



Having key roles at the 12th annual banquet of the Warren County unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators held Thursday night at Warren County High School were, left to right, Tom Husted, NCAE executive director; Kathy McLeod,

incoming president of the Warren County unit; School Supt. Michael F. Williams; and Clint Hege, out-going president.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Warren's Share Of Proposed Tax Would Amount To 4.6 Million

Warren County would receive an estimated \$4.6 million for school construction and repair if the General Assembly votes to add another penny to the five percent sales tax.

Warren School Superintendent Michael F. Williams provided the estimate Thursday night as he spoke at the 12th annual banquet of the Warren County unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) held at Warren County High School.

Williams said that legislation now under consideration in Raleigh would raise the funds for construction and repair of school facilities over a four-year period.

The bill, which would take effect July 1, has passed the House and awaits an unsure fate in the Senate. It would raise a total of \$1.75 billion to help meet the \$3 billion needed if a survey this year by the state Department of Public Instruction is accurate. Warren's needs have been put at \$10.8 million.

Williams was one of two featured speakers at Thursday night's meeting. The other was Tom Husted, a native of Pennsylvania and executive director of NCAE since March.

Retiring teachers who held membership in NCAE were recognized during a tribute by Jennie Franklin and Betsy Clark.

Retirees named as recipients of engraved plaques were Christine N. Arrington, Barbara Burchette, Sally A. Collier, Virginia P. Faulkner and James A. Robinson.

Norlina Middle School Principal Clint Hege, 1986-87 president, presided.

Roosevelt Alston installed the slate of officers who will serve during 1987-88. They are: Kathy McLeod, president; Sue Skinner, president-elect; A. Q. Valentine, secretary; Oney Venable, assistant secretary; Faye Spence, treasurer; Rosalind Gilliam, parliamentarian; S. M. Cheston, PACE chairperson; and Felton Davis, PACE treasurer.

## Husband And Wife Team To Leave Area Churches

The Revs. Clint and Nancy McCann, husband and wife pastoral team, will bring to a close next month their nine-year ministry to three area Presbyterian churches.

The McCanns together have served the Warrenton and Littleton churches and the Stanley White Presbyterian Church of Roanoke Rapids. They will leave Warrenton on July 8 for St. Louis, Mo. where he has accepted a teaching position at Eden Theological Seminary.

"I've always wanted to teach," McCann noted as he described the new post he will fill as assistant professor of Old Testament at the school which operates under the auspices of the United Church of Christ.

Both Clint and Nancy McCann are graduates of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. A native of Greensboro, he received the Ph.D. degree last year at Duke University and did undergraduate studies at Davidson College. Mrs. McCann, a native of Baltimore, Md., is a graduate also of the College of William and Mary.

McCann said his wife will be at home with their two daughters, Jennifer, age five, and Sarah, 11 months, following their move to St. Louis.

Plans for filling the pastorates left vacant by the McCanns' departure are incomplete, he noted. Presbyterian procedure allows the local church to call a minister with the approval of the presbytery.

## Old Collins Home Gutted By Flames

Fifty firefighters hailing from five departments responded Saturday to the afternoon call signaling blazes at the Old Collins Home in Soul City.

According to Reuben Holtzman, Ridgeway fire chief, the one and one-half story structure was totally engulfed when firemen arrived. Flames had already gone through the roof and into the oak tree adjacent to the vacant house, he said. "There was no saving it."

The Collins home, located on S.R. 1114, about two miles from HealthCo, is owned by Sturges Collins of Manson. Holtzman reported that the home had been deserted for about 20 years.

Members of the Soul City, Ridgeway, Norlina, Cokesbury

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## Proposals Are Listed

# Budget Requests Total \$7.4 Million

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Full funding of proposed budget requests for the 1987-88 fiscal year (FY), which exceed \$7 million, would require a tax rate of 98 cents, according to County Manager Charles Worth. Warren County's current tax rate is 73 cents per hundred dollars.

The budgets submitted by the county's operating departments total \$7,437,541. Projected revenues from state, federal and local sources are estimated at \$3,398,389. The revenue estimate does not include current taxes or tax appropriations.

The \$4,039,152 deficit does not reflect extravagance or wastefulness. "Our department heads have been thoughtful in their projections," Worth said, "and there is no 'fat' in their budgets." Requests submitted for FY 1986-87 totaled \$6,433,478.

Warren County's current operating budget, slated for expiration on June 30, is \$6,165,747.

Most departmental budget requests for FY 1987-88 were received by the County Manager on March 15. Several additional requests were received by April 15, Worth said.

The County Manager reviews all proposals and submits them with his recommendations for funding to the Warren County Commissioners by June 1.

The board of commissioners evaluates all requests and recommendations and finalizes the budget for the county by July 1.

A listing of budget requests, those projected operational expenses forecast by the manager and certain allocations which appear as expenses in the proposed unanalyzed budget appear below:

- Ambulance Service-\$372,508. Included in the request are three new positions, a new ambulance and new equipment.
- Animal Control Office-\$19,939.
- Capital Reserve-\$100,000.
- Central Communications-\$70,011. In addition to current operations, the request includes radio repair.
- Child Support Enforcement-\$6,022.
- Chore Services (Department of Social Services)-\$46,236.
- Commodity Distribution (Department of Social Services)-\$3,715.
- Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Youth and Family-\$3,719.
- CBA In-School Suspension Program-\$15,663.
- CBA Supervised Recreation-\$7,224.
- CBA 4-H-\$4,880.
- Contingency-\$40,000.
- County Attorney-\$33,665.
- County Commissioners-\$32,386.
- County Manager-\$80,399. This request includes a \$4,500 line item for computer hardware.
- Court Facilities-\$17,167.
- Data Processing-\$24,263. Included are requests to upgrade the current computer system, add speed and increase memory capacity.
- Debt Service-\$190,800. This is the amount needed toward retirement of the 1981 sewage and school bond.
- Economic Development-\$57,434.
- Elections Board-\$49,010.
- Emergency Preparedness-\$42,676.
- Energy Program (Department of Social Services)-\$13,939.
- Extension Service-\$108,781.

-Finance/Tax Collector-\$139,170.

-Fire Departments/Rescue Squad-\$181,500.

-Forestry-\$49,569. Includes the local portion for operating costs of new fire equipment.

-General Assembly Appropriation-\$26,137.

-Health Department-\$579,321.

-Home Health-\$204,794.

-Inspection Department-\$58,890.

-Insurance and Fringe Benefits-\$80,210.

-Jail-\$121,806. This amount does not include construction.

-Landfill-\$302,411. Includes purchase of a used bulldozer and motorgrader.

-Libraries-\$15,800.

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## 63-Year-Old Man Dies

# Operator Loses Life In Freak Farm Mishap

A freak farm accident last Friday took the life of a 63-year-old Warren County man, according to a report by the Warren County Ambulance Service.

Warren Harris of Rt. 1, Norlina died as a result of injuries suffered when he attempted to remove grass which had accumulated atop a tractor-driven mowing machine. Dennis Paschall, director of the ambulance service, said when attendants arrived on the scene shortly after 2 p.m., they found Harris caught in the PTO shaft which transmits power from the tractor to the mower. First aid measures were administered as soon as the victim could be freed from the bar, Paschall said, but minutes later Harris was pronounced dead upon arrival at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Paschall said reports were that Harris stepped onto the deck of

the mower and became entangled in the rotating PTO shaft after it caught a piece of his clothing as he attempted to kick off some of the grass clippings. Harris was unable to free himself from the rod which turns some 30,000 to 60,000 times per minute, Paschall said.

When the accident occurred, Harris, a retiree from Cochrane Eastern furniture company, was mowing a field belonging to M. C. Hicks of Wise and located on the Norlina Road across from Ann's Country Kitchen and Lynch's Auto Repair.

Funeral arrangements for the victim were incomplete at press time but are being handled by Harris-Turner Funeral Home.

Assisting with the rescue efforts on the scene were the Norlina and Warrenton Rural fire departments and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.



American Legion Auxiliary poppy chairman Juanita Wood pins the first poppy of the upcoming poppy sale on Commander Tom Gaskill of Limer Post 25. Auxiliary members will be selling the poppies Friday, with proceeds going to Veterans' Hospital.

## Memorial Day Services Set

Memorial Day services, sponsored by Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion here in Warrenton, are scheduled for Sunday, May 24, Post Commander Thomas Gaskill announced this week.

Commander Gaskill extended an invitation to all Warren County residents to attend the traditional rites are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Warren County Court House. The Memorial Day message will be delivered by the Rev. J. C. Loy, pastor of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

In addition to their participation in the formal services, Legionnaires of Post No. 25 will be responsible for placement of

flags on the graves of all known veterans.

The tradition of the Memorial Day observance has its roots in the period immediately after the Civil War. For many years, the GAR in the North and the Confederate Veterans in the South took charge of Memorial Day in their respective communities. The American Legion, and other veterans' organizations, pledged to perpetuate the annual observance of Memorial Day, Commander Gaskill explained.

Commander Gaskill reminded residents that the observance of Memorial Day should include the display of the United States Flag by every home and business.



Vivian Loy, R.N., second from left, and Dr. Thomas Keyserling, second from right, were presented plaques of appreciation by the Warren County Ambulance Service for their time and efforts in the Emergency Medical Technician In-

termediate Program held recently in Warren County. At left is Dennis Paschall, director of the ambulance service, and at right, Warren County Commissioner George Shearin.

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