigation he heard the nickname "Chub." Capps remembered that he had arrested Joseph "Chub" Mayfield, Jr., in February 1976, and that he had been found guilty of breaking, entering and larceny and sent to prison for six years. Capps said that Mayfield escaped from a prison camp in April, 1976, and had never been apprehended. Evidence against him, he said, is substantial enough to justify the warrant.

# Democratic Convention Is Scheduled Saturday

The Warren County Democratic Convention will be held Saturday, April 3, at the Warren County Courthouse at 1 p. m.

The business of the convention will include the election of delegates to the district and state conventions, and the consideration of resolutions passed by the precinct caucuses.

Other elections will be



A large sign proclaiming Warren County High School's Eagles as state champs is carried along Warrenton's Main Street during a Friday afternoon parade honoring the basketball team. In the background is a sign which was erected last week on the Court House Square. (Staff Photo)

# Two Area Residents Given WTVD Awards

Two area residents, W. R. Richardson of Hollister and Mark E. Taylor of Littleton, are being presented 1982 Jefferson Awards, being sponsored for the first time in central and eastern North Carolina by WTVD Television.

The Jefferson Awards and the American Institute for Public Service were founded in 1973 to honor the highest ideals and achievements in the field of public service in the United States.

Richardson is being honored for his leadership in self-determination of and for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian people. He led the establishment of the Haliwa Indian School in Hollister in 1957, and although now closed, the building serves as the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Center and serves more than 2,500 tribal members from Warren and Halifax counties.

In 1965, Richardson was instrumental in establishing the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs, and he served as its chairman for six years.

In the late 70s, he took the lead in establishing the Twin City Health Center in the Hollister-Essex area to serve the people in Warren and Halifax counties.

Taylor is being recognized for the establishment of the Lakeland Cultural Arts Center in Littleton. The center provides a multitude of services to the people of a seven-county area in the state and three county areas in Virginia. It offers programs in children's theatre, instruction in dance, music, art, drama and poetry and also provides a day-care center. Classes for the functionally illiterate are taught at the center, and the Lakeland Annual Arts Festival brings artists from across the country to Littleton.

The center also has provided summer and winter employment for over 100 CETA workers.

Taylor is credited with having brought to thousands of people something that was lacking in the community, the beauty of the arts.

One of the leaders in funding the awards was Samuel S. Beard, a former staff associate of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. He enlisted the support of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. of Ohio as Co-Chairpersons in setting up the American Institute for Public Service.

A Board of nominators and a Board of Selectors work to select the top four national honorees. The Honorable Terry Sanford, president of Duke University and former governor of North Carolina is a member of the board of Selectors.

Members of the Board of Nominators include Gov-

# Seats Made Available For Young Passengers

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In North Carolina, motor vehicle accidents kill more children than any single disease or other type of accident.

Statistics like this one prompted the 1981 session of the N. C. General Assembly to enact a law that will require children riding with their parents in a family vehicle to be safely restrained.

The law goes into effect on July 1 of this year. Warning tickets will be issued for violations during the next two years, and thereafter violations could result in a fine of up to \$10 and cost of court.

The Warren County Health Department, in cooperation with the Governor's Highway Safety Program, has implemented the Infant Restraint Loaner Program, which makes available to county residents restrainer seats for infants up to 20 pounds or nine months of age.

According to Joe Lennon, county health director, the seats will be available for a \$10 fee, \$5 of which is refunded upon return of the seat in good condition to the health department.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program is giving the county one restraint

device for every one it purchases, up to 100. The county has purchased 15, and will have a total of 30 available initially.

The restraint device, which is a cushioned, tub-shaped bed, is designed to face the rear of the automobile and is secured to the seat by the adult safety belt already in the car. It protects the infant's head from the dashboard and windshield and secures the infant during impact.

Because the effectiveness of the device depends on proper installation, the staff at the health department has participated in a three-hour training session on child passenger safety and on the use of the seat. Parents who participate in the loaner program will also be briefed on the proper procedure for using the device.

The new law requires that all children prior to their second birthday who are traveling with their parent in a family vehicle be in an approved restraint device.

The health department does not have seats available for children over nine months old. Lennon said the department is hoping with the initial program to make parents

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## In Warren County

# Record Farm Income Listed

Warren County's estimated 1981 farm income of \$37,341,463 was the greatest in its history, according to figures released this week by L. C. Cooper, Extension chairman.

While tobacco in 1981, 1980 and 1979, was the principal crop, in none of the three years did it account for half of the farm income.

Comparative figures in 1980 and 1979 for the county were \$25,392,143 for 1980, and \$19,186,064 for 1979.

Government payments were not included in the farm totals for each of the three years. They were \$175,139 in 1981, for a grand farm total of \$37,516,602; \$255,013 in 1980, making a grand farm total of \$25,647,156; and \$120,782 in 1979, for a grand farm total of \$19,306,846.

Non-farm forestry in the three years were: 1981 \$10,350,000, 1980, \$10,240,000, and 1971, \$620,000.

Income from tobacco in 1981 was \$14,939,378 for flue-cured and \$34,318 for burley, for a total of \$14,983,696. No burley was reported in the revised edition of 1980, \$8,219,102, and the revised edition of \$9,834,469.

Soybeans in 1981, with \$1,860,550 reported, was in second place as producer of farm income. In 1980 this crop produced \$1,169,280, and in 1979 \$1,828,800.

Hogs were the most productive animal source of farm income in 1981 with \$1,276,140; compared with \$1,022,500 in 1980, and \$1,063,750 in 1979.

Income from milk showed a drop in 1981, to \$1,113,155; compared with \$1,823,243 in 1980, and \$1,562,610 in 1979.

Cattle, while showing some increase in 1981, a substantial drop from the 1979 figure was revealed. Cattle income in 1981 was reported at \$687,600; at \$439,750 in 1980, but \$1,043,100 in 1979.

An increasing poultry and egg market began showing itself in 1981 with \$736,700 being reported. This compared with \$17,100 in 1980, and no poultry and egg income reported in 1979.

Other livestock and livestock products showed a slight drop in 1981 when \$208,563 was reported from this source. In 1980 these producers produced \$233,591, and in 1979 \$233,304.

Farm forestry was the second source of farm income in 1981 when \$14,410,000 was reported from this source. In 1980 the figure was \$10,480,000, but in 1979 only \$1,310,000.

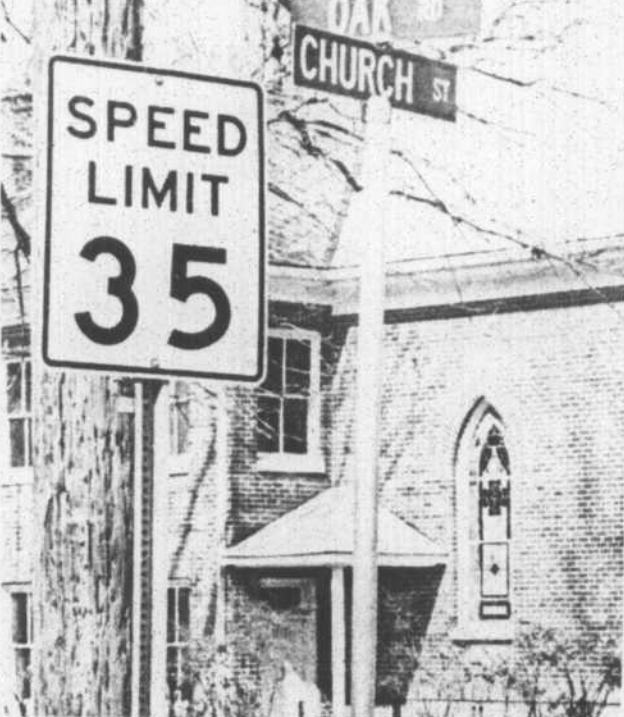
Other fruit and vegetable items to make up the farm total income for each of the three years were as follows:

Peanuts - 1981, \$1,067; 1980, \$13,008; 1979, \$17,298.

Corn - 1981, \$503,500;

1980, \$392,400; 1979, \$471,000.  
Other Grain - 1981, \$494,760; 1980, \$671,890; 1979, \$470,700.  
Potatoes - 1981, \$51,900; 1980, \$20,670; 1979, \$78,720.  
Fruits and vegetables -

1981, \$754,732; 1980, \$625,109; 1979, \$582,313.  
Greenhouse and nursery - 1981, \$0.00; 1980, \$323,000; 1979, \$255,000.  
Hay and other crops - 1981, \$268,700; 1980, \$32,500; 1979, \$435,000.



A new street sign has been erected at the corner of Oak Road and Church Street in Macon as part of a town-wide street marking project. The signs, which cost about \$500, were financed by revenue sharing funds. (Staff Photo)

# April Court Session To Begin On Monday

An April term of Warren County Superior Court will get under way here Monday with Judge Coy E. Brewer presiding.

The bulk of the 41 cases found on the calendar for the term involve alleged violations of the state's motor vehicle laws. There is one murder case on the docket, that of the State vs. Matthew Mack Milam.

A list of jurors has been drawn and those scheduled for service at this term include the following:

Wendy Anne Curtis, Michael Thomas Vaughan, Joseph Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Ervin Augustia Manning, Sr., Gracie Stevenson Carter, Enna Dauphine Paynter, Elizabeth Rooker, Carroll Erskine Harris, Judy Hight Lewis, Videtta B. Daeke, Clinton Alphonso Allgood, Barbara Jones Kinton, Estelle S. Hicks, Clara Mae Harris, Abner Jerome Brown and Addie Beatrice Palmer.

Also, Kathryn Tucker Hall, William Henry Bullock, Stephenson Harrison, Linda Faye Richardson, Richardson, Lacie Hicks Jackson, Rosa Lee Dunston, Bernadine Smallwood Ballance, Mildred Ann Hendricks, Hal Adams White, Doris Morman Richardson, Elizabeth Peoples Grimes, James Huey, Kathy Harris Wilson, Kristin Luehrs Merritt, Patricia Ann Moss and Joseph Lee Terry.

Also, Elizabeth Thorne Johnson, Irvin Homer Kimble, William Hawkins Falkner, Arthur H. Hight, Jr., Curtis Glenwood Newsome, Diana W. Bland, Deloris Lucille Jerman White, Ruby Beatrice Downey, Cornelia L. Edwards, Ann B. Crawford, Helen Etheridge West, Junious Federal Harp,

Barbara Jean Wilkins, Eva Silver Johnson, Charles Edward Pinckney, Leon Manning Holt and Glenn Ray Riggan.

Also, DeCassandra Alston, Lucille N. Richardson, Wanda Marie Williams. (Continued on page 16)

# Ark Closes Doors On Main Street

The Ark, a hardware store operated on South Main Street for some 30 years by A. P. Rodwell, Jr., today (Wednesday) stands empty as the operator turns the building over to its owner.

This week all the stock of hardware accumulated over the years was removed to High Dollar Warehouse in North Warrenton, where on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 10 a. m. the entire stock will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, after the sale is advertised by circular and through newspaper. The sale will be conducted by Harris and Goins, auctioneers.

Much of the history of the town for the past 30 years is written on the walls of this store building as Mr. Rodwell kept a form of diary in this manner, jotting down what interested him on a particular day.

Prior to opening the Ark, Pryor Rodwell, Jr., worked for 15 years with his father, the late W. P. Rodwell, Sr., before Rodwell Brothers, Ed and Pryor, sold the hardware store to the late Frank Seris, Jr. He commented proudly yesterday morning, "I learned all that I know about hardware from my daddy."