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Five Persons Killed As Cars Collide On U. S. 1; Four Hurt

Five persons were killed instantly late Thursday night when a car driven by an unlicensed teenager smashed into another vehicle 12 miles north of Warrenton.

Four other persons were seriously injured when the two cars collided on U. S. Highway 1, a half mile south of the Virginia border. The wreck was the worst on Warren County highways since an Easter 1956 wreck which also claimed five lives.

The dead were identified as Joseph Henry Fitts, Jr., 49, and his wife, Sally Milam Fitts, both of Baltimore, Md., Clarence Emanuel Chavis, 18, James McKinley Jiggetts, 29, both of Rt. 1, Norlina; and Frank Albert Farrar, 22, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitts were former Warren County residents. Farrar's parents are residents of Norlina.

Trooper R. A. Clark of Norlina, a veteran of 17 years in the State Highway Patrol, described the wreck as the worst he has ever investigated.

Clark said the accident occurred when a 1966 Pontiac driven by Fitts pulled off a ramp leading from Interstate Highway 85 into the path of a 1960 Cadillac driven by Chavis, who had no operator's license.

Four passengers in the Cadillac were taken to Warren General Hospital following the 11:50 p. m. accident. They were identified as Perry Williams, 24, of Richmond, Va., owner of the car, hospitalized with a broken leg and severe lacerations of the face and arms and transferred to a Richmond Hospital Friday and James T. Jiggetts, 21, Rt. 1, Norlina, arm, leg and chest injuries; Jacob Wallace Jiggetts, 19, Rt. 1, Norlina, chest injury; and Leonard Marvin Jiggetts, 19, Rt. 1, Norlina, lacerations and bruises.

"The indications are that the Pontiac pulled into the path of the Cadillac which was travelling at a very, very high rate of speed," Clark said.

The force of the blow snapped the seat belt worn by

Fitts, and knocked the engine from the car. The motor, weighing between 800 and 1,000 pounds, was sent hurtling long the shoulder of the highway for 213 feet. The motor crashed through a heavy wire right-of-way fence. The transmission, rear end and radiator of the Pontiac were scattered over a 200-foot area.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fitts were thrown from the car, which twisted along the highway 143 feet after the crash.

The Cadillac came to rest against the right-of-way fence 396 feet from where the initial impact occurred. Neither vehicle overturned.

Five of the occupants of the Cadillac were residents of the Palmer Springs Community of Virginia, which is served by the Norlina postoffice.

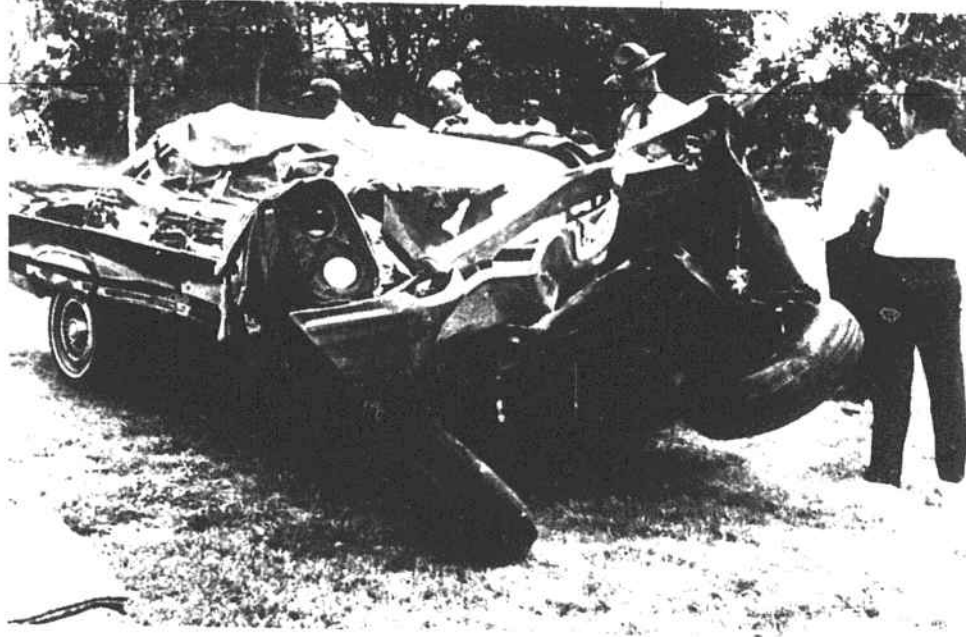
The wreck brought to seven the number of fatalities recorded on Warren highways this year.

Warren Eligible To Take Part In Program

Warren County will continue eligible to participate in the programs of the Economic Development Administration, for, in all probability, at least an additional year, Charles S. Edwards, EDA North Carolina Coordinator, informed Amos Capps, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, this week.

In his letter to Capps, Edwards said that it is important that new and continuing town and county officials and other leaders throughout the county be acquainted and reminded of those extra economic strengthening and job-creating opportunities afforded by the programs of this agency.

The ages old major methods of increasing tax flow into local, state, and national treasurers is to raise new taxes, Edwards said. EDA was created to assist with increasing these tax totals by making possible new and improved job opportunities.



Five persons died and four were injured in the wreckage of these two cars near the Virginia border late Friday night. Trooper R. A. Clark stands in front of vehicle in which seven were riding. All occupants in the front seat were killed. Spectators cluster about an automobile in lower photo in which a Baltimore, Md. couple were riding. The couple was killed when thrown from the car. The force of the impact snapped the driver's seat belt and sent the car's engine bouncing along the shoulder of U. S. 1. (Staff Photos)

North Carolina Fund Says

N. C. Changing From A Poor Farming To Poor Industrial State

North Carolina is shifting from a poor agricultural state to a poor industrial state under the current economic development policy which relies heavily on industrialization to increase income in the state.

This is the view expressed in a report, "The State We Are In," released this week by the North Carolina Fund.

License Agency To Be Closed For Week

The License Agency in the Taylor Building will be closed June 26 through July 1 in order that the branch manager, Mrs. Bill Reid, may be on vacation.

The office will be open Monday morning, July 3, and closed on Tuesday, July 4, with hours resuming as usual Wednesday, July 5.

If anyone is interested in obtaining personalized license plates for 1968, applications are on hand at the local office. Mrs. Reid said that she will be glad to assist motorists in making applications or furnishing information. The fee per year for personalized plates is \$10 plus regular fees. She said that there is a limited amount of plates available and it's first come, first served.

Loughlin-Goodwyn Sold To A. C. Fair

Loughlin-Goodwyn Jewelers, at Warrenton has been sold to A. C. Fair of Warrenton, operator of the store for the past 20 years, by Loughlin-Goodwyn, Inc., of Henderson.

The store changed hands on June 1, it was learned yesterday. Fair, who came to Warrenton from Durham, said that the store would continue to be operated under the name Loughlin-Goodwyn Jewelers.

The finding includes: -The per capita income gap between North Carolina and the United States is not closing. -North Carolina industrial wages are among the lowest in the nation. -Two-thirds of the new manufacturing jobs created yearly from 1960 to 1965 were in industries paying less than the average North Carolina wage for that year. -Almost 60 per cent of manufacturing employment in North Carolina is in industries declining as a source of employment at the national level. -Industrial diversification is not proceeding rapidly.

"A frank and accurate description of the State's economic problems is a prerequisite to diagnosis and cure," the release stated. "The facts set forth in this study call for the serious attention and renewed resolve of all of us who are so committed."

The goal of total development in North Carolina must be to close the income gap,

the report stated. The startling fact George H. Esser, Jr., executive director of the North Carolina Fund, said, is that the income gap—the absolute difference between per capita income in North Carolina and in the United States—is not closing. In fact, the gap has widened unevenly since the depression—faster in times of prosperity when the rest of the country has advanced more rapidly than North Carolina and more slowly in times of adversity when the rest of the country was hit somewhat harder. In 1966 the income gap stood at approximately \$700. In 1965, the average North Carolina citizen enjoyed the benefits of some \$700 less that year than did the average American.

North Carolina has indeed been making record breaking advances in income, Esser said, but the records we have broken are those of our own past. The proper measure of our progress is taken by comparing North Carolina's performance with how the rest

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begin fishing when Pope fell from the boat. Fisher was letting the anchor down into the water when Pope fell from the boat throwing Fisher out also. Fisher was able to grab a life jacket and get to the shore safely and summon help.

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Pope was a native of Halifax County and had resided in Battleboro for the past 23 years. He was the son of the late Joe and Maggie Drew Pope.

In Tentative Budget

County Tax Rate To Remain At \$1.97

The tentative budget submitted to the Board of County Commissioners last week by Auditor A.P. Rodwell, Jr., calls for a tax rate of \$1.97 for the 1967-68 fiscal year.

This is the same rate in effect for the 1966-67 fiscal year, and is based on valuations of \$21,295,178.

The budget must lie open for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for 20 days, and is expected to be adopted, with or without change at the July meeting of the commissioners.

Under the tentative budget \$268,168.90 is appropriated for schools, including debt service in the amount of \$33,865.00. This is responsible for 97 cents of the \$1.97 rate. Other large appropriations are for the general fund, \$194,729.47; and for welfare, the hospital, and public health.

While many of the county divisions received increased appropriations under the tentative budget, they did not call for any increase in the tax rate due to increase in valuations.

The total county tentative budget calls for an outlay of \$703,142.83. Of this amount \$407,184.36, or 58 per cent of the budget, is raised from ad valorem taxes.

While every township in Warren County showed some increase in valuations during the past year, the greatest gain was in Roanoke Township, due to developments on Gaston Lake. Here the gain was \$315,632, more than double the gain of any other township in the county. The influence of the lake on valuations was also shown in River Township, with an increase of more than \$100,000, and in Sixpound with a gain of nearly \$100,000. Two other townships, not directly affected by the lake, were Warrenton and Smith Creek, with gains of \$145,986 and \$104,100, respectively.

FATHER DIES

The father of W. L. Turner died at Hickory on Tuesday night. Funeral services were held at Hickory on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. No further details were available here yesterday afternoon.



JANET LANCASTER



ELLEN MUSTIAN

Rising Seniors To Attend Girls State At UNC-G

Two Warren County rising seniors will be sent by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 25, to Girls State which will be held at UNC-G, June 25 through July 1.

Miss Ellen Mustian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton W. Mustian, was chosen from John Graham High School and Miss Janet Lancaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Lancaster of Wise, was chosen from Norlina High School.

Mrs. Leonard Daniel, publicity chairman for the Auxiliary, said that these girls were selected by their teachers and

the Auxiliary committee as outstanding representatives of their schools, who will participate in "Democracy in Action," and will learn about government from the local to the national level.

Many outstanding speakers will be present and members of the State American Legion Auxiliary have planned social events and trips of interest.

Mrs. Daniel said that a representative from all the girls will be chosen by these present to go to "Girls Nation," which will be held at Washington, D. C., in August.

Warren County Tax Valuations

TOWNSHIP	1966	1967	GAİN
River	\$1,853,229	\$1,955,410	\$102,181
Sixpound	1,100,936	1,196,670	95,738
Hawtree	1,511,254	1,550,837	39,583
Smith Creek	2,514,687	2,618,787	104,100
Norouh	1,240,283	1,274,321	34,038
Sandy Creek	1,268,449	1,309,086	41,237
Shocco	710,182	726,932	16,750
Fishing Creek	963,702	1,033,282	69,580
Judkins	1,327,158	1,386,938	59,780
Warrenton	6,791,976	6,937,962	145,986
Fork	741,430	758,745	17,315
Roanoke	229,976	545,608	315,632
TOTAL	\$20,253,262	\$21,295,178	\$1,041,916

In the table corporate taxes allocated to the county by the State is not shown. This includes tax on public utilities.

The development of property on Gaston Lake has been influential on valuations increases in three or more townships for the past several years, with the greatest increase coming during the past year. Ten years ago, Roanoke Township, the least populous and poorest township in the

county, had a valuation of only \$122,000. This year's valuation is \$545,608. While its valuations are still the lowest of any township in Warren County, its rate of growth was the largest. Indications now are that in a few years it will overtake some of the other townships of the county.

Nearly a third of the wealth of the county, as reflected in real estate valuations, are in Warrenton Township, followed by Smith Creek.

Gaston Lake Growth Is Surprising, Official Says

Figures revealed in a survey of Gaston Lake showing its rapid development are surprising, an official of VEPCO told members of the newly formed Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce at Roanoke Rapids last week.

Lloyd Andrews, a native of Roanoke Rapids and an employee of VEPCO, headed a recent intensive survey into the rapid development around

the Lake Gaston reservoir. Figures obtained in the survey were revealed by Andrews. He said:

These figures included: 200 docks and piers; 50 boat ramps; 13 picnic areas in the reservoir area; more than 174 house trailers; 141 private boat houses; more than 400

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Phil Daniel To Play In Jaycee Tourney

Phil Daniel will represent Warren County in the State Jaycee Junior Golf Tournament to be held at the Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton on July 17-18-19, Clinton Capps, local Jaycee president, announced yesterday.

Capps said that Phil won the state berth by way of a local playoff with junior golfer star Joey Gilbert on the local course in a 36-hole tournament which Phil won by three strokes.

Sheriff Davis To Return From Maine

Sheriff Clarence Davis is expected to return to Warren County today after spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. Richard Smith, and son-in-law, Lt. Smith, in Maine. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Brenda Davis.

Sheriff Davis and Mrs. Davis left the Raleigh-Durham Airport on last Wednesday, and after a stop-over in New York flew to Maine.

FAMILY REUNION
 The Shearin family reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Eddie Shearin in Warrenton on Sunday, July 23. All are invited to attend.

NAACP Seeks Increased Integration Of Schools

The Warren County Chapter of NAACP, through its education committee, is seeking further integration of county schools during the new freedom of choice period granted by the Board of Education under order of the Federal Courts.

The new period was extended from June 1-30. In its order calling for a new transfer period, the U. S. District Court ordered the Warren County Board of Education to encourage the end of separate schools for children of different races.

As a result of this order, the committee said this week in a

news release that it is encouraging all students to attend integrated schools. Parents are asked to make such a choice and mail the choice of school forms to the Superintendent's office before June 30, 1967. The committee further asks that if there are any questions about transferring to integrated school, parents contact J. R. Peeler, Superintendent of Schools, or the Transfer Information Center at the Community Center in Warrenton.

Mass meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the Community Center, the committee said.

Boy, Charged With Cutting, Being Held Under Bond

A 19-year-old boy, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, is being held under \$500 bond for a hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court Friday.

Roosevelt Alston is charged with cutting Thomas Wortham, 22, with a knife at Tucker's Service Station at Ridgeway on Saturday afternoon.

Wortham received wounds on his legs said to have required 72 stitches to close at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. After being treated at the hospital Saturday

afternoon he was discharged and returned to his home.

Following the cutting, Wortham's father swore out a warrant for Alston's arrest, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Alston surrendered at the office of Sheriff Davis here Tuesday morning.

Alston said that he was with a group at Tucker's Service Station when Wortham cursed him and struck him in the mouth. He said he cut Wortham on his legs because Wortham was trying to kick him.

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Rescue Squad Recover Body Of Man From Lake

LITTLETON—The body of a 78-year-old Battleboro resident became the first drowning victim for the 1967 season at Lake Gaston last Thursday.

The drowning accident occurred early last Thursday morning near Salmon's Landing in a cove near Sam Manning's property.

Members of the Warren County Rescue Squad recovered the body within a short time after being alerted.

Warren County coroner Bobby Blaylock reported that A. L. (Lonnie) Pope and a Mr. Fisher from Battleboro were just getting ready to

begin fishing when Pope fell from the boat. Fisher was letting the anchor down into the water when Pope fell from the boat throwing Fisher out also. Fisher was able to grab a life jacket and get to the shore safely and summon help.

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