



**CHRISTMAS PREDICAMENT** — Just which package to open first is a question of high priority for Lang Hunter, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hunter, Jr. of Plummer Street, Warren-

ton. The youngster will be one of hundreds of Warren County children who will decide Christmas morning — or earlier — which package under the tree has the greatest appeal. (Staff Photo)

## Christmas Hours Listed Closings Will Mark Holidays In Warren

The approaching Christmas and New Year holidays will find state offices and Warren County offices closed on Friday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 27; and Friday, Dec. 31.

Federal offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, but will be open on Monday, Dec. 27. As of press time they had not received notification of the New Year holiday schedule.

Banks and savings institutions will be closed Monday, Dec. 27, and Monday, Jan. 3.

Warren County public school students will enjoy a long holiday from today (Wednesday) until January 3.

The holiday break for students at Warren Academy began yesterday. They will school on Monday, Jan. 3.

The offices of the Town of Norlina will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Town of Warrenton offices will be closed Christmas Eve as well as Monday, Dec. 27. As of press time, that office's New Year's schedule had not been established.

The U. S. Postal Service will not deliver mail on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Also, mail will not be picked up from outside collection boxes after 3 p. m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The Warren County Memorial Library will observe Christmas holidays December 23 through December 26.

The Norlina Public Library closed yesterday and will not reopen

until January 3.

HealthCo at Soul City will be closed Christmas Eve; Monday, Dec. 27; and New Year's Eve. The staff requests that patients needing prescriptions refilled bring them in before Christmas Eve.

David Gardner, chairman of the Merchants Committee for the Warren County

Chamber of Commerce, said that there is no set policy for store and business closings in the area. He said that some merchants will be closed Christmas Day, closed New Year's Day and closed Monday, Jan. 3, following the lead of banks and savings institutions. However, he stressed that some will be open

on New Year's Day, and open on Jan. 3.

A survey of local supermarkets and other chain stores found that most plan to be closed Christmas Day, but open on New Year's Day.

The Warren Record office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23; Friday, Dec. 24; and Friday, Dec. 31.

### New Practice Announced

## Warren County Tax Forms Will Be Mailed This Time

Following the trend of a great majority of the counties of North Carolina, Warren County's Tax Supervisor's Office will mail 1983 tax forms to individual taxpayers, Mrs. Janice Haynes, tax supervisor, announced this week.

At one time, Mrs. Haynes said, tax listers had offices in each of the 12 townships of the county, where tax listers assisted the taxpayers with the filling out of their tax listing forms each January, but with better roads and other means of communication and with a better educated citizenry, the number of tax listing places has been gradually decreasing until this year there were only four in the entire county. Next year there will be only one central office in Warrenton.

Mrs. Haynes said yes-

terday that she anticipates few taxpayers having any trouble listing their own taxes, but if they should have any trouble the Warrenton supervisor's office will be glad to furnish

such assistance as may be necessary. She said she believes a telephone call to the Warrenton office will usually clear up any question; otherwise the taxpayers may (Continued on page 4B)

## Accident At Norlina Claims Woman's Life

A head-on collision just outside the city limits of Norlina Saturday was fatal to an 82-year-old Norlina woman.

According to reports from the State Highway Patrol, Ida Brauer Hecht of Rt. 2, Norlina sustained multiple injuries when her car collided with a vehicle driven by Sandy Hoagland, 28, of Charlotte. Mrs. Hecht died shortly after arrival at Warren

General Hospital.

Hoagland was treated in the emergency room at Warren General Hospital and then transferred to Duke Medical Center where, according to information from the Highway Patrol, he was treated for a fractured jaw.

Mrs. Hecht was traveling south on U. S. 1 about 400 feet south of the Norlina city limits when her car crossed the center line and struck Hoagland's auto, according to Trooper A. M. Bennett. After the collision, Mrs. Hecht's car spun around and came to rest facing north on the shoulder of the southbound lane. Hoagland's car stopped on the shoulder of the northbound lane.

Trooper Bennett said that no charges were filed in the accident, which occurred at 12:58 p. m.

An estimated \$500 in damage was done to Mrs. Hecht's car and \$1,800 to Hoagland's vehicle.

### Chain Saw Rips Local Man's Face

A Warren County man suffered facial injuries Saturday when a chain saw he was using kicked back, cutting his nose, mouth and chin.

James Allen Hobgood, 35, was cutting wood near his parent's home in Afton when the accident occurred.

Hobgood was treated at Duke Medical Center in Durham. He underwent some plastic surgery, and, according to his mother, may have to have further plastic surgery in the future.

### Warren Census Figures Show

## Jobs On The Road For 41 Percent

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Forty-one percent of the residents of Warren County who participated in the 1980 U. S. Census worked in other counties in the state, according to information recently released by the U. S. Census Bureau. The report showed 2,935 residents working in Warren County, 2,245 residing in Warren County but working outside the county, and 176 working out of the state. Three hundred and ninety-seven residents didn't report their place of work.

The census did not gather information on where residents employed outside the county worked. However, the census did show that 385 workers traveled more

than 60 minutes to work, 235 traveled 45 to 59 minutes, 1,319 traveled 30 to 44 minutes, and 1,284 traveled 20 to 29 minutes. The remaining 2,409 traveled fewer than 19 minutes.

Almost 62 percent of that work force, or 3,274 workers, drove to work alone in car, truck or van. Two thousand and eight carpooled, 49 took

public transportation, and 234 walked. Forty-three used other means of transportation and 141 indicated that they worked at home.

Of the 850 housing units reported in the census as having no vehicle available, 75 percent were black. Approximately 22 percent were white, and the remainder were other

minorities.

The following statistics were reported by the Census Bureau for other counties in the Kerr-Tar Region of which Warren County is a part:

Franklin County — 5,888 residents working in the county, 5,622 working outside the (Continued on page 12)

## No Leads Found In Warrenton Robbery

Warrenton police have found no clues to the identity of the person who robbed Eddie Rooker of from \$135 to \$150 in cash in front of his home in South Warrenton at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning, Freddie Robinson, chief, said yesterday.

Rooker, who operates a pool room on downtown Main Street here, placed Friday's receipt in a cigar box with a pistol, placed the box on the seat of his car and drive to his home. As he pulled to the curbing and prepared to step out

of his car, Chief Robinson said, a tall man, wearing a ski mask, reached across his body and removed the cash from the box, leaving the gun, and fled.

It was an hour later, at 2:30 a. m. before the Police Station was notified, and Rooker was unable to give any description beyond the fact that he was tall. With no clues as to the robber's identity, Robinson said, no progress has been made in solving the case, in spite of continued efforts.

## Single \$10,000 Bid Received For School

Jesse B. Martin, Warrenton plumbing and heating contractor.

Martin's bid — the only one received by last Thursday, when bids were opened — is subject to an upset bid for the next ten days, Supt. of Schools Mike Williams said yesterday.

The Board of Education is expected to decide at its January meeting whether to accept an offer for the facility, declared surplus earlier this year.

The Afton School, constructed in 1960, consists of six classrooms, a kitchen and cafeteria — auditorium. A decade ago it was being used as an overflow facility for pupils of South Warren Elementary School and also housed ESEA Title I personnel. For the past several years it has not been used for school purposes, but rather by the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club, which leased the property.



Members of the Norlina Fire Department receiving awards at the annual Christmas party held on Saturday night were, left to right, Al Bennett, Gene Medlin, Wayne Aycock, Hector Aycock, James Champion and Dennis Paschall. (Staff Photo)

## Six Norlina Firemen Take Honors

Members of the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department met for their Ladies Night Christmas Party Saturday at The Rafters.

New officers were elected and several firemen were honored for their outstanding services to the department.

Officers for the coming year are: Gene Medlin, chief; Al Ben-

nett, deputy chief; Wayne Aycock, assistant chief; Butch Meek, secretary; and Butch Bolton, treasurer.

Butch Meek, Donnie Mulchi, and Dennis Paschall were elected captains and James Champion, Stephen Daniel, William Leonard, James Vaughan and Hector Aycock were elected truck lieutenants.

Traffic control officers for the year are Wallace Bowers, Frank Kilian, Cliff Hicks, and Charlie Barker.

An award for high day attendance was presented to Al Bennett. Wayne Aycock received recognition for second high day attendance, and James Champion for high night attendance. The second high night attendance award went to Hector Aycock.

Dennis Paschall was presented a plaque for his service as assistant fire chief for the last two years, and Gene Medlin was named Fireman of the Year for his outstanding service to the department during the past two years.

The group was entertained after the buffet dinner by Butch Meek and The Country Grass Band.