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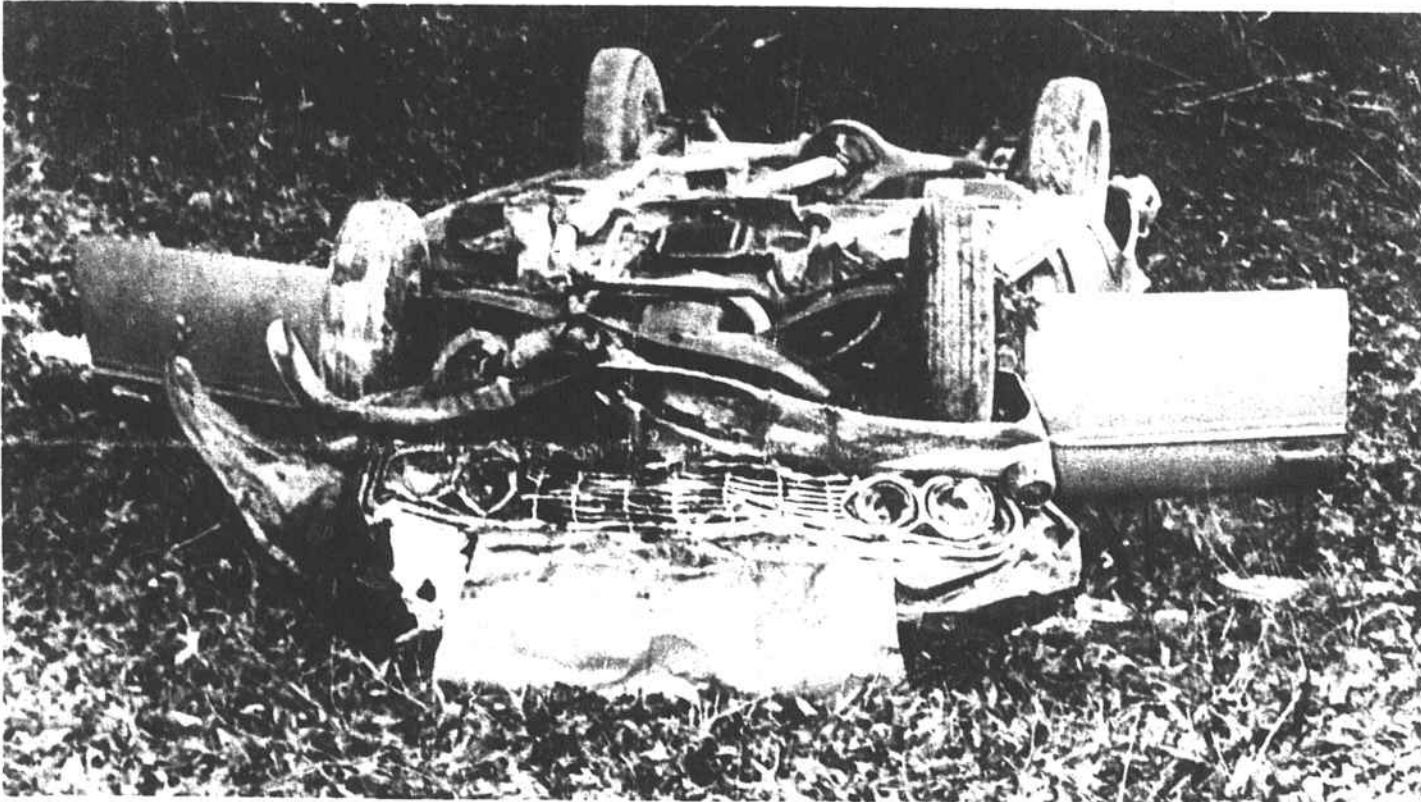
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Endicott car is shown in upper picture here Monday morning following two-car wreck. At left of car is Mrs. Dora Robbins, Health Department nurse, rendering assistance to

Mrs. Endicott. In the bottom picture is the Towns car which went over an embankment.



## Six Hospitalized In Two-Car Wreck Monday

Six persons were hospitalized in a two-car wreck here around 11 o'clock Monday when a car driven by a mother with four children crashed head-on into a car driven by a well known Warrenton woman just West of the Horse Branch Bridge on Highway 1001, known as the Henderson Road.

Mrs. Hattie Shearin Endicott, 42, wife of Bud Endicott, was taken to Duke Hospital following examination at Warren General Hospital. Her condition, while described as serious is not regarded as critical.

Mrs. Endicott suffered a broken right leg, a broken hip and other fractures, four ribs were broken as well as her jaw, and several teeth were knocked out.

Also taken to Warren General Hospital for treatment were Mrs. Beulah May Towns, 22-year-old Negro woman, and her four children, Dora Towns 4, Cheryl Towns 3, Tony Towns 2, and Beulah Towns 1.

## Alton Pridgen Retires As County Game Protector

Alton D. Pridgen, Wildlife Protector for Warren County for the past 22 years, has retired, effective on Dec. 31.



BASKNIGHT

He has been replaced by Walter Allen Basknight, 23, of Columbia, who has been connected with the Wildlife Resources Commission in Halifax County since Oct. 1. He accepted the position in Halifax following his discharge from military service.

Pridgen, in announcing his retirement yesterday, asked this newspaper to express his thanks to the people of Warren County for the splendid cooperation given him and many acts of kindness extended to him while he was game protector.

Mrs. Towns, who suffered cuts and bruises, and Tony Towns, who suffered cuts and possible concussion is at Warren General Hospital. Dora Towns, whose arm was broken was taken to Duke Hospital. Beulah Towns was treated and released.

The wreck occurred on a straight highway with no impairment of vision.

According to State Patrolman Perry Lowman of Henderson, who investigated the wreck, a 1960 Dodge, driven by Mrs. Towns and travelling West, crashed head-on with a 1963 Oldsmobile driven by Mrs. Endicott who was approaching the town limits of Warrenton when the crash occurred.

Mrs. Endicott's car was in the right lane of the highway.

Following the crash, the towns car ran over an embankment on the left-hand side of the road, the south side, and landed on its back in a ravine.

Mrs. Towns has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway and with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The cause of the wreck is not known, but it is surmised that Mrs. Towns may have been distracted by one of the small children in the car and turned into the left lane of the highway.

In the absence of any private ambulances operating in the county, all the occupants of the two cars were taken to Warren General Hospital in an ambulance of the Warren Rural Fire Department driven by Bruce Rose. He first took the mother and her children to the hospital and returned for Mrs. Endicott.

## Sgt. Boyd E. Jones Is Killed In Vietnam

The son of a Warrenton native and the grandson of a Warrenton woman has been killed in Vietnam, it was learned here Monday.

The family of Sgt. Boyd Eugene Jones was notified Friday that he had been killed in Vietnam. Sgt. Jones was a member of the Engineering Battalion of the Marine Corps. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jones of 2263 Coronet Way, N. W., Apt. D2, Atlanta, Ga., and the grandson of Mrs. John Boyd Massenburgh of Warren County.

Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Sarah Blount Massenburgh, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Massenburgh and the late Mr. Massenburgh.

Sgt. Jones is survived by his parents and two younger brothers, Walter Hugh and Russell Vernon.

## Service Sunday

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Orvis of Niagara Falls, N. Y., arrived at Warrenton Wednesday. Mr. Orvis has accepted a call as rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and All Saints Episcopal Church at Warrenton and the Church of the Good Shepherd at Ridgeway.

Mr. Orvis will hold services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

# Rural Fire Department Ends Ambulance Service

## No Action On A Ambulance

## Food Stamp Program Start Likely In May; May Enlarge Building

The Food Stamp program will probably not be started in Warren County until May, the Board of County Commissioners in session here Tuesday, indicated.

An article carried in this newspaper last week, based on a news release from the State Welfare Department in Raleigh, stated that the program would probably be started in March.

The commissioners in discussing the suggested release date said they would like to complete the surplus food program before embarking on the stamp program. They said it would cost the county a considerable sum of money to cut off the commodity program before its expiration in April.

The commissioners passed a resolution authorizing the clerk and board chairman to sign a contract with Consolidated Mapping and Appraisal Company to revalue property in Warren County over the next two years. The board scheduled a meeting to be held last night (Wednesday) to discuss the revaluation program with a representative of the appraisal company.

The board authorized the expenditure of \$225 for the purchase of a pellet gun from the Town of Norlina. The gun is to be used by Claude J. Fleming, Dog Warden. In addition to the resolution concerning the appraisal of property and the purchase of the pellet gun all other matters transacted by the board were of a routine nature.

The board held an unusually long session, adjourning after 5 o'clock, and discussed both the Food Stamp Program for the county and ambulance service. They took no action on the ambulance service, stating that while they realized the gravity of the situation, that no money was put in the budget for such service, and that only a small

amount was left in the contingency fund for any purpose. They put in a telephone call to Raleigh, but received no usable suggestions. Without any money in the budget and with no hope of borrowing, Chairman Capps asked what could they do. Announcement that the Warren County Rural Fire Department would discontinue its ambulance service, was greeted with some dismay and expression of the hope that the Warren Rescue Squad could fill the breach until the 1968-69 budget is prepared.

The commissioners not only found that they had no money available for Ambulance Service, but little on hand for the enlargement of the Welfare Department. Welfare Director Julian Farrar and Welfare Board Member Bill Benton of Littleton appeared before the

board to suggest additions to the present Welfare Department. Farrar, who submitted a drawing of the proposed addition, told the commissioners that the State Welfare Department had indicated to him that they wanted the stamp program carried on at the same place that other welfare activities are carried on in order that he might give the program close supervision. Farrar said that the addition could be paid for over the years in rent payments made by the State and Federal Welfare Departments.

The commissioners suggested that Farrar get in touch with William W. Taylor in Raleigh to ascertain if he could rent office space in the Taylor Building for two months prior to the making out of the new budget. Farrar is to report his findings at a later meeting.

## Board Has No Solution To Problem

The Warren County Rural Volunteer Fire Department has discontinued its ambulance service.

The board of directors of the fire department, notified the board of county commissioners Tuesday that it would discontinue its service at once.

All Funeral Directors of the county discontinued ambulance service on Dec. 31. Only the ambulances of the Warren County Rescue Squad remains to give the county ambulance service.

The directors said that with the funeral homes discontinuing service that the additional burden placed on the Fire Department would be greater than the company could bear. A shortage of personnel, they said, made it imperative that the department go out of the ambulance business.

It would be impossible, the directors said, for any member or members to donate the time needed for voluntary service. It could mean, he pointed out that on occasions it might require an employee to be away from his business two or three days a week.

The directors said that it was with extreme regret, in the face of evident need, that the Fire Department is forced to relinquish its ambulance service.

The County Commissioners wrestled with the problem at their meeting here Tuesday but failed to come up with any solution, due to a shortage of funds, Amos Capps, board chairman, said that the county has no funds on hand for ambulance service and knows no place where it can obtain any funds.

## Warren County Jail To Be Renovated, Jury Says

Work on renovating the county jail is expected to start within the next month, the Warren County Grand Jury said in its report to Judge Henry McKinnon on Wednesday morning.

The jury said that repairs to the jail recommended in the January, 1967, report has not been made, but it is understood that money has been appropriated and a bid accepted.

The committee visiting the jail reported the jail clean, neat and well kept. The grounds are clean and neat and the entire premises in good order, with the exception of exterior paint which is peeling. The committee, the report said, has been assured by the Sheriff that the exterior will be painted within the next month. There

are four inmates.

The committee visiting the Warren County Department of Correction reported 69 inmates including 31 on work release. The Department of Correction facilities were clean, neat, orderly and well kept. No recommendations were made.

A. E. Wilson, served as foreman of the Grand Jury.

### SPECIALIST

CHU LAI, VIETNAM—Army Staff Sergeant Frank L. Paschall, Jr., whose parents live on Route 1, Manson, N. C., was assigned as a combat construction specialist in Company B of the Americal Division's 39th Engineer Battalion near Chu Lai, Vietnam, Nov. 30.

## Certification Of Indigents To End After Two Weeks

Certification of indigent citizens for surplus commodities will be continued for only two more weeks, Julian Farrar, Warren County Welfare Director, announced Monday.

He said that those eligible to participate in the commodity program would be certified only during the week of January 8 and the week ending Jan. 19.

## Herbert Rooker Resigns As Jailer

Herbert Rooker, Warren County jailor for the past eight years, has resigned effective Jan. 1, Sheriff Clarence Davis announced Tuesday. His plans for the future have not been announced.

Sheriff Davis said that he has named Jesse Young of Vaughan to replace Rooker and that he is now engaged in his new duties.

Prior to accepting the job as jailor, Young had been a pulpwood truck operator for Amos L. Capps for several years, Sheriff Davis said. He and Mrs. Young have one child, eight years old.

## Winners

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green of Loop Road and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jones of Bute Street were winners in the Yuletide decoration contest sponsored by the Town 'N Country Garden Club, Mrs. A. M. Aiston, president, and Mrs. C. J. Exum, secretary, said in a joint announcement this week.

(See WINNERS, page 8)



James Vaughan of Warrenton, Route 3, is shown holding a small buck deer which he and his father, C. J. Vaughan, killed while rabbit

hunting on Saturday afternoon near Liberia. The buck was killed with No. 6 shot. Only the father and son were on the hunt.

## Declares Dividend

Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company have declared a 5% stock dividend to stockholders of record Dec. 20 and payable on or about Jan. 12, 1968. An extra cash dividend of 15¢ per share, in addition to the regular quarterly (See DIVIDEND, page 8)