



Haliwa-Saponi Chief W. R. Richardson, right, presents an engraved plaque to the Rev. C. H. Richardson, founder and pastor of Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist Church, during a surprise ceremony held Sunday at the rain-delayed 24th annual Pow-Wow. The Rev. Mr. Richardson, born in Nash

County in 1900, has served as a tribal advisor for more than 50 years. Shown behind the two tribal leaders is Executive Director Linda C. Mills. Other photographs of the annual Haliwa-Saponi gathering can be found on Page 13.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Macon Man, Wife Tricked By Trio Of Male Visitors

Con Men Take Many Checks

Warren County's senior citizens would be advised to be on their guard for an apparent scam being conducted here, Sheriff Theodore Williams said Monday.

According to the report taken on April 13 by Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, 25 checks were allegedly removed from the Rt. 2, Macon residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilburn Riggan by three men posing as subcontractors of the Department of Social Services.

Riggan stated that three males arrived at his home in a small car and identified themselves as employees of Home Decorators Company in Henderson, who had been sent by the Department of Social Services.

The men said the Riggins could get free rugs, if they met eligibility requirements.

A sample of the free rugs was shown to the couple. They were asked to sit on the rug, while one of the men is believed to have removed the checks from a desk drawer.

One of the men has been described as a heavy-built, white male with black hair, who is five-foot-four-inches to five-foot-six-inches in height. He wore a baseball-type cap.

A second suspect has been described as a slender, white male. The third suspect was described as a white male with red hair.

The Riggins were asked for their Social Security numbers. They were told they would learn later in the summer if they qualified for the free rugs.

"Our senior citizens—and frankly, all Warren County residents—must be especially cautious of unfamiliar persons who may attempt to take advantage of them," Sheriff Williams said.



A water heater and a kitchen appliance lie beside a trash container at a dumpsite at the intersection of Highway 158 Bypass and Business near Macon. Scenes such as this one, photographed on a Sunday afternoon earlier this month, have prompted the Warren County Planning Board to call on county commissioners to seek new solutions to the littering problem throughout the county.

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Patrol Reports 3 Accidents

Six Persons Are Injured On Roads In Warren County During Weekend

Following three unrelated accidents on Warren County's roads, six persons received injuries which have required medical care.

Mike Seda, 21, of Shreveport, La., and Willie Sherman Williams, 23, of Rt. 1, Louisburg were treated after the 1984 Nissan being driven by Seda on SR 1636 struck a tree.

According to the report taken by N.C. Highway patrol Trooper W. P. Blanks, Seda had been driving south on SR 1636 last Saturday night. His Nissan appeared to have rounded a curve at a high rate of speed and skidded to the left about 115 feet before striking the tree. Dam-

ages to Seda's car have been estimated at about \$4,500.

Seda and Williams were transported by the Wake County Ambulance Service to Franklin Regional Medical Center. Seda was then transferred to Duke Medical Center, where he was admitted to the intensive care unit. He has been charged with careless and reckless driving. At presstime, no additional information was available.

Three persons were injured in another accident, which took place Friday. Truckers Danny Earl Thorne, 38, of Trinity, C. C. Richardson, 26, of Albany, Ga., and Dale Bryson, 24, of Thomas-

ville, were injured in a two-truck collision on I-85. The accident occurred about 1.3 miles south of SR 1209.

According to the report filed by N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper R. G. Redmond, the two trucks collided when Thorne had tried to pass the Richardson vehicle. Damages to Thorne's 1986 White tractor trailer have been estimated at \$5,000. Damages to Richardson's 1987 Peterbilt tractor trailer have been estimated at \$1,500.

Thorne has been charged with improper passing. At press time, details of medical treatment for the two men were unavailable.

The third accident on Sunday afternoon resulted in minor injuries for Reba Didonato, 36, of Greensboro. Ms. Didonato is believed to have dodged a disabled vehicle and trailer, changing lanes on I-85 near the Ridgeway exit. The Didonato vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle.

Ms. Didonato was transported to Maria Parham Hospital by the Warren County Emergency Medical Service. She was treated for neck pain and released.

On Tuesday, a complete accident report will still be unavailable, an N.C. Highway Patrol spokesman said.

needed to serve the eligible population.

"We are seeing a great deal of interest in the program which appears to be helping many elderly persons who were not seen before by our agency," Hayes said.

Hayes said that persons entitled to Medicare Part A coverage should also apply for a new health care benefit called Medicare-Aid. "The new program is an outgrowth of mandated changes to the program by the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988," he said.

For eligible persons, the new program will pay out-of-pocket Medicare costs such as premiums and deductibles. Coinsurance costs will also be paid.

According to N.C. Human Resources' Secretary David Flaherty, eligibility requirements for Medicare-Aid are less restrictive than those for other programs for the aged and disabled.

To be eligible, an individual's monthly income cannot exceed \$384 per month. In addition, the total value of resources—bank deposits and real property owned, but not used to live on—may not exceed \$4,000.

For couples, monthly income may not exceed \$515 and resources may not exceed \$6,000.

Hayes said that the new program will pay Medicare-related medical expenses, but it will not cover any costs for services not covered already by Medicare. "Prescription drugs will not be covered," he said.

New Medicare Applications Are Accepted In Warren

The Warren County Department of Social Services has been accepting applications for the new Medicare program since January, Henry Hayes, director, said this week.

According to Hayes, about 95 new cases have been certified in Warren County since the new program began, and a new income-maintenance worker is

Jail Problems Are Found Here

Only one of Warren County's correctional facilities has met the standards of the Warren County grand jury, according to a report submitted to Judge Robert H. Hobgood Monday afternoon.

On Monday, the grand jury inspected the buildings of the Department of Correction and the Warren County Jail.

The grand jury found the employees at the Department of Correction to be helpful and heard no complaints about the facility from the inmates.

However, several complaints were reported after their inspection of the Warren County Jail. The showers were found to be in bad condition, with some of the liners torn and damaged.

In addition, the inmates reported occasions when their food was brought to them without the proper utensils and napkins needed for eating.

The group found mattresses on the beds in bad condition and reported a lack of storage space in the county facility.

Planning Board Calls For Waste Ordinance

The Warren County Planning Board has called on the Warren County Board of Commissioners to create a solid waste ordinance for the county and to begin funding of convenience centers which would consolidate dumpsters scattered throughout the county.

The plea to commissioners took the form of a letter from O. L. (Butch) Meek, chairman of the planning board. It was drafted after discussion between planning board members and representatives of the Warren County Health Department which took place at the planning board's April meeting.

In his letter to Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, Meek said that

Warren County faces a serious problem in the area of solid waste disposal. He said planning board members were aware of the pressure placed on county officials to ease the problem, especially in the Kerr and Gaston lakes area.

Almost a year ago, the planning board looked at the possibility of including solid waste disposal within the county's subdivision regulations but felt further research was necessary. Meek informed Mrs. Clayton.

Meek wrote that several months ago a small delegation from Warren County met with Franklin County Manager Raymond Boutwell and learned that Franklin County had consolidated their dumpster sites into 14 convenience center sites that are landscaped, fenced and graveled.

"These sites are distributed throughout the county at locations that provide a center within a five-mile radius to residents, therefore eliminating unsightly dumpsters situated haphazardly throughout the county," Meek wrote.

He informed Mrs. Clayton that Franklin County estimates that each site costs about \$7,500 to

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Director Receives Grant

Ms. Cathy Wilson, executive director of the Warren County Economic Development Commission, was recently selected to receive a fellowship to participate in the first pilot of the Rural Economic Development Institute.

Training sessions for the institute are scheduled to be held at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill and will include approximately 40 hours of instruc-

tion. Dates for the sessions are May 4-6, June 1-3 and June 22-24.

The Rural Institute is a statewide leadership development program offering an intensive course of study in rural economic development. Elected and appointed officials, businessmen and women, professional staff in the economic development field and civic and grassroots leaders will be among those in attendance.



Long-time local DOT employee Gene Hudgins operates a backhoe in the work under way on the Warren Plains Road (SR 1305). A 2.1-mile stretch will be widened by two feet on each side. According to Donald Wall, DOT district engineer, the project will extend from the curbing and guttering section at the old depot and continue along North Main

Street to the intersection of the 158 Bypass. When completed, that portion of SR 1305 will be 22 feet wide, instead of the current 18 feet. The work is being done in response to concerns about school bus safety and to reduce congestion.

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Democrats Set Local Confab

The annual Warren County Democratic Convention will be held at the Warren County Courthouse on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 1 p.m., T. T. Clayton, Warren County chairman, announced this week.

At the top of the convention agenda will be the election of a new county Democratic chairman and county executive committee officers.

After serving two terms as chairman, Clayton will be ineligible to run again.

One county member on the State Democratic executive committee will also be chosen, Clayton said. In addition, delegates will be elected to represent Warren County at the Congressional District Convention scheduled for May 20.

"The county conventions are important to the future of our party because the people are able to pick out the leaders they know," Clayton said.

Although casting of ballots will be limited to delegates only, the public is encouraged to attend, Clayton said.