

Firemen from the Norlina and the Warrenton volunteer fire departments are shown battling a blaze at the home of Marvin Lewis off U. S. 158 bypass near Norlina. The flames were said to have started in the master bedroom of the home,

possibly from an electric blanket that had been left on. Damage to the structure and its contents has been estimated at \$35,000. The home was considered a total loss. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

## Fire Destroys Home In Warren; Electric Blanket May Be Culprit

Owners of a one-story log home near Norlina were surprised when they returned home Monday night to find that a fire had destroyed their residence.

The Norlina Volunteer Fire Department quickly responded to an 8 p.m. call Monday concerning a house fire at the residence of Marvin and Rosalyn Lewis on U. S. 158 bypass, according to Chief Gene Medlin. The home was located about one-half mile

east of the U. S. 401 (U. S. 158 business) intersection.

Approximately 14 firemen responded to the call and said that flames had engulfed the wood structure by the time they arrived on the scene. The Warrenton Rural Fire Department also responded to the call with a tanker and several firemen.

Medlin indicated that the cause of the fire is unknown but believes that it started in the

master bedroom. It was speculated that an electric blanket had been left on and may have ignited the flames.

Approximately 15,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire. Firemen were on the scene until about 11:30 p.m., Medlin said.

Firemen were again called to the scene Tuesday morning at approximately 8:44 when the flames rekindled.

Medlin estimated damage to the house and its contents at \$35,000. However, Rosalyn Lewis believes that the damage to her house and its contents is more than \$50,000.

"There is no way that we will be able to replace that house and our belongings for anything under \$50,000," she said.

She indicated that she and her husband would like to rebuild an identical house to the one lost in Monday night's fire.

Bobby Bolton, owner of a nearby auto repair shop, allegedly passed by the scene and reported the fire to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

### Warrants Are Drawn For Two Residents

Warrants were drawn on Tuesday of this week on two area residents, Sgt. Lawrence Harrison of the Warren County Sheriff's Department said that afternoon.

Daniel Pruitt and Forrest Overby, Jr., both residents of Rt. 2, Henderson, have been charged with one count each of larceny. The warrants were drawn following investigations by the department of a larceny reported earlier this month at the residence of David Lee Pruitt of the Vicksburg community. When the initial report was filed, reported missing were a refrigerator, a stove, dining chairs and trailer wheels.

The refrigerator and stove, valued at \$250 each, were recovered at about 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sgt. Harrison said, but, at press time, the other items had not been found.

According to Sgt. Harrison, the warrants will be served by law enforcement officers from Vance County, who will transport Pruitt and Overby back to Warren County for interrogation.

### Mars Was Different, Once Upon A Time

Scientists believe that at one time Mars had a warmer climate and much denser atmosphere, that running surface water carried out networks of channels, and that the planet could easily have harbored life, says National Geographic.

## Over 6,500 Visits Made By Home Health Personnel

### Annual Report Presented Here

Over 6,500 home health visits were made to Warren County households during fiscal year 1988 by the Warren County Home Health Agency, according to a report presented at the annual meeting of the Warren County Board of Health held earlier this month.

Warren County Health Director Dennis Retzlaff expressed gratitude for the health professionals who provide home care. "No one except the patients and their families can fully appreciate the impact that professional home care services can have in assisting in the comfort and return to health of a sick or disabled individual," he said. Home health care includes a variety of medically related services provided in the home under a physician's plan of care to meet specific medical needs. It offers skilled nursing care such as administering prescribed treatments, changing dressings, teaching and collecting laboratory specimens.

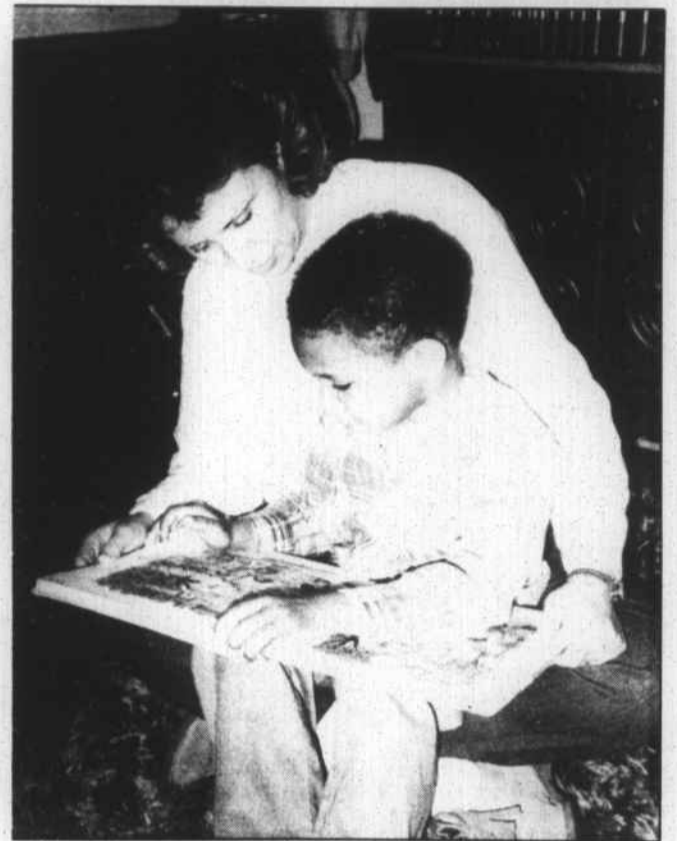
Home health aide care includes a variety of personal care tasks to help keep the patient clean and comfortable. Speech therapy services are available to children and adults needing this specialized service.

JoAnne Paynter, nursing coordinator for the Warren County Home Health Agency, noted that home health care services are often covered under government and private insurance programs.

"Any family with a family member confined to home by an injury or illness needing skilled medical treatment should contact our home health agency. We will provide a free evaluation of the needs of the patient and determine possible eligibility for our home health program," she said.

The Warren County Health Department has managed the Warren County Home Health Agency since September, 1984. During that time 432 Warren County citizens have been served by the agency. Currently the agency is staffed by Nurse Coordinator JoAnne Paynter, Speech Therapist Leslie Rhea, Health Aide Mary Hunt and Office Manager Cindy Poythress. Other health department nursing staff also serve home health patients as the need arises.

Warren County citizens are urged to call 257-4081 for more information on home health care.



Marcus Williams is shown above receiving personalized instruction from Leslie Rhea, speech therapist with the Warren County Health Department Home Health Agency. The youth is one of 432 Warren County residents who have benefitted from the services available through Home Health since the agency began operation here in 1984.

## Youngster With Local Ties Receives Honor

A youth with Warren County ties was among approximately 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country who attended the Fall 1988 National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington, D.C. on December 6. Travis Washburn was selected as a Congressional Scholar based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, the Congressional Scholars will meet the key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps.

The National Young Leaders Conference was sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization. Founded in 1985 by Co-Chairmen Barbara Harris and Richard Rossi, the Council's goal is to provide a unique "hands-on" experience in civic education. Over 250 Members of the United



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States Congress comprise the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors joining in the commitment of educational excellence.

Travis is the son of Wallace and Linda Washburn of Wendell, N. C. He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. John A. Dore of Norlina.

## Special Courses Slated

To help area small business owners and employees acquire the knowledge and skills needed to improve the status and profits of their companies, a series of courses is planned this winter through the Vance-Granville Community College Small Business Center.

VGCC's Warren County Campus will be the setting for the classes, which are listed below along with the date, time, instructor and cost for each.

**Business Loans** - Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7-9 p.m.; Cal E. White; free.

**How to Start Your Own Business** - Wednesdays, Jan. 25-March 1, 7-10 p.m.; Brad Carroll and Cal E. White, instructors; \$15.

**Tax Update** - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7-10 p.m.; Kermit Copley; free.

Interested persons may register for any of the seminars/courses by calling the Warren County Campus, 257-1900. Since space is limited, participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to Daniel W. Guin, SBC director.



The canopy of "Finally!!"—Norlina's newest beauty salon—was unveiled last Sunday afternoon. Shown holding the cover that was removed from the fixture are Clyde Smith and Vivian Smith, owners of the establishment, which is located on U.S. 1. Shown looking on are Mayor Bill Delbridge and Eddie Reid.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)



Mrs. Cora Palmer receives personalized care from Joanne Paynter, R.N., who also serves as coordinator for the Warren County Home Health Agency managed by the Warren County Health

Department. During the current fiscal year, over 6,500 home visits have been made in Warren County by Home Health personnel.