

## Historical Markers To Be Erected

Two Warren County residents who served as members of the U.S. Congress during the 19th Century will be recognized with historical markers which are expected to be erected here in the next 10 to 12 weeks.

Members of the North Carolina Highway historical Marker Advisory Committee approved markers for Congressmen Weldon Edwards and John A. Hyman during their December meeting.

Jerry C. Cashion, research supervisor for the Division of Archives and History of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, said dedication ceremonies will be held if there is local interest.

The inscription for the Edwards marker will read: WELDON EDWARDS, 1788-1873. President, N.C. Secession Convention, 1861-62; Congressman, 1816-1827; legislator. His grave is three miles north.

The Edwards marker will be erected at the junction of U.S. Highway 1 and State Road 1224 at Ridgeway.

The inscription for the Hyman marker will read: JOHN A. HYMAN, 1840-1891. First black to represent N.C. in U.S. Congress, 1875-1887; state senator, 1868-1874. Home is one block west.

The Hyman marker will be located at the corner of Main and Franklin streets in Warrenton.

Placement of the two markers will bring to 18 the number of state historical markers in Warren County. Of that number, eight will be located in the Town of Warrenton.

Other Warrenton markers honor Jacob Holt, Benjamin Hawkins, John White, the Bragg family, Horace Greeley, John Hall and the site of the Warrenton High School.

Markers lying within the county deal with Anne Carter Lee, Jethro Sumner, the site of the Bute County Courthouse, Shocco Springs, Bridle Creek, Nathaniel Macon, William Miller, the Indian Trading Path and Governor James Turner.

## Caution Is Urged By Police Chief

Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis had no crimes to report this week, but urged all area residents to exercise caution when completing their Christmas shopping.

"Because this is the season to be 'larcenous' as well as 'jolly,' we urge all shoppers to place their purchases inside the locked trunks of their vehicles and to also lock the doors of their cars," Galantis said. The police chief also reminded area shoppers to lock the doors of their residences while making their final shopping trips.

"We have predicted that there will be an increase in traffic during this period and ask everyone to drive with care," Galantis added. "Mayor Delbridge, the Town of Norlina and I just want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday," he concluded.

## Firearms Attractive To Burglars In Warren

Firearms have continued to be attractive targets this week, Sheriff Theodore Williams said Tuesday.

Robert Reid, of Littleton, on Monday reported the disappearance of a .22-calibre Marlin bolt-action rifle and a .22-calibre RG23 pistol, along with a box of empty shells, from his residence located on SR 1350. The firearms were last known to be secure at 9 a.m. on Monday.

There are no suspects in the case under investigation by Deputy W. S. Bissette.

## Peace On Earth



## REJOICE

May you find peace in the light of His love.

## Students Get Jump On Holiday, Grownups To Follow Suit Shortly

Warren County's students have begun their Christmas holidays and employees of area businesses, service agencies and government offices will begin their vacations in short order. As a public service, the following information is provided to our readers:

- All county offices will be closed on Friday and Monday, Dec. 23 and 26, in observance of the holiday. County offices will reopen for their usual business hours on Tuesday, Dec. 27, before being closed again on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day.

- The county's financial institutions—Branch Banking & Trust Company, First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Peoples Bank, United Federal Savings and Loan and Warren Finance Company—will be open for business as usual on Friday, but will be closed on Monday.

- Carolina Power & Light Company will be closed on Friday and Monday.

- Warrenton's Town Hall will be closed on Friday and Monday.

- Norlina's Town Hall will be closed on Monday.

- Area Post Offices will be closed on Monday.

- The Warren County Schools' central office will be closed on Friday and Monday.

- The Warren County campus of Vance-Granville Community College began its vacation on Dec. 20 and will remain closed through Jan. 3, 1989.

- The Warren Health Plan will be open on Friday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., but will not hold its regularly scheduled Saturday clinic on Dec. 24. The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, reopening for its normal schedule on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Patients with emergencies while

the clinic is closed should call Maria Parham Hospital.

- HealthCo will be closed on Friday and Monday, Dec. 23 and 26, reopening for its normal schedule on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Patients with emergencies while the clinic is closed should call Maria Parham Hospital.

- Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will be closed on Monday.

- The ASCS office will be closed on Monday.

- The offices of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Monday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Jan. 3, 1989.

The holiday schedules of area businesses will vary, so it is best to contact most area merchants directly. Planned closings known to us at press time included:

- Carolina Power & Light Company will be closed on Friday and Monday.

- The Warrenton Furniture Exchange will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26.

- Floral Designs will close on Christmas Eve and will not reopen until Dec. 30.

- Odom's Florist and the Norlina Landmark will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

- Ideal Florist will be closed for one-half day on Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26.

- Mikell Lynn Boutique will be closed on Monday.

- Hunter Drug Company will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

- Boyce Drugs will be closed on Monday.

- Rite Aid Drugs will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and remain closed through Christmas Day, opening Monday.

- Byrd's will be closed on Christmas Day, opening Monday.

- A & P will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and remain

closed on Christmas Day, opening Monday.

- R & N Record Shop will be closed on Monday.

- Tar Heel Tires will be closed Saturday and Monday.

- Odom Motor Service will be closed on Monday.

- R & H Service Center will close at noon on Saturday and remain closed through Monday.

- Southern States will be closed on Monday.

- Carriage Fuel & Oil Company will be closed on Monday.

- Bowers & Burrows will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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## \$1.6 Million Hike May Result From Leaf Quota Jump

An approximate 18 percent increase in the tobacco quota for 1989 could mean an additional \$1.6 million in income for Warren County farmers, according to C. T. Dean, Agricultural Extension agent.

The quota increase was announced last Thursday by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It was three points lower than the amount calculated in a formula based on buying intentions of manufacturers, a three-year average of annual exports and the desired reserve supply.

However, the 18 percent increase was equal to the recommendation of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation. They felt that a higher quota would force farmers to invest in more land and equipment while the tobacco price drops.

This action could result in many farmers dropping out of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, with 54 million pounds of surplus.

The increase in base quota will raise the production level from 497.4 million pounds in 1988 to about 596.9 million pounds next year in the nation's flue-cured tobacco region from Virginia to Florida.

Also for 1989, the flue-cured tobacco price support level will be increased to \$1.468 per pound, which is 2.6 cents higher than the 1988 support price.

The base quota for 1988 in Warren County was approximately 5.4 million pounds, while the 1989 quota for the county has been set at 6.4 million pounds.

This increase could mean an additional 600 acres of tobacco being produced next year, running total production up to about 3,500 acres, Dean said. This also represents an approximate \$1.6 million in additional income for farmers.

Although the quota hike may appear to be good news, Dean indicated that many farmers are worried that the increase will lower tobacco prices.

"It has been of some concern because many farmers feel that the higher quota will mean a price decrease," he said. "But I think that most farmers realize that if they don't produce the tobacco, someone else will."

The national quota remained constant from 1976 until the 1988 growing season, when it was increased seven percent. Mark Fleming, a legislative assistant

to Sen. Jesse Helms, said that another increase will be needed next year.

"Some farmers are scared of the increase, but we'd like to see it increase more," Fleming said. "If it doesn't, some companies will go back to foreign competitors to buy. No matter how you look at it, it's a big increase and it's good news."

Dean explained that another major concern is the extra barns that the growers will need in order to complete the curing process. Many do not have these extra facilities to store the additional tobacco, he said.

Also, the additional acreage may put some of the farmers in violation of conservation regulations under the sodbuster reserve program.

"Although this is true," Dean said, "there are only a few isolated cases in the county. I'm sure that the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will work with these farmers."

"The quota increase should be a boost for the tobacco program," Dean concluded. "I think that the program is on sound footing for the next couple of years."

Warren County tobacco farmers with questions about the increase can contact the Agricultural Extension Office at 257-3640 or Lynn S. Carr, director of ASCS, at 257-4141.

## Vandalism Seen

### In Vaughan Area

The "grinch" has struck in Vaughan this week, according to a report filed on Monday in the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bravid Watson, located near Vaughan Elementary School, was the site of vandalism, Deputy W. S. Bissette said Tuesday.

According to Bissette, outdoor Christmas decorations at the Watson residence were found damaged, eggs had been thrown on the Watson's car that had been parked in their garage and the glass in a storm door at the front entry of the residence had been smashed.

Estimates of the value of the damaged items have not been calculated, the deputy said, and there are no suspects.



The Warren County Jaycees raised \$1,500 during their "Coffee Break" held during the Thanksgiving holidays at the N.C. Welcome Center located on I-85, near Wise. The community service was provided to aid weary travelers and to raise funds for the benefit of little Jennifer Henry, who awaits a

kidney transplant. Shown presenting the \$1,500 check to Jennifer's father, Lynne Henry, (center) are Jaycee Coffee Break co-chairmen Ricky Bryant (left) and Kenny Clayton (right).

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