

Post Office Theft Nets About \$500

A midday break-in at the Wise Post Office on Friday resulted in the theft of approximately \$500, according to Warren County Deputy Sheriff Thomas McCaffity.

Because the break-in occurred between noon and 1 p. m. during the regular lunch time for Postmistress Marie G. Wilson, the sheriff's department is inclined to believe the entry was made by someone familiar with the schedule of the postmistress.

Mrs. Catherine Perkins, a patron, discovered the break-in and called Mrs. Wilson when she noticed that the doors to the mailroom had been broken. The sheriff's department was notified immediately.

Deputy McCaffity reported that all four locks, two regular locks and two padlocks, on the mailroom doors had been broken.

A spokesperson for the Warren County Sheriff's Department indicated on Tuesday afternoon that no arrests have been made.

Market Sales Figures Rise

Sales on the Warrenton Tobacco Market on Monday topped the season's average by \$10.31 per hundred pounds. Mrs. Alice Marie Robertson, sales supervisor, reported that 394,543 pounds of tobacco sold for \$750,145.94, indicating an average of \$190.13 per hundred.

This was an increase over the seasonal average which stands at \$179.82 per hundred pounds. Monday's figures brought the season's total pounds sold to 5,410,014 for total proceeds of \$9,728,376.90.

The 11 percent of tobacco on the warehouse floors going to Stabilization on Monday represented a decline from the season's average of 21 percent, Mrs. Robertson stated.

Sale days next week will be Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 23 and 25.

O-I Dividend Wins Approval

The board of directors of Owens-Illinois, Inc., earlier this month declared a regular quarterly dividend of 42 cents per common share, payable Dec. 15 to shareholders to record Nov. 2. Robert J. Lanigan, chairman, said the company has paid quarterly dividends without interruption since 1907.

Owens-Illinois, which is building a plant in Warren County, is a major producer of glass, plastic, paper, and metal products primarily in packaging, with a growing interest in health care products and services and financial services.



Bishop C. P. Minnick, Jr. of the North Carolina Conference joined Warren County Methodists Sunday night in their celebration of the Bicentennial of Methodism. Bishop Minnick delivered the sermon and served communion to Methodists from throughout the county who filled Norlina Methodist Church for the 7 p. m. service. Bishop Minnick is shown above with his wife, Mary Ann, (left) and Mrs. J.

Thomas Smith, wife of the Raleigh District Superintendent, at a buffet dinner held at the parsonage of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church prior to the service. The visit by the newly-appointed bishop was the first by a bishop to Warrenton since 1968 and the first to Norlina since 1977. There are more than 800 churches in the N. C. Conference.

(Photo by Mary Hunter)

Warren Is One Of Four Counties Picked For Pilot Health Project

State Director of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services Dr. A. Eugene Douglas announced recently that North Carolina has received a \$92,000 grant to develop a special two-year child mental health pilot project in Warren County and three other counties of the state. The Family Preservation Project, which is patterned after a successful program in Tacoma, Wash. is designed to help prevent the separation of troubled children and adolescents from their families.

The grant is from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, a large private national foundation based in New York that seeks to assure that abused, neglected and troubled children have permanent homes.

Douglas said the Family Preservation Project, which began Oct. 1, will be a cooperative effort between the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Division of Social Services, and the juvenile justice system.

Vance, Granville, Franklin, and Warren counties were selected as the pilot area because of their commitment to family preservation, according to project director Dr. Lenore Behar, who is also chief of Child Mental Health Programs in the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. She said the area mental health program in the four-county region has proved effective in working with very difficult family situations.

"Separating children and families is psychologically devastating and very costly in many ways," Dr. Behar said. "This generous gift will help North Carolina focus on keeping troubled children and families together during a time of crisis."

She said the Family Preservation Project is designed to help 20 families a year stay together in cases where separation of a child is imminent because of neglect or abuse, or when a juvenile court has decided to send a delinquent youth to a state training school.

"This project will greatly strengthen our

mental health commitment to families in North Carolina," Behar said. "This is an economical way to keep families together and to avoid the tragedy of a child being placed unnecessarily in a foster home or training school."

A team composed of a program coordinator and a home therapist

will go into homes to help families learn to communicate better and to solve their problems by putting the families in touch with services they need.

Dr. Behar said that if the Family Preservation Project is successful, she hopes it can be expanded into other counties of the state in the future.

Minute Mart Theft Reported

Cash, food stamps, and checks totalling \$1,448 were taken Sunday morning from Currin's Minute Mart located on U. S. 1 in Norlina, according to Sgt. James Champion with the Norlina Police Department.

The breakdown of items taken showed \$1,200 in cash, \$100 in food stamps, and \$148 in

checks, all of which were taken from a safe inside the store.

Champion stated that there was no evidence of a break-in. Apparently someone either remained inside after the midnight closing hour or had a key to the convenience store. The money was taken by someone who knew the combination to the safe,

according to Champion.

The robbery was reported when the store reopened at 7 a. m. on Sunday. No arrests have been made, but an investigation is continuing.

Another police report from the Norlina department recorded a two-car accident at 7:30 a. m. Monday at the (Continued on page 10)



Five outstanding volunteers from Warren County were honored at the Governor's Statewide Volunteer Awards Ceremony Oct. 2 in Raleigh. Each award winner received a certificate and special volunteer pin bearing the "Volunteer North Carolina" logo and the date. The program also included a reception and entertainment by the Varsity Men's Glee Club of N. C. State University. Local volunteers and their categories shown above are: (left to right) Dorothy R. Stansbury, individual human service volunteer; Martin Richardson, senior citizen

volunteer; and Norma Q. Retzlaff, school volunteer; (front row) Patsy T. Hargrove, accepting for John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., in the Community Volunteer Organization category; and Marshall L. Fogg accepting for Men's Volunteer Group of Locust Grove Baptist Church. Shown with the group are Governor and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr. Not pictured was The Warren Record, which received an award in the business/industry volunteer involvement category.

Zoning Ordinance Is Well Received

A proposed Warren County zoning ordinance designed to address either partial or countywide zoning was well received by Warren County commissioners during a work session with the county Planning Board last Wednesday night.

Only one commissioner, dairyman William Skinner of Littleton, expressed reservations about the ordinance during the two-hour informal meeting. Skinner, who noted that landowners should be able to use their land as they see fit, has in previous meetings expressed the view that zoning would infringe on the rights of the private landowner.

Currently, only the Kerr Lake and Gaston Lake areas of the county are zoned, primarily for single-family dwellings and neighborhood business and recreation classifications.

In addition to the categories, the proposed ordinance addresses multi-family dwellings, industry, business, mobile home parks, as well as planned unit developments.

The ordinance itself does not delineate which areas of the county will be zoned. That information is contained in an accompanying zoning map. Among the areas zoned on a map presented for reference by the Planning Board at the work session was an industrial corridor on U. S. 1 between Norlina and Soul City where the county has installed water and sewer lines and other areas under option by the County Industrial Commission for development.

"We want to protect

the county's investment in water and sewer lines," O. L. "Butch" Meek told the commissioners.

It is up to the Plan-

ning Board to make a formal proposal to the commissioners, who will vote on the ordinance and map after (Continued on page 10)

More Muggings Reported Here

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Five muggings have been reported to the Warrenton Police Department in the past two weeks, and police yesterday were looking for suspects in two of the muggings which occurred Monday night.

According to police records, someone attempted to rob Mrs. Jennette Fletcher of 209 Plummer Street about 9:10 p. m. when she was going from her car to the door of her home after shopping at the local A&P. The assailant asked Mrs. Fletcher for her pocketbook and when she replied that she didn't have one, he knocked her bag of groceries out of her arm and fled.

Mrs. Fletcher's yard was lit by floodlights at the time of the incident.

Within minutes, the Rev. Nancy McCann, also returning from A&P, was mugged going from her car to the door of her home at 311 Fairview Street. Mrs. McCann said someone jumped her from behind and grabbed her around the throat so she couldn't scream. When she let go of her pocketbook, the assailant grabbed it and ran.

Police Chief Freddie Robinson said Tuesday that he had suspects in the case, but no arrests had been made as of Tuesday afternoon.

"The same sort of thing has been happening in Henderson," Robinson commented. "We really don't know what to make of it."

Last Wednesday, five Warrenton youths were charged in connection with an Oct. 9 incident in front of John Graham Middle School Library on North Main Street.

Michael Anthony Harrington, 18, was

charged with attempted larceny from a person and was released on his promise to appear in court.

King Perry, Jr., 16, Waverly Taylor, 16, Rufus Henderson, Jr., 17, were also charged with attempted larceny from a person and were released into the custody of their parents.

Clifton Keith Terry, 17, was charged with aiding and abetting attempted larceny from a person and was released into the custody of his parents.

The arrests came from an attempted mugging of Brenda Spragins of Littleton and Pearl Lewis of Vaughan as they emerged from a craft class at the school library.

All five youths are to appear in District Court on Oct. 31.

In two other cases, Gid Macon of 304 N. Main Street was mugged and his wallet taken as he unlocked the door of his home around 8:10 p. m. on Oct. 2 and Miss Mary Frances Rodwell's purse was snatched on Oct. 3 around 5:30 p. m. as she walked down Main Street near First Citizens Bank.

A grandchild of Warrenton Mayor B. G. White found Macon's wallet the following Sunday in a creek behind the mayor's home on Ridgeway Street. According to White, cash was missing but credit cards, driver's license and other contents of the wallet were intact.

Chief Robinson said he thought the two most recent muggings "might be" unrelated to the other incidents. No arrests have been made in connection with the mugging of Macon and Miss Rodwell.

Briley Is Executed

One of six convicts who made their way to Warren County last May 31 after escaping from Mecklenburg, Va. Correctional Center died in the electric chair in Richmond last Friday night.

Linwood Briley, 30, was executed at 11 p. m. for the 1979 murder and robbery of a Richmond disc jockey. He was also serving life-plus sentences for rape, robbery and six other murders in 1979.

The May escape, which also involved Briley's brother James, was the largest escape of death row prisoners

in U. S. history. The search for the escapees encompassed Vance and Granville as well as Warren counties.

Two of the inmates were arrested at Willoughby's in Warrenton the day after their escape. Two more were arrested in Vermont a few days later after having stolen a truck in the Afton area for their getaway.

The Brileys were apprehended in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 19.

A plea for clemency for Briley was unheeded by Virginia Gov. Charles Robb.