

# Home Gutted By Fire Tuesday Despite Efforts Of Firemen

The Inez-area home of William Caudle was totally gutted in a Tuesday morning blaze. The cause of the fire responsible for damages estimated at \$30,000 to of the frame home at Rt. 2, Warrenton, is unknown and is still under investigation.

Firefighters from the Warrenton Rural, Afton, Inez and Norlina fire departments responded to the 9 a.m. call. They remained on the scene until noon to ensure that the blaze had been extinguished. The joint effort of the responding departments was an example cooperation as fire-

men worked in concert toward a common goal.

The Norlina department responded with its air supply needed to refill the breathing apparatus in use by earlier arriving firefighters. The Inez department maintained one pumper at the fire scene. The Warrenton Rural department used two tankers to shuttle water to the pumper. Also in use was the "dump tank," a portable 2,000 gallon capacity pool, used to retain immediately a water supply without requiring the tanker to remain on site until the supply has been drained. The Afton department established a field station at a creek while the

pumper and tanker shuttled water. According to spokesperson Walter Gardner, approximately 7,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire. "Thanks to the efforts of everyone, we never ran out of water," he said.

An earlier Tuesday morning incident reported at 8:20 a.m. had found members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department at the Red Hill-area scene of a car fire in a vehicle owned by Ms. Mollie Simms and Ms. Ada Davis. Damages were confined to the carburetor. According to Fire Chief Kenny Clayton, damages to the late-model Chevrolet are estimated at \$250. The fire had been extinguished already when firefighters arrived on the scene.



Five eighth grade Academically Gifted students from John Graham Middle School participated in the regional N. C. History Bowl held Feb. 26 at Historic Halifax. They competed against students enrolled in schools from seven other counties. The winning team from Bertie County will advance to

state competition in May. Shown are (left to right) Anthony Prince, Richard Meador, Eric Solomon, Elizabeth Lynch (team captain), Craig Sipe and Mrs. Ardith Roddy (coach). (Community Schools Photo)

## Coleman Is Hospitalized In Chain Saw Accident

Inez lumberman Johnny Mack Coleman remained hospitalized Tuesday afternoon as a result of injuries sustained in a chain saw accident Sunday afternoon.

According to a family spokesperson, Coleman underwent surgery on his arm Sunday afternoon for an eight-inch-long cut which reached to the bone. His release from Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson where the surgery was performed is expected in a day or two, the spokesperson said.

The accident occurred after Coleman had attempted to crank a chainsaw which had a cracked handle. According to the report, the vibrations from the full-throttle procedure broke the handle causing the saw to flip and cut the operator's arm.

Coleman had stopped to cut away brush as he and a relative were driving in a pickup truck through a pasture, according to the family member. He was rushed by pickup to the Henderson hospital where he continues recuperation.

## Kimball Point Entry Reported To Lawmen

A break-in was reported March 1 at the Kimball Point summer home of George Eric Robb of Raleigh. Robb had last visited the home in January before returning on March 1 to check on his property. The incident is believed to have occurred in the interim.

Stolen were a table clock radio, two large tool boxes full of tools, three saws, an extension ladder and a heavy-duty hammer. No value was assigned to the missing items.

Deputy T. H. McCaffity is the investigating officer.

## Nursing Center Drug Theft Being Probed

Investigation continues into the February theft of drugs from the narcotics box at Warren Nursing Center, Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton of the Warren County Sheriff's Department has reported.

Bolton said amounts of morphine and Demerol, both pain-killing drugs, were reported missing from the facility on Feb. 26. The investigation includes the possibility that an employee of the nursing center may have converted the controlled substances, he said.

## Applications Now Available Locally

Applications for membership to the Warren County Merchants Association are now available at a number of locations across the Town of Warrenton.

Business or professional persons who are interested in joining the association are requested to contact one of the following: Macon and Gladys Wemyss, Odom's Flower Shop; Woody King, Boyce Drugs; David Gardner, Warrenton Furniture Exchange; Howard Jones, Record Printing Company; James Parnell, Carolina Power and Light Company; Monroe Gardner, Warrenton Insurance; Robert Jenkins, Fashion Cleaners; Warren Deines, Colonial Lodge; Bradley Carroll, First Citizens Bank; Pete Vaughan, Warrenton Town Hall; B. G. White, Bowers and Burrows Oil Company; Jack Harris, Conner Savings and Loan Association; and Bobby Rollins, Branch Banking and Trust.

A general membership meeting and annual banquet are scheduled for March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warrenton Lions Den. Tickets are now available at the above mentioned locations.

The Warrenton Merchants Association has been organized to develop a genuine good spirit of cooperation among Warrenton's merchants and to develop Warrenton and its adjacent territory as a trading center, according to Warren County Economic Development Director Cathy Wilson who is helping to spearhead efforts of organization.

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