

This is what remains of a 1979 Oldsmobile which carried three young college students to their death Monday on Interstate Highway 85 in northern Warren County. The

three were killed instantly, while a fourth student escaped with minor injuries. All four were former residents of the African country of Liberia. (Staff Photo)

Three Students Killed As Car Hits Bridge Abutment

Three 20-year-old students at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh were killed instantly Monday morning when their car went out of control and slammed broadside into a bridge abutment on Interstate 85.

The wreck occurred at 8:25 a. m. a short distance south of the Virginia border. The bridge which was involved carries U. S. Highway 1 traffic over the interstate highway.

Trooper C. E. Lockley of Warrenton said two of the

victims were thrown from the automobile. A third, the only girl riding in the car, was not thrown from the vehicle.

A fourth student, 21-year-old Eugene Bedell, sustained only minor cuts and bruises in the accident. He was taken to Warren General Hospital by county ambulance where he was treated and released.

The dead were identified as Ismael Goodridge, the driver of the car; Gabriel Fargalo; and Williametta Martin.

All four students were natives of Liberia, Africa, although some of them listed Raleigh home addresses. Trooper Lockley said.

The trooper reported that the wreck occurred

after the driver apparently went to sleep at the wheel. Speed was also involved. Trooper Lockley said two eye witnesses reported that the death vehicle was travelling in excess of 70 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

The car, a 1979 Oldsmobile, was demolished. It travelled 218 feet after leaving the highway before it plowed into the abutment. After the impact it travelled another 41 feet.

Trooper Lockley said he did not know where the students had been. They were reported en route to college when the tragedy occurred. The wreck took place in the southbound lane of the interstate highway.

To Cost About \$1.5 Million

Plans Are Being Made For New Nursing Home

Developers of a 100-bed nursing home in Warren County this week began proceeding with plans for construction of the \$1.5 million new facility as soon as weather permits.

N. L. Williams, Jr., the man behind plans to build Warren Nursing Center, said yesterday that construction will probably not begin before early spring. He said the winter season made it impractical to do much in the way of building at this time of the year.

Williams saw the way cleared for construction of the new facility with the receipt of a certificate of need issued by the State of North Carolina. Issuance of the certificate, which came on November 13, ended a two-year attempt by Williams and others to gain state approval of their plans.

Williams was lavish in his praise of Warren County citizens who had worked during the past two years in his behalf. He had special praise for efforts of a 30-member advisory group which he put together when plans for the project were first made.

"We will begin proceeding immediately with the development of working drawings and specifications for the proposed home," Williams said Tuesday.

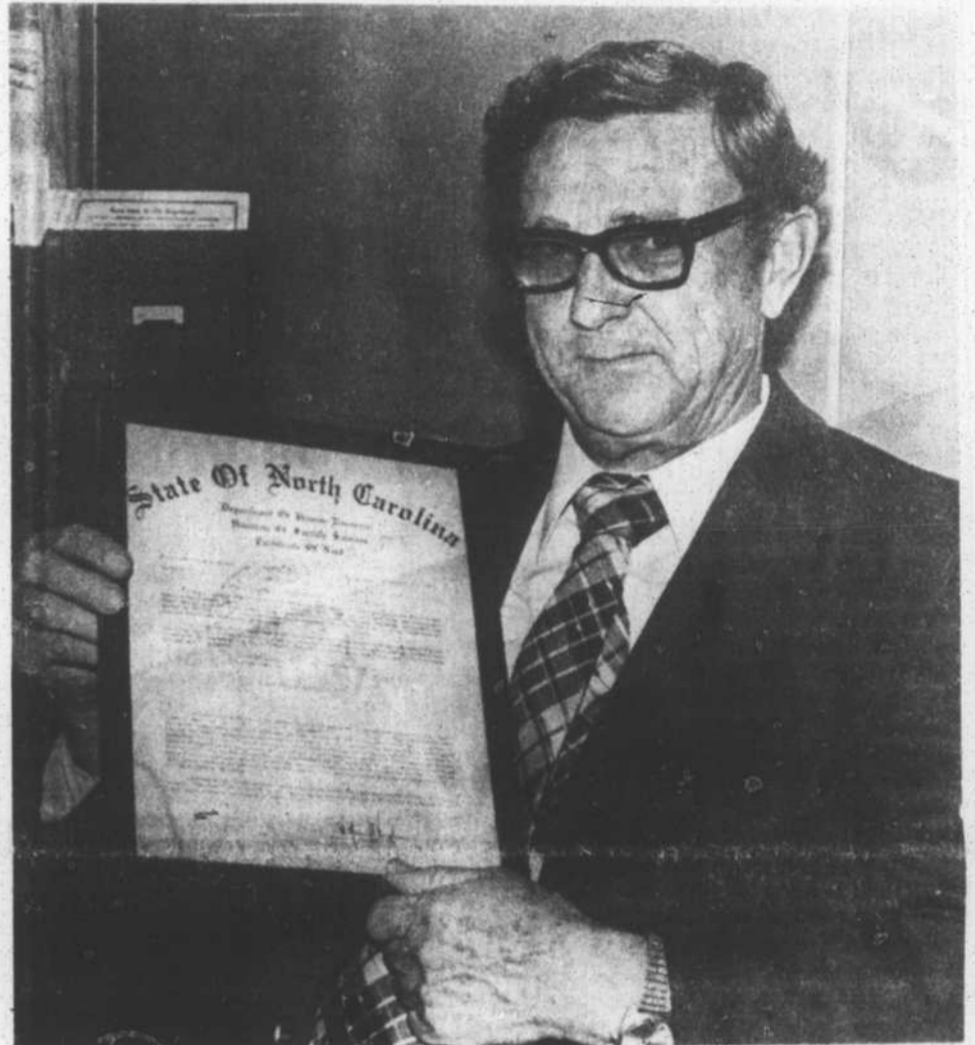
The facility, which will offer intermediate and skilled nursing care, is expected to be built on a 10.5 acre site between Norlina and Warrenton

just off Highway 158-401. The property adjoins property of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The nursing home will be a masonry and brick building, and will be built

as a one-story facility. Williams expects the home to employ between 65 and 75 persons, and the annual payroll is expected to be in excess of \$500,000. The facility will have a

total operating budget of about \$1 million yearly.

Williams said the prime concern of developers of the project is to provide the very best in health care for the patient.



N. L. Williams, Jr., of Rt. 2, Norlina displays a certificate of need issued by the State of North Carolina. Receipt of the document last week paves the way for the beginning of construction of a \$1.5 million nursing home on the Warrenton-Norlina Road. (Staff Photo)

Farmers Are Reminded Of ASC Elections

Warren County farmers were reminded this week that it is again time for the ASC committee election.

T. E. Watson, local ASCS director, said that ballots were mailed to Warren County farmers on Thursday, November 19, and that they have until December 7 to return their ballots to elect community committeemen to serve in 1982.

He pointed out that these ASC committees provide the important service of administering government farm programs to the farm community, and that farmers are encouraged to use this opportunity to take part in this important election and to vote on the most qualified persons to represent them as community committeemen.

Watson said that ballots were mailed to all known

eligible voters, and these ballots must be postmarked or returned not later than December 7. Any person, he said, who does not receive a ballot and thinks he is eligible to vote may obtain a ballot from the Warren County ASCS office. All voters should sign the certification on the envelope for the ballot to be counted.

Ballots will be publicly tabulated on December 14 at 9 a. m. in the county ASCS office. In each of the 11 communities a chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first and second alternates will be elected. The three elected committeemen in each community will become delegates to the County Convention to fill vacancies on the county committee. The County Convention will be held on December 21, at 10 a. m.

Saturday Clinics To Be Discontinued

The Healthco Inc. Regional Community Health Center has announced that, effective November 28, Saturday clinics will no longer be held. The Vance-Warren Comprehensive Health Plan Executive Board of Directors, sponsors of Healthco Inc., voted at its monthly meeting last week to adopt a new schedule that eliminates the Saturday clinic and changes the Wednesday clinic schedule to provide for evening hours.

The new schedule is: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The center will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

The center will continue to provide a physician

answering service during the hours it is closed.

The Executive Board of Directors also voted to close the center from December 23 to January 4 in order to allow the staff to change over to a new medical records system designed to provide quicker and more efficient patient service, to allow the pharmacy to move into the main facility in order to provide better access to the patient, and to allow the dental unit to do the necessary construction and renovation work for a new dental operatory the center has on the drawing board.

In addition to the Christmas schedule above, the clinic will also be closed November 26 for Thanksgiving.



Having key roles in Sunday's Men's Day program at Greenwood Baptist Church were, left to right, Frank Ballance, chairman of the planning committee; James T. Wilkerson, master of ceremonies; Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Governor Hunt and speaker for Sunday's program; and George Shearin, chairman of the church's board of deacons. (Staff Photo)

Voting Place Is Changed

The voting place of the West Warrenton Precinct has been changed from the fire station of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Company on College and Front Streets to the gymnasium of John Graham Middle School, Mrs. Janice Crump, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, announced this week.

The change was made at a called meeting of the board on November 17 when a resolution was

made and passed authorizing the change.

Mrs. Crump said that the changes will give more room to the voters as well as more parking space, and also it will be much warmer for the precinct officials. For tallying of election night there will be more light and accommodations will be better for all concerned, she added.

Mrs. Crump recalled that the west Warrenton Precinct was moved from the court house years ago to the fire station when the

court house was undergoing renovation. She said the Warrenton Rural Fire Department personnel has been very kind to the Board of Elections during this time. Their patience with the board in the acquisition of a polling place for West Warrenton Precinct is appreciated, Mrs. Crump said. She added:

"The Board wishes to express their deep appreciation to the staff for all it has done in the elections process."

\$5,000 Bond Is Set

Woman Being Held In Husband's Death

Mrs. Elnore Bullock, a native of Vance County, is being held in Warren County jail under \$5,000 bond for her appearance at the December criminal term of Warren County Superior Court, which convenes here on December 14. She is charged with the shotgun slaying of her husband on the grounds of Buchanan's Store in the Drewry Community of Warren County.

Bond was set in Vance County District Court by Judge Claude Allen following a 90-hour hearing last Friday morning. Bond had not been given early Tuesday morning when The Warren Record went to press a day early on account of the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to Warren County Deputy Theo Williams, investigating officer, while he was at the Warrenton Police Station he received a call about the shooting from Wilson Buchanan, owner of Buchanan's Store, about 7:20 p. m. Wednesday.

Williams said that when he arrived at the scene he found Charlie Bullock dead of a .12 gauge shotgun wound to the right side of the chest. He said that witnesses identified Mrs. Bullock as having fired the shot. Deputy Williams said

that Mrs. Bullock was not present when he arrived at the scene as she had gone to the Norlina Police Station to give herself up.

Norlina Police Chief Roney Williams said that earlier in the afternoon he had received a call from Mrs. Bullock stating that she was being harassed by her husband and asking him to send a deputy to the scene. Chief Williams said he called Deputy Williams who told him he was already on the way.

Chief Williams also said three warrants for Charlie Bullock — for assault on a female, unauthorized use of a public conveyance and injury to personal property — were outstanding against Charlie Bullock as of Friday.

Deputy Williams indicated that Mrs. Bullock had been in a phone booth at the store making a call when her husband began harassing her. He said she reported leaving the booth for her car but then returned to the booth and pretended to call the police, hoping to scare Bullock off.

According to the report, when Mrs. Bullock went to her car, her husband lifted the hood and began pulling wires from the engine. She then took a shotgun from the car and fired at him,

Deputy Williams reported. Witnesses at the scene were Gladys Henderson, who was inside the car, and Horse Evans, outside the auto, Deputy Williams noted.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bullock had been making their home on Rt. 1, Manson, in Vance County.

Public Meeting

The public is invited to attend and to participate in the annual meeting of the Warren County Unit of the American Cancer Society on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p. m. in Mariam Boyd School in Warrenton.

The agenda for the meeting will include the report of the 1981 crusade and recognition of volunteers responsible for the success of the crusade led by Mrs. M. D. Williams.

Reports will be made by other chairmen and a special report by Miss Rosiland Gilliam, chairman of the Warren County unit, will be presented.

The unit will also elect officers.

Mrs. Mary Higginbotham, area director, will attend and participate in this annual event.

Bertha Forte, publicity chairman for the unit, encourages all those who are interested to attend.