



Following a head-on collision on SR 1224 (Ridgeway-Drewry Road) on Friday morning of last week, the 1984 Chevrolet shown in the top photo received an estimated \$2,500 of damage, while the 1981 Chevrolet in the bottom photo received an estimated \$2,000 in damage. The driver of the 1984 Chevrolet, Geneva Goode, was charged with driving left of center, exceeding a safe speed and a seat

belt violation and was listed in serious but stable condition at Duke University Medical Center Tuesday afternoon. Two others are also patients at Duke, while four persons were treated at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for injuries sustained in the accident and released.

(Photos by Sara Solorz)

## Seven Persons Hurt As Vehicles Crash Head-On, Tear Into Trees

Three Warren County residents were taken to Duke University Medical Center Friday and four others to Maria Parham Hospital after sustaining injuries in a head-on collision.

Geneva Goode, 55, Almata T. Goode, 25, and John G. Goode, 26, all of Rt. 1, Manson, were transferred from Maria Parham Hospital to Duke University Medical Center following a 7:15 a.m. wreck one and one half miles west of Interstate 85.

On Tuesday afternoon, Geneva Goode and John Goode were listed in serious but stable condition at Duke, and Almata was listed in stable condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

Treated and released from Maria Parham were Shirley Merrie Hargrove, 7, and Felecia Hargrove, 3 months, both of Rt. 1, Manson; and Sandra Hargrove, 28, of 403 Pines Apartments, Norlina.

According to a report by Trooper R. A. Ennis of the N. C. Highway Patrol, a 1984 Chevrolet, driven by Geneva Goode, was traveling east on SR 1224 (Ridgeway-Drewry Road), while a 1981 Chevrolet, driven by Shirley Hargrove, was traveling west on the road.

The Goode car crossed the center line and struck the left front quarter of the Hargrove car.

The Goode car then ran off the left side of the road and struck a tree, the report shows. The Hargrove car ran off the left side of the road, overturned and struck a tree.

Charged were Geneva Goode with driving left of center, exceeding a safe speed and failure to wear seat belt. Shirley Hargrove was charged with no child restraint system.

Damage estimates were \$2,500 for the 1984 Chevrolet and \$2,000 for the 1981 Chevrolet.

## Native Of Warren County Is Given School Position

A Warren County native has been named Warren County Food Service Director and began work on Monday of this week to ensure that the county's students continue to receive nutritious meals.

Mrs. Janet Baskette Farrar was appointed last week by the Warren County Board of Education. That appointment was announced Thursday evening of last week, following a called executive session of the board for this and other personnel matters.

A graduate of North Warren High School, Mrs. Farrar is an alumnus of North Carolina Central University, where she studied foods and nutrition and earned a bachelor of science in home economics. Since March of

1985, Mrs. Farrar has been system-wide child nutrition director for the Martin County School System in Williamston. Prior to assuming that role, she was regional child nutrition consultant for the N. C. Department of Public Instruction at the Northeast Regional Education Center in Williamston.

Mrs. Farrar is the daughter of Mrs. Lola Baskette of Warren Plains and the late Charlie Baskette.

In addition to the appointment of Mrs. Farrar when the board convened in open session on Thursday evening of last week, the contract of Al Thompson, board attorney, was renewed for a period of two years.

## Downed Trees Lie In Storm's Path

By DIANE DAVIS  
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The weather turned from steamy to stormy on Wednesday afternoon of last week and affected many Warren County residents in different ways.

Downed trees and severe lightning resulted in power outages throughout the county.

James Parnell, manager for the Warrenton office of Carolina Power and Light, reported that an estimated 350 customers were without power for anywhere from one to eight hours.

"No main feeders were affected," Parnell said of Wednesday's storm. "Most of the outages were caused by trees blowing on to lines."

Even so, Parnell said that six transformers had to be repaired after being struck by lightning. His crew worked until nearly 1:30 a.m. restoring power to all customers.

David Proctor, manager for the Macon office of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation, reported scattered outages throughout his service area. About 400 customers in the Arcola area were without lights for a maximum of two hours because of a downed main feeder line in that area, he said.

Proctor said his workers had all power restored by 10 p.m. Wednesday.

A Warren County resident reported that nearly one and one

half inches of rain fell during the short-lived, but severe storm, which lasted less than one hour.

Clarence Thompson, road maintenance supervisor for the Warren County unit of the N. C. Department of Transportation, said a number of ditches throughout the county were overloaded with water by the sudden downpour, and roads were washed out.

Thompson said in addition to clearing water from roads, a number of trees also had to be removed from county roadways.

Trees fell across roads in Warrenton and blocked traffic for about two hours. Police Chief Freddie Robinson said workers

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## Several Warren Schools Affected

# Principals Are Switched By Board Of Education

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As has been the practice recently in Vance and other counties across the state, staff reassignments have been negotiated and will become effective before the beginning of the next academic year.

Warren County Schools Superintendent Dr. John W. Thompson said the moves are a part of a "superintendent's reassignment plan" and have been given the full support of the Warren County Board of Education.

"When a new pro football coach comes in, for example, he routinely brings in his own men, but that is not what we are doing here," Dr. Thompson said in a telephone interview. "We have taken a serious look at the talents and abilities of our key players and are making the reassignments to use our effective leaders for the benefit of Warren County's students."

The superintendent said the reassignments are the beginning of an organizational plan for the next three to five years to ensure the realization of the board's goals and objectives.

The reassignments were discussed in the board's executive session held on Thursday evening of last week. Personnel were contacted and the action taken was approved Monday night at the regular meeting of the Board of Education:

- Clint Hege, Norlina Middle School principal, will become assistant principal at Warren County High School, effective Aug. 10.

- James Goolsby, WCHS assistant principal, will be transferred to a mathematics/science classroom teaching position at John Graham Middle School, effective Aug. 14.

- Costel Evans, North Warren Elementary School principal, will become principal at John Graham Middle School, effective July 25.

- W. T. Ramey, III, John Graham principal, will become principal at North Warren Elementary School, effective July 25.

- Elton Jenkins, county-wide director of secondary education, will be transferred to a health/general science classroom teaching position at Warren County High School, effective Aug. 14.

Dr. Thompson confirmed that four of the Warren County Schools' principals will remain in their current positions:

James Wilkerson (WCHS), Mrs. Shirley White (Vaughan), Walter Sweeney (Mariam Boyd), Joseph O. Richardson (Hawkins), Henry Greene (Northside) and Lucious Hawkins (South Warren). According to the superintendent,

Hawkins has given notice of his intention to retire at the end of the 1989-90 school year.

The superintendent also said Warren County Schools will advertise for a middle school principalship, but did not disclose the school at which the principal would work. A vacancy for assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction will also be advertised, Dr. Thompson said.

"These types of transfers have been and are being done all across the state," he said. "And here they are not being done in haste."

Thompson said the matter had been under discussion for the past two months and had also involved feedback received from personnel in the N. C. Department of Instruction.

Additional reviews are under way and more transfers may occur among central office staff. A third phase of reassignments is also under discussion, but that is contingent upon receipt of Basic

Education Plan (BEP) funds. In other personnel matters Monday night, the board:

- accepted the resignations of three teachers: Michael Stallings (North Warren), Susan Dickerson (North Warren) and Priscilla Chavis (John Graham);

- granted a leave of absence for Aug. 14-18 to Larry Bobbitt, unit-wide speech clinician;

- approved the employment of: Constance Davis (Northside kindergarten teacher), Tony Grant (North Warren intermediate teacher), Michelle Carlisle (John Graham language arts/social studies teacher), Roberta Scott (North Warren/Hawkins reading teacher), Alfred Rial (John Graham mathematics/science teacher), Leonie Byrd (South Warren pre-kindergarten teacher) and Joseph Mustian (maintenance department electrician); and

- received a report on the 12 vacancies which exist in the system.

## Subdivision Plans Receive Approval

The Warren County Planning Board gave final approval to more than 121 acres of land to be used in future development projects.

This action was taken on Friday of last week during the regular monthly meeting of the planning board.

The meeting, usually held on the first Tuesday of each month,

was postponed from Tuesday, July 4, a county observed holiday, until Tuesday, July 11. However, because a quorum was not present on July 11, the meeting was rescheduled to Friday.

A final plat submitted for W. B. Strickland was approved by the planning board, subject to the changing of the rear lot line to 25 feet. The plat represents 92.88 acres in Beaver Pond subdivision, section one.

Other plats approved at the meeting include:

- a final plat for Carol D. Henderson, one acre in Judkins Township.

- a final plat for Louise W. Mason in Nutbush Township. The plat, representing 5.376 acres, was approved subject to health department approval.

- a final plat for David Richardson, one acre in Shocco Township.

- a final plat for William Henry Dent and Agnes D. Alston, 1.405 acres in Fork Township.

- a final plat for William Glenn Coleman, Sr., 1.174 acres in Fork Township, subject to variance approval.

- a final plat for Theolis Richardson, 17.147 acres in Fishing Creek Township in Warren County and 12.197 acres in Brinkleyville Township in Halifax County.

## Lawn Mower Hurts Youth

A Norlina youth underwent surgery at an area hospital, after being injured on Friday of last week in a lawn mower accident.

Jeff Devine, IV, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Devine of Norlina, sustained cuts and fractures to both feet after being struck by the mower.

The victim was taken by family friends to the Warren Health Plan, but was transferred by the Warren County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to Maria Parham Hospital. After being stabilized there, he was transferred to Duke Medical Center where he underwent surgery.

On Tuesday, a hospital spokesperson described the youth's condition as "satisfactory."



Warrenton Mayor B. G. White walks toward a fallen tree near his home on Ridgeway Street Wednesday afternoon of last week after a severe wind and rain storm pushed its way through the

town. The tree fell from the yard of Gen. Claude T. Bowers and blocked the highway for nearly two hours before town workers could cut and remove it. (Staff Photo by Diane Davis)