## Millions Have High Blood **Pressure**

The month of May is recognized as National High Blood Pressure Month. Health groups all over the world are joining forces to reduce death and disability from the disease. This year efforts are being directed toward persons diagnosed as having hypertension and their families. The need for hypertensives to follow their physician's orders to keep their blood pressure in the normal range is being stressed.

More than 35 million Americans have high blood pressure; that equals to about one out of every four. In Warren County it is estimated that 2,245 residents have high blood pressure: that 673 of these are unaware of having the condition; and that 449 are not receiving treatment with that same number receiving treatment, but are uncontrolled.

High blood pressure, a serious chronic disease, usually has no symptons to warn of its presence. Undetected, and untreated this disease can cause a stroke, heart diseases, and kidney failure.

Treatment does not cure high blood pressure, but will control it if physician's orders are followed as prescribed. Once treatment is started, it must be continued for life in most cases. Methods of treatment often consist of daily medication, exercise, weight control, and reducing the amount of salt and-or animal fat in the diet.

The only way to know if your blood pressure is high is to have it checked. Do not be in doubt, get your blood pressure checked and be sure, health officials warn.

HealthCo personnel is coordinating this year's High Blood Pressure Month awareness campaign for all Warren County citizens with assistance from personnel of the Warren County Health Department held each Saturday in May. This week, May 5, blood pressure screening will take place at Red & White Groceries. Norlina and Lake Drive Motel, Henderson, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Vaughan Woman Named Bellringer For Mental Health

Ms. Naomi Allen of Vaughan has been named Mental Health Bellringer chairperson for the May 1979 campaign, announced Cecil Merritt, President of Mental Health Associatten in North Carolina. May is Mental Health Month throughout the United States and the Mental Health Association is doing its campaign in this month to make people aware of the problems of mental illness and the fact that help is available.

Since the organization is non-profit and non-governmental, its entire support must come from contributions such as those collected in May.

The original and continuing purposes of the Association are to: improve attitudes toward mental illness and the mentally ill through public education; improve services for the mentally ill; and work for the prevention of mental and emotional illness and the promotion of good mental health.

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