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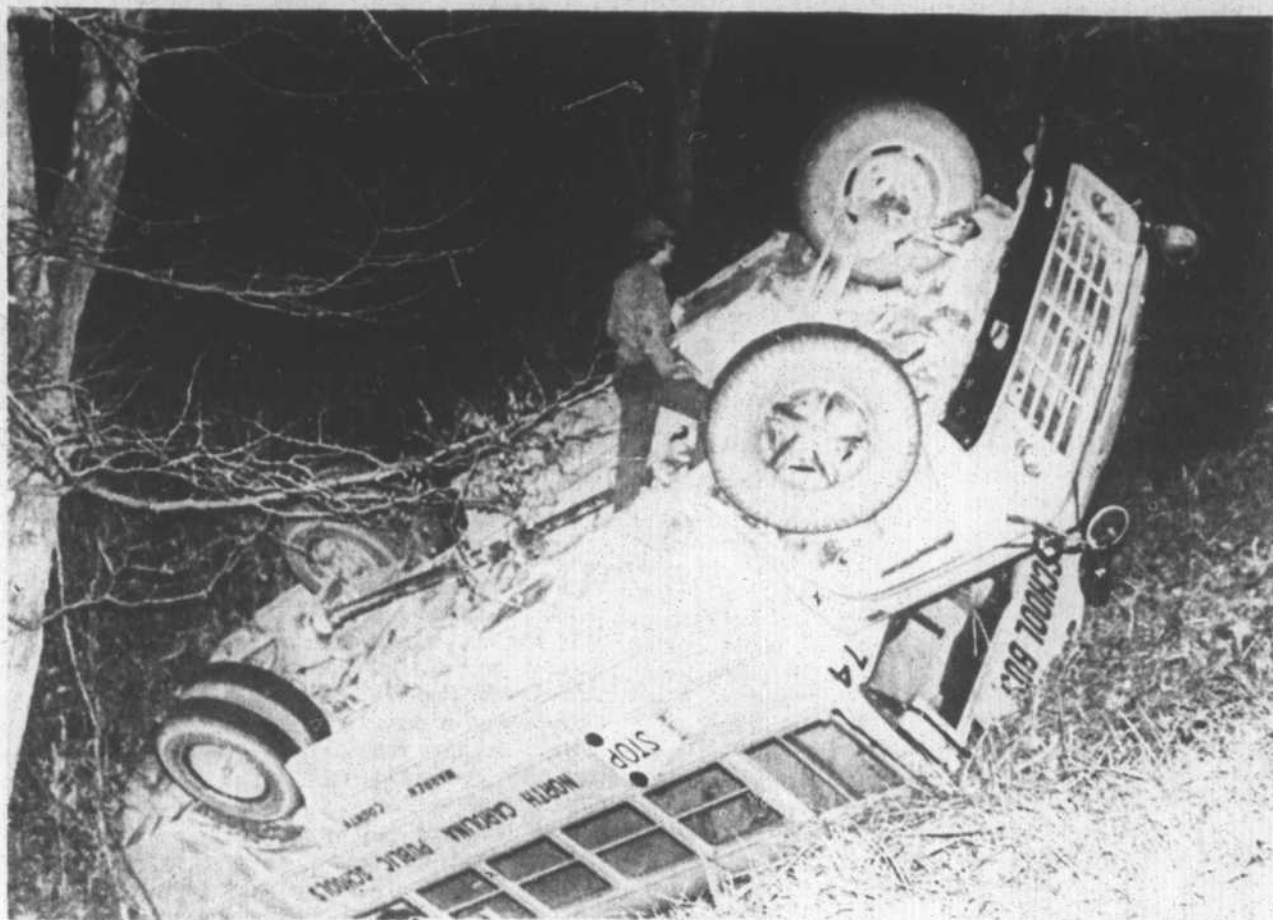
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Warren County School Bus Shortly After Accident

Warren School Bus Flips Down Embankment, 17 Hurt

A Warren County school bus overturned twice as it plunged down a 30-foot embankment 12 miles south of Warrenton on Monday. None of the 17 students aboard was seriously injured, although all were taken to Warren General Hospital for examination and treatment.

Trooper W. C. Palmer of Warrenton said the wreck occurred on Rural Paved Road 1620, also known as the Licksillet Road, about 4:10 p. m.

The youngsters, all of whom had either Rt. 2, Warrenton or Rt. 2, Henderson addresses, were trapped in the overturned bus for about 20 minutes until rescue personnel arrived on the scene.

"They were very, very lucky," Trooper Palmer said. He said the wreck occurred after the driver took his eyes off the road, went onto the shoulder and attempted to pull the bus back onto the road but was unable to do so. The bus travelled for about 182 feet before coming to rest.

The driver, Roy Anthony Alston, 17, was charged with reckless driving. Warren school officials said the bus, No. 74, originated at Warren County High School, but also picked up students at John Graham Middle School, so students from both schools were on board.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Orfgen said all students received minor injuries, and the last student was released from

the hospital by 7:05 p. m. Monday. He said a few X-rays were taken and most injuries appeared to be minor bruises and abrasions. He said the hospital appreciated the help of members of the county ambulance service and the sheriff's department in the emergency room.

Trooper Palmer said approximately \$800 damage was caused to the bus. There were no eye-witnesses to the crash, although deer hunters in the area reported hearing the noise of the accident.

The passengers were identified as Dannelle Colbert, 17; Steven Alston,

17; Angela Foster, 16; Darin Williams, 17; Evelyn Williams, 15; Eric Foster, 16; Ivory Foster, 14; Sylvester Fields, 14; Yolanda Alston, 12; Tonya Williams, 14; Carlos Fields, 16; Anthony Spencer, 17; Gary Lee Williams, 16; Doris Fields, 15; Trudy Elliot, 14; and Roderick Davis, 12.

Harris Is Named To New Term As Board Chairman

Walter J. "Jack" Harris was re-elected chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners at its reorganization meeting here on Monday morning, and Clyde Edwards was re-elected vice chairman.

The re-election of the chairman and vice chair-

Hobgood Slated To Preside Here

Judge Robert H. Hobgood of Louisburg is scheduled to preside over a criminal session of Warren County Superior Court which is to convene here on Monday morning.

A wide range of cases, headed by traffic violations, is on schedule as court officials work the 82 cases listed on the calendar.

A total of 65 Warren County residents have been selected for jury duty during the term.

man of the county board was the first order of business, and the election of these two officers was conducted by County Attorney Charles T. Johnson, who was re-elected as county attorney following the resumption of the chair by Harris and the approval of the minutes.

Susan W. Whitley was re-appointed tax collector, and Roberta King, Audrey Ayscue, and Kaye Hall were re-elected deputy tax collectors.

Designated depositories for county funds were re-named. They are People's Bank and Trust Company of Norlina, Branch Bank and Trust Company, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company and Sun Savings and Loan Association, all of Warrenton.

The board then listed persons who are authorized to sign checks on Warren County Funds as

follows: Susan W. Whitley, county finance officer; Roberta W. King, assistant county finance officer; Walter J. Harris, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; Clyde R. Edwards, vice chairman, board of county commissioners; J. H. Hundley, clerk of board of court commissioners; Mrs. Mary F. Rodwell, deputy clerk to the board of county commissioners.

Glen Newsome, county manager, announced that since the county is now writing checks for the Health Department, that it was not necessary to authorize any officials of this department to write checks. He also said that Willoughby Harris was chairman of the Warren County Industrial Commission and that Betty Jean Capps is vice chairman. The commission officials write and sign their own

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Commissioners Agree

3 Voting Machines Will Be Purchased

The Warren County Board of Commissioners in regular meeting here Monday morning agreed to buy three voting machines under a lease purchase agreement at a total cost of \$12,500, divided into four annual payments of \$4,775. The vote was unanimous with all members present.

Bids will have to be advertised before the first payment is made, County Attorney Charles Johnson advised.

Discussions about the purchase of the voting machines has been under way for several months between the commissioners and the Warren County Board of Elections, and Monday morning following a letter from Mrs. Janice R. Crump, chairman of the board of elections, and the appearance of Mrs. Miriam Coleman, executive secretary, before the commissioners, an agreement for the county to buy three tabulators through a purchase lease plan was made.

Mrs. Crump in her letter, offering three options, favored the purchase of three tabulators and one programmer at a total cost of \$17,480. The commissioners, following a discussion with Mrs. Coleman, decided to purchase only the three tabulators at a total cost of \$12,500 and have Nash County program the ballots, which will cost from 3 to 7 cents each. Mrs. Coleman said that the sales company had agreed to handle the first programming, instruction etc.

Mrs. Coleman said it is planned to use one of the three tabulators at West Warrenton precinct with a registration of 1134 and one at Norlina precinct which has a registration of 813 registered voters, the third largest precinct in the county. East Warrenton precinct has a registration of 887 voters, Mrs. Coleman said. The third tabulator will be used as a backup machine.

Mrs. Coleman recalled a recent election at the West Warrenton precinct when the polls opened at 6:30 a.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m. and it required until 10 a.m. the following day to count the ballots. With a tabulator only a few buttons need to be pushed and the results will be known. She said the savings in labor and time would pay the costs of the voting machines, and also eliminate tallying mistakes of over-tired tabulators.

Mrs. Venetta Grant appeared before the commissioners with a request that they establish the Warren County Block Grant Advisory Committee to advise the

Blazettes Fete

Their Spouses

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary ("Blazettes") entertained their husbands and guests at a covered dish supper at their meeting on December 6 at the firehouse.

Husbands were given gag gifts and fun was had by all.

commissioners on the handling of federal block grants, and read a letter stating the need for such a committee.

Chairman Harris thanked her for her interest and promised that the commissioners would

take her suggestion under advisement. He said that the board had not yet received instructions from the state on the handling of such grants, but is sure that the board would like to have input from our citizens.

Glen Newsome, county manager, announced that sales and use tax collections for the month of October totalled \$42,858.70. He said the Oct. collection was the highest ever reported for Warren County.



Mrs. Mamie Richardson, left, a Norlina notary public, administers the oath of office to new Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis. Witnessing the ceremony on Monday night is Mrs. Davis. Davis succeeds E. L. (Bill) Perry, who has served for the past ten years. (Staff Photo)

Commissioners Vote To Appeal PCB Decision

Warren County Commissioners in a 15 minute executive session on last Wednesday night following around an hour of pleas from some 200 persons gathered in the Warrenton Court House to continue the fight against building a PCB landfill in the county, announced that

they had instructed their attorney to appeal the recent decision of Federal District Judge Earl Britt.

The announcement of the decision to appeal the dismissal of suits to prevent the storage of PCB in Warren County was met with cheers by the audience.

The State bought 140 acres in the Afton community of Warren County but was not able to proceed with PCB storage because of two lawsuits opposing the landfill. A group of Warren County residents also had filed suit in an effort to block the landfill, and Britt also dismissed their suit. In addition he dismissed an ordinance that would have prevented the storage of PCB in the county.

Britt's ruling cleared the way for the state to begin construction of a landfill to contain the soil laden with PCBs that were dumped along 210 miles of North Carolina roads in 1978 in 15 counties.

When the state announced that on the following Monday it would order contracts for bids drawn up to build the landfill, the commissioner called a public hearing on Wednesday night to determine whether the commissioners had public support in efforts to appeal Judge Britt's decision. The crowd that filled the auditorium of the courthouse left little doubt of such support.

The meeting Wednesday night brought forth the same fervor and mostly (Continued on page 11)

Facts Were In Error

The Warren Record's information upon which an account of a fire at the Marshall Wilson home at Bethlehem was based, was in error in three respects. The fire originated from a faulty furnace, and not from a stove. Marshall Wilson, Sr., was not asleep in his own room, but was awake in his daughter's room and had broken a window in that room when Boyd Lynch twice entered

the burning house in a successful rescue effort. Although Wilson had broken a window pane, he was unable to break the storm window which was later broken by Lynch. Mrs. Kathy Wilson, who telephoned the corrections last Thursday, said that her father-in-law had returned from the Louisburg hospital and was all right. She said that he owed his life to Lynch.



Checks were awarded winners in the Christmas parade competition on Friday morning during a brief ceremony at First Citizens Bank here. Shown during the presentation, from left, are Brad Carroll, president of the sponsoring Warren County Chamber of Commerce; Jeff King, chairman of the Warren County Jaycees float committee and second place winner; Bonnie Andrews,

representing the third place winner, the Afton-Elberon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary; Pat Charrier of the Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and Dale Oberg, assistant fire chief of the department, which was first place winner; and Walter Gardner, parade chairman. (Staff Photo)