

Rescue By Norlina Man Is Reported

A Norlina native is credited with saving the life of a mother and her 10-month-old daughter after a car accident last Wednesday in Landover, Md. on the outskirts of Washington, D. C.

Glenn Kersey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Kersey of Norlina, was the first to arrive at the scene of a two-car accident in which both vehicles were on fire.

According to an account in the Prince George Journal, the baby was dropped out of the window of one of the cars onto the pavement by the mother and picked up by Kersey.

Kersey took the child to safety and then pulled the mother from the car.

He attempted to save the life of the infant's grandmother, also in the car, but the car was engulfed in flames and his efforts were futile.

Kersey, 31, is a resident of the suburban Maryland community of Capitol Heights.

He said dozens of people witnessed the collision and warned him during the rescue attempts that the "car was going to explode."

"It's not a situation where you want to talk about who did what," Kersey is reported saying. "I have two children and a wife myself. I would hope in a situation like that, they'd get assistance."

Local Deputies Get Recognition

Two Warren County deputy sheriffs have been given recognition for the part they played in the apprehension of a suspect wanted in connection with the break-in of a store in Henderson from which some \$4,000 in merchandise was taken.

Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton and Deputy Lawrence Harrison were cited by Henderson Police Chief K. K. Roberson, Detective Lt. R. T. Robinson and Detective C. J. Galantis for their part in the investigation which led to the arrest of Bruce Daryl Thomas of Lit- (Continued on page 8)



Leslie Mills, a 17-year-old student at Northwest High School in Halifax County, was crowned tribal princess during the Halliwa-Saponi Indian Pow-Wow festivities held last weekend at Old Bethlehem in Warren County. The new princess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Mills of Hollister, was crowned by reigning princess Tanya Richardson. For another photo and story on the pow-wow, see Page 8. (Staff Photo)

Quick City Block Grant Will Not Be Forthcoming

State regulations have forced county officials to postpone application for a block grant for rehabilitation of the Quick City area on the northern outskirts of Warrenton until after October 1.

The county had planned to seek a Community Development Block Grant from the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) to rehabilitate homes in the area and to install sewer lines.

However, the county's recent receipt of a \$750,000 NRCD grant for economic development

makes it ineligible to apply for another such grant during this fiscal year.

"This is a serious disappointment on our part and I know on the part of the Quick City residents," Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the County commissioners, told her board last Wednesday night.

"We regret that we are unable to go forward," she continued. "This will require some explanation to the residents of Quick City."

The \$750,000 grant recently awarded the county was sought in connection with the location by Owens-

Illinois, Inc. of a plant for the manufacture of corrugated shipping boxes near the Warren County community of Ridgeway.

The Fortune 500 company, which broke ground for the construction of the \$15 million facility earlier this month, will use the funds for purchase of new equipment.

The economic development grants are part of NRCD's distribution of annual allocations from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In other business, the (Continued on page 3)

Machines Not To Be Ready For May Vote

Legal Delay Responsible

Warren County officials had hoped to have electronic vote tabulating machines in all 14 of the county's voting precincts by the time of the May 8 primary, but County Manager Charles Worth said this week that the machines must be advertised for bids, which will delay acquisition by as much as 60 days.

County commissioners last Wednesday night authorized L. C. Cooper, chairman of the county Board of Elections, to finalize details of a lease-purchase arrangement with Air-mac Technology Systems, Inc. of Irvine, Cal. for the acquisition of 12 machines.

The county currently owns three machines which are used in the larger precincts.

The proposal Cooper presented to the commissioners called for the purchase of the machines, which cost \$3,475 each, through a five-year lease-purchase agreement.

The commissioners approved Cooper's proposal with the total cost not to exceed \$51,258.

However, Worth, who was out of town when the commissioners met, said yesterday that the purchase of the voting machines falls under the N. C. General Statute requiring counties to advertise for competitive bids for purchases over \$10,000.

The matter will have to go back to the commissioners for further action, Worth said.

Easter Egg Hunt Held For Children

An Easter egg hunt was held Monday for the children of employees of Golden Skillet in Warrenton.

About 20 children attended the event, which was held on the grounds of the restaurant.



Democratic presidential hopeful the Rev. Jesse Jackson is shown above addressing the student body at Warren County High School last Thursday afternoon during a campaign swing through the Second Congressional District. (Community Schools Photo by Mary Hunter)

Students Addressed

Visit Paid Here By Jesse Jackson

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Democratic presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse Jackson in an appearance at Warren County High School Thursday afternoon momentarily laid campaign issues aside to urge students there to "work long, work hard, and be disciplined" in their academic pursuits.

Jackson strode into the school's gymnasium to enthusiastic applause and began his now familiar chant, "I am somebody."

The predominantly black student body of 1,000 responded in kind to Jackson as he led them through the refrains, "With my

mind I can see it, in my heart I can believe it, and I know I can achieve it."

"I share with you a special delight," Jackson said. "You are our future. I'm not here because you can vote today, but because you can vote tomorrow."

Jackson urged the students to use their minds and their bodies to "achieve against great odds."

Noting that Warren County High School's basketball team was a championship winner (3-A basketball champions in 1982), Jackson asked the basketball players to stand and singled out Jeffrey Hayes, a junior, for some good-natured questions about his basketball practice habits versus his study habits.

Jackson discovered that the student devoted more time to practice than to study.

"The point of this is that there's nothing magic," Jackson said. "If you slam dunk a basketball, it's not because you were born to dunk, it's because you work at it. If you study science, physics, and literature, you'll be able to slam dunk a thought like you slam dunk a basketball."

Jackson, who was accompanied on his stop by Second District Congressional hopeful Kenneth Spaulding of Durham, told the students that it was up to them to "defeat poverty, deliver the needy, and bring in a new (Continued on page 8)

Security Was Tight For Visit

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's visit last Thursday to Warren County High School was the first appearance in the county by a presidential candidate in recent memory and it brought to Warrenton a large contingent of security agents.

James T. Wilkerson, principal of the high school, said this week that the first advance man arrived Thursday, April 12, and spent about three hours going over the entire school facility.

Two major concerns, according to Wilkerson, were where members of the general public would be seated and how the Jackson entourage could be assured of a clear departure route from the school in case of an emergency.

Additional visits were made by security forces on Friday, the following Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday morning, between nine and 11 security men arrived and checked "every crack of that gymnasium," Wilkerson said, and also mingled with the student body to "check out their feelings about Jackson."

"We spent a lot of time organizing things," Wilkerson said. "We tried not to announce (the appearance) any earlier than we had to for security reasons. We felt honored to have him (Continued on page 8)

Truck Purchase Wins Approval

At a called meeting at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday night, the Warrenton Board of Town Commissioners unanimously agreed to buy a used 1966 Dodge truck from the Warren County School Garage at a cost not to exceed \$800.

The truck will be used to replace the present town garbage truck, from which the dump body will be taken and placed on the purchased truck, which will be repainted.

While the agreement has been made between the school garage and the town, in order to meet legal requirements, it will be necessary to advertise the title before the title can be passed.

The chairman of the street committee, Mayor B. G. White and Pete Vaughan, town administrator, have all examined the truck, and have been assured the truck is in good condition with practically (Continued on page 7)

Citizens Study Group Sets Priorities

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A citizens advisory group appointed last year to study the economic and social needs of Warren County has targeted a master health care plan, a recreational and cultural arts commission and a comprehensive soil survey as priorities for the county.

The group, Citizens United for Progress (CUP), was appointed by the county commissioners to examine four areas: human resources, economic development, community facilities, and natural resources.

"There are many things the county needs," Brad Carroll, chairman of CUP, told the commissioners last Wednesday night in presenting the group's findings. "We have tried to present what we think (the county) can handle."

The Human Resources Committee, chaired by Anna G. Butler, recommended development of a master plan for health care in the county, but urged immediate attention to structural repairs at Warren General Hospital.

The committee also suggested the possibility of the health department becoming a "wing" of the hospital at some point in the future, to "cut down on

duplication of services, provide better services to clients, and be more cost effective." However, it was recommended that action be delayed until the future of the hospital was determined.

The Human Resources Committee also recommended that the county: coordinate ambulance and rescue squad services and secure permanent housing for their vehicles on the hospital grounds; seek grants for improvements in housing in the county; reinstate two full-time nurses to provide health services in the county school system; ask county churches to designate at least five percent of their mission offering to provide help for the needy in the community; provide chore services for the elderly and disabled; designate more funding for 17 rural fire departments in the county, and establish a training ground for firemen.

The community facilities committee, chaired by Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr., targeted the formation of a recreation and cultural arts commission as a "must" and recommended the hiring of a paid recreation director.

"Our research has shown that the county is missing many available grants because of the lack of a specific person to pursue the securing of the available grants," the committee reported.

Other proposals included small, lighted community play areas, an annual road race and bike derby, and use of public school facilities for recreational events until other recreational facilities are available.

The facilities committee also proposed consolidation of county office buildings, promotion of historical homes, beautification of county-owned land, and use of abandoned school facilities for branches of Vance-Granville Community College.

A comprehensive soil survey of the county got endorsement from the natural resources committee in its report. The committee, chaired by Russell C. King, also suggested the possibility of land use planning for the county.

Wildlife management and forestry management were also cited as concerns of the committee.

The economic development committee chaired by Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. presented no written report to the commissioners, but Carroll said it was concerned with "promoting the county."

Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the commissioners, expressed appreciation for the work of those on the various committees, but the commissioners took no action on any of the recommendations.