

## Awards Night Is Held By Norlina Firemen

Norlina's volunteer firemen honored their members and treated their ladies Saturday night during the department's annual ladies night, Christmas party and awards banquet held at the Lions Den in Warrenton.

Deputy Chief Al Bennett served as master of ceremonies and guests were welcomed by Fire Chief Gene Medlin. Steaks, provided through the courtesy of Norlina Clover Farm, were served the approximately 90 persons in attendance.

On hand to heap praise on the efforts of volunteer firefighters from Norlina, who had answered 129 fire calls to date this year, were outgoing mayor Bill Perry and mayor-elect Bill Delbridge.

Some 11 retired firemen were recognized. The audience also

contained several widows of former firemen.

After the presentation awards, including several which were new this year, and the surprise presentation of a dozen red roses to Mrs. Al Bennett by her husband, firemen and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of the Chain Reaction Band which played until midnight.

## Jail In Warren Found Wanting By Members Of Jury

The Warren County Jail, which has repeatedly been cited for physical shortcomings by state jail inspectors, came under more criticism this week when a grand jury paid a routine inspection visit to the facility.

Several jurors, led by foreperson Elsie F. Kearney, made the inspection as the December criminal term of Warren County Superior Court got under way here on Monday.

The grand jury made its report to presiding Judge Edwin S. Preston, Jr. of Raleigh. They were conducted on their jail tour by Deputy Sheriff Milo Alston.

In their report to Judge Preston, grand jurors reported a need for more electrical outlets, cleaning of shower drainage, the need for more wastebaskets, the need to upgrade housekeeping and the fact that more ventilation is needed at times when painting is being conducted.

In addition to their jail inspection, the grand jury found six true bills of indictment. Action was taken on a severance case, that of the State vs. Robert Richardson.

## Hardaway Is Named To Study Group

Rep. Thomas Hardaway, who represents the Seventh House District which includes a portion of Warren County, has been appointed to a legislative committee which will study the need for broader participation in state contracts by minority businesses.

Hardaway is one of five House members named to the committee by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey. Hardaway is an Enfield attorney.

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Milly: "Why don't you marry John, he will attend to your smallest wishes."  
Tilly: "Yes, but I want one who can attend to the larger ones."

Jim: "I can't seem to save any money."  
Sim: "Me neither, my wife calls money 'dough' but my dough don't stick to her fingers."

Bell-shaped Bartlett pears are good eaten out of hand or poached.



Among the award recipients at the annual Christmas awards banquet held at the Warrenton Lions Den on Saturday night were, left to right, front row: Ebin Willis, Sr. and Margaret Willis, proprietors of Norlina Clover Farm and winners of the Community Service Award; Charlie Paschall, winner of an award for continuous service to the Norlina Fire Department; Clifton Rooker, winner of

an award for continuous service to the department; and Al Bennett, high day alarm attendance award recipient. On back row, left to right, are Gene Medlin, high night alarm attendance award recipient; Ebin Willis, Jr., fireman of the year and second high day attendance award recipient; and Wayne Aycok, second high night attendance award winner.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Society Planning Tour Of Henderson Neighborhoods

The Vance County Historical Society will sponsor its annual Old Neighborhoods Christmas Tour on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. The tours are held to encourage the purchase of old dwellings for preservation, according to a society spokesman.

Tours for the past two years have centered around two or three blocks of the downtown residential areas. A variety of old structures has been chosen this year to offer potential buyers fresh ideas for restoration and use.

Crossland Development Company, 820 South Garnett Street, is now housed in the former home of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Upchurch. The present owner has renovated the Georgian residence into office space.

Two of the homes are family places. The Perry home at 2027

Oxford Road was built in 1946 and has experienced several additions as the family grew. Each change made by Leon and Lucille Perry has been in keeping with the original compact appearance. The unusually large great room or den was constructed using the walls of a two-car garage, thus no alteration to exterior walls was necessary.

The second family home is that of the late T. B. Rose, Jr., an executive with Roses Stores. His daughter, Ann Rose Allen, and her husband, Col. G. R. Allen, have lived here since his retirement from the U. S. Army. In continuous use since the early 1930s, no restoration has been necessary to the classic Georgian structure.

To show what young couples with growing families can do to make old homes comfortable, convenient and attractive is

depicted in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Falkner, III, and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Fletcher. The Falkner home at 236 Dabney Drive has been renovated extensively. A typical conventional design of the 1910s, the interior alterations include removal of the long center hall and construction of a large living room and a den. The exterior remains as original with the exception of a deck. Like the Falkners, the Fletcher family chose Williamsburg tints to enhance their home. Few changes have been made to the interior of the Fletcher home which appears much as originally built by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hight, former clerk of superior court. Their address is 114 Jennette Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Durrett of 1939 Oxford Road are second owners of their brick Georgian which was built in the late 1920s

by W. B. Daniels. The Maryland natives enjoy the charm of the sixty-seven year old house as it is and plan to preserve the integrity of the original design.

This Historical Society always includes a church on the Christmas Tour. The First Baptist Church at 205 Winder Street will be visited this year. The Gothic Revival building features a gable roof, pointed-arched windows and buttresses. As an added attraction, the music department will present a brief Christmas recital at 3 p. m.

Tickets for the tour will be \$5 and can be purchased at numerous business firms throughout Henderson. They will also be available at the Crossroad Development building on the day of the tour.



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