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Warren County Sheriff Theo Williams (left) and Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton are shown above with part of a marijuana crop seized last Wednesday by state and local officials. According to Bolton, patches of the illegal weed were found in Warren Plains, Afton, and north of Lake Gaston. They were spotted dur-

ing an SBI air search the same day. Bolton said the plants, numbering about 270, were valued at \$250,000 by the SBI. Seizure of the plants, which were burned at the Warren County landfill Friday morning, are part of a "crackdown on drugs" in the county, Bolton said. No arrests have been made. (Staff Photo)

Market Opens Next Week

Overage Sale Averages \$1.72 Per Pound Here

By MARY C. HARRIS
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Tobacco sales averaged \$172.01 per hundred pounds in the Overage Sale conducted on Monday for carry-over excess tobacco from the 1984 crop, according to Mrs. Alice Marie Robertson, sales supervisor for the Warrenton Tobacco Market.

A sizeable and disappointing 25 percent of the offerings went into stabilization stocks, she said.

The Warrenton Tobacco Market reported sales totaling 281,367 pounds for \$483,977.72 to average \$172.01 a hundred.

Sale of the 1985 tobacco crop was scheduled to get under way in North Carolina Tuesday with the opening of Border Belt markets, and sales on markets in the Eastern Belt were slated to begin today (Wednesday).

An August 7 opening date has been set for the local market, according to Mrs. Robertson. The first sale will begin at 9 a. m. at High Dollar Warehouse, and second and third sales will continue at Farmers and Centre, respectively.

Russell King, county extension chairman, noted on Tuesday that "overall we have a very good tobacco crop this year."

The recent rainfall, he said, has been beneficial for the most part and most tobacco growers will have begun harvesting by the end of this week. Some began to harvest the 1985 crop as early as 10 days ago, King said.

Uncertainty over the price-support program was cleared last week when U. S. Agriculture Secretary John Block announced the reduction of the support price for tobacco by five cents — from an average of \$1.699 per pound to an average of \$1.649.

Secretary Block further announced that tobacco companies will receive this year a rebate of 10 cents on each pound they buy, the rebate to come from an assessment of 25

cents per pound paid by tobacco growers to support the No Net Cost Tobacco Program of the federal government. The net result will be an effective support price of approximately \$1.55

per pound for the buyers. From the farmers' standpoint, the support price as announced by Block will be about \$1.65, a nickel less than (Continued on page 8)

Former Health Director Chosen

Lennon Elected President Of Christian Action League

By KAY HORNER
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Former Warren County Health Director Joe S. Lennon was elected president of the Christian Action League of North Carolina at an annual meeting of the trustees last Thursday.

Lennon, a member of Warrenton Baptist Church and a past president of N.C. Baptist Men, has been active in denominational life on both the state and national level.

The League, which was founded in 1937 to assist churches in addressing what it terms "contemporary moral and ethical issues," has actively lobbied for changes in the state's obscenity and abortion laws and was a vocal opponent of legalized gambling in North Carolina in the last session of the General Assembly.

"We just barely prevented the lottery moving into our state," Lennon said this week in reference to the lottery bill which died after a tie vote when Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan declined to break the tie. "The issue is still very much alive and will be coming back in the next session. We want to work to see that representatives are elected who will oppose legalized gambling in our state."

Lennon, who indicated he will spend a good deal of his time for the league

addressing legislative committees and committee hearings in the General Assembly, said the League would continue to work for elimination of the state tax funding for abortion and revision of the state's drunk driving laws to prohibit consumption of any form of liquor by driver or passengers in automobiles.

The law currently allows consumption of

beer and wine by passengers, Lennon said. "The General Assembly doesn't like it (the league's proposed revisions) because of the junkies they (legislators) take on buses where they consume alcohol," he said.

Lennon succeeds Dr. Tom Freeman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dunn, as president. Dr. Freeman held the post for five one-year terms.

Three New Doctors Begin Work Thursday

On August 1st, The Vance-Warren Comprehensive Health Plan (HealthCo, Inc.) will welcome three new physicians to the staff. The three physicians will be part of the new primary health care site which is being established in Warrenton.

The three doctors are John Rennick, James Holt and Thomas Keyserling. Dr. Rennick is a native of Wadesboro, in Anson County. He attended both undergraduate and medical school at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Rennick is married to the former Millicent Harris, a native of Williamston. Mrs. Rennick received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from UNC-Chapel Hill. The couple

has one child, Crystal Nicole, age 3. They are expecting twins in August.

Dr. Thomas Keyserling is a native of Beaufort, S. C. He received his medical training at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Keyserling is married to the former Alice Ammerman, a nutritionist. She previously lived in North Carolina for eight years and wanted to return to the area. Mrs. Keyserling will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill to pursue a Ph.D. in Public Health this fall.

Announcement of Dr. Holt's recruitment by HealthCo was made in February. He recently completed a three-year residency at the Medical University of Charleston, S.C.

Warren Men Are Charged In Illicit Bass Sales Probe

Four Warren County men were charged last week in connection with the illegal poaching and sales of striped bass in North Carolina and Virginia.

The men, charged with felony violations of the Lacey Act, which prohibits the interstate

transportation of fish and wildlife taken in violation of federal or state laws, are:

William "Sonny" Thompson of Norlina, two counts; Ronald Wayne Wrenn of Warrenton, six counts; Glenn Norwood of Norlina, two

science and history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Master of Science degree in counseling and guidance from Troy State University at Montgomery in Montgomery, Ala. and the Master of Divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. He served for three years in the United States Air Force.

Beddingfield is married to the former Sarah Lee Fogarty of Prattville, Ala. They have a two-year-old daughter, Shannon.

counts, and Gregg Reese of Manson, two counts. Sales in excess of \$350 are a felony, punishable by a maximum five-year sentence and fine of \$20,000. Fishing of commercial striped bass in inland waters is banned by state law.

The charges were filed after findings of "Operation Rock," a federal investigation.

According to reports, the sales occurred after fishermen took striped bass or rockfish from freshwater sources, including Kerr Lake, Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Lake and misrepresented them in sales as coastal fish. Fresh water striped bass and rockfish cannot be sold legally.

The local men were among seven for whom a federal grand jury in Wilmington handed down indictments last week as part of a two-year investigation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

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Thieves Hit Carpet Firm

Thieves broke into A. B. Hair Carpets, Inc. on U.S. 1 in Norlina last week and stole approximately \$1,000 in appliances and cash, according to Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams.

The break-in was discovered Thursday morning around 7:25 by Hair when he arrived for work.

Entry was made by removing an air-conditioning unit in a window, Williams said. Stolen were a portable television, microwave oven, gas heater and \$120 in cash.

The gas heater was torn from a wall where it was installed, and Williams said the thieves were probably forced to leave by the fumes.

"There was a lot more they probably would have taken if they had had the time," Williams said.

The building was secure at 3 a.m. when checked by Officer James Champion, Williams indicated.

There is a suspect in the case, but no arrest has been made, Williams reported.

New Pastor Is Called By Warrenton Baptists

The Rev. Alexander Edward (Ed) Beddingfield, Jr. of Fayetteville has accepted the pastorate of the Warrenton Baptist Church on North Main Street, according to Monroe Gardner, chairman of the church's pulp committee. He will assume his duties the first Sunday in September.

The Rev. Mr. Beddingfield has for the past seven years served as pastor of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church near Fayetteville.

The Raleigh native received the Bachelor of Arts degree in political

Remnants Of Hurricane Bob Make Big Impact In Warren

By MARY CATHERINE HARRIS
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The six-day period from last Wednesday through Monday brought as many inches of rain to Warren County as Hurricane Bob, reduced to tropical storm status before it reached North Carolina, ushered in a season of welcome rain and relief from the heat.

Rainfall amounts were variable throughout the county, but Clinton Capps, official observer for the National Weather Service at the Arcola weather station, reported a total of 6.49 inches during the recent rainy period.

Agricultural Extension Chairman Russell King stated on Tuesday that crops in the county were in need of the rain. The effects on the tobacco crop were favorable, especially in cases of overfertilization. It did "a good bit of leaching of fertilizer from the fields," he said, "Removing excess nitrogen and enabling the tobacco to ripen."

On the other hand, King said, in some fields where fertilization was at the desired level, overleaching occurred.

Other crops in the county have benefitted from the recent rainfall, King added. The corn crop "looks good overall," he said. There was some evidence of scattered wind damage last week, but there were no significant ill effects.

King surmised that the heavy rainfall may prolong further what already promised to be a longer-than-

normal tobacco season. This could bring problems with sucker control later in the season, he warned.

The soybean crop, growing in two stages in the area, was ready for rain. The early crop appears to be growing well and the late plantings should show progress after the rainfall, King said.

The cantaloupe season is waning, but the season has been fairly successful, according to King. A slight disease problem is surfacing, however, and excess rain can add to that situation, he noted.

A spokesman in the maintenance department of the N. C. Department of Transportation stated on Tuesday that no major problems had occurred for his crew during the recent wet weather. There has been evidence of slight washing across roads in low-lying areas, but no corrective measures have been necessary. The creeks were below the normal water level before the rain, the spokesman said, and this situation helped to prevent flooding problems which might have occurred otherwise during heavy rainfall such as that of the last week.

James Parnell, local manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, reported that his maintenance department had corrected scattered electrical outages caused by the wind last week.

These, he said, were handled routinely in the same way that repairs are often necessary following a thunderstorm.



Warren County Jaycee President Kenny Clayton (right) and Jaycee Bennie Hilliard (left) Monday presented Allan Adcock, president of the Warren County Firemen's Association with a \$1,000 check, proceeds from a Jaycee fundraiser for the county

Firemen's Relief Fund. Jaycees recently set up roadblocks at three intersections in the county to accept contributions from motorists who might have forgotten to contribute to the fund. Hilliard was chairperson of the fundraiser. (Staff Photo)