

## Two Die In Wreck On I-85



Two members of a Maryland family on their way to a wedding in western North Carolina were killed instantly Saturday morning when their car ramed a guardrail on Interstate 85 in Warren County. The

force of the impact sent the guardrail slicing through the length of the car. Two other persons were hurt in the accident. (Staff Photo)

Two Maryland residents were killed Saturday morning when their car crashed into a guardrail on Interstate 85 in Warren County. The deaths brought to six the number of persons who have died on Warren roadways this year.

The guardrail tore through the front of the car and passed the length of the car and came out the rear. It mutilated the two victims and injured the driver and a seven-month-old baby who was a passenger in the back seat.

Trooper C. E. Lockley identified the dead as James McKnight, 48 and his sister-in-law, Gladys Beamon Banks, 46, both of Baltimore, Md.

The driver, son of the male victim, was identified as Steven Beamon, 23, who has been charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and two counts of manslaughter. He had a knee injury and numerous cuts and was treated at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Trooper Lockley credited an infant safety seat with saving the life of the baby, who was taken to Maria Parham for observation.

The wreck occurred about 6:20 a. m. on a stretch of the interstate highway between the Oine and Ridgeway exits. The Beamon car was one of four travelling in a convoy from Baltimore to Hickory, where the family planned to attend a wedding later in the day.

Lockley said Beamon apparently fell asleep at the wheel and veered onto the shoulder of the road before hitting the guardrail. The car was a total loss, valued at \$5,000, Lockley reported.

The infant, Steven Beamon, Jr., son of the driver, was transferred during the weekend to Duke Medical Center where his condition was described as good.

The elder Beamon, released from Maria Parham Hospital, is free under a \$500 bond pending a hearing on September 14 in Warren County District Court.

## New Fire Number Is Now In Effect In Warren County

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The Warren County Fire Association's central dispatch system is now in effect, and residents throughout the county should call 257-3456 to report a fire, according to Allan Adcock, president of the association.

All 14 fire departments in the county are hooked into the system, which is manned by a dispatcher at the Warrenton Police Department.

The new system, Adcock said, will enable individual departments to respond more quickly and efficiently to a fire alarm, and will facilitate calls for assistance when needed.

"Through the dispatch system, a department can call selectively for specific tankers, water, whatever additional assistance we need once we get to the fire," Adcock said.

In the past, Adcock said, situations have occurred where three or four departments responded to a call where only one specific piece of equipment was needed.

"Of course, it was better to have too many rather than too few respond to a call for help," Adcock said. But he noted that the dispatcher system will enable firemen to respond more quickly with the number of firemen and the type of equipment needed.

Many of the approximately 350 firemen in the association are equipped with pocket-size pagers that beep to inform them that an alarm has been turned in in their district or that they are needed in another district.

"It serves the same function as a siren," Adcock commented, "but firemen are sometimes out of hearing distance of the siren. They can take the pagers with them."

The association is having telephone stickers printed that will list the new number and

the appropriate fire district. These will be distributed in the near future.

"It's important for people calling in a fire to be prepared to give as much information as possible," Adcock explained. "We've had people call in a fire

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### Volume Is Light

## Tobacco Market Sales Begin Today

The chant of the tobacco auctioneer was being heard Wednesday morning in Warrenton for the first time this year as the 1983 leaf sales season began on a slow note.

Mrs. Alice R. Robertson, sales supervisor, said that a total of only 174,000 pounds were on the warehouse floors as of 4:30 p. m. Tuesday. The Warrenton Tobacco Market was authorized to sell 413,552 pounds today.

"The crop is behind

schedule and many of those who normally sell early are still in the fields," Mrs. Robertson noted. "The market could have waited two weeks to open."

Although the offerings were slim today, buyers from most major tobacco companies were on hand.

Sales on the Warrenton Tobacco Market this season will be conducted in five warehouses operated by the

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## All Teaching Posts Filled

The Warren County Board of Education gave eleventh-hour approval Monday night to the hiring of five teachers which filled all teaching vacancies remaining for the 1983-84 school year in the Warren public school system.

School Supt. Mike Williams said only one position—that of a secretary at Warren County High School—remains to be filled as

preparations for the opening of schools later this month proceed.

"We have employed ten new teachers and three new non-certified people this summer," Williams said following Monday night's session.

Board members Monday night approved the employment of Elaine Coleman as a librarian at Warren County High School, Melody Parker as a regular classroom teacher at South Warren

School, Nancy Ellen Mullinax as a regular classroom teacher at North Warren School, Ruby Brandon as a regular classroom teacher at Vaughan School and McCoin Brown as a driver education instructor at Warren County High School.

Additionally, board members gave their stamp of approval to the hiring of Lettie Palmer as a primary reading

program aide at South Warren School.

The board also received resignations from three aides and a teacher. These came from Claire Cooper, North Warren School aide; Joyce Carroll, aide at Warren County High School; Linda Scott, aide at Warren County High School; and Alice Hawkins, regular classroom teacher at South Warren School.

Routine approval was given to the transfer of Barbara Jones, EMH/LD teacher, from Hawkins School to Warren County High School; and to the transfer of James Blanchard, EMH teacher, from Warren County High School to Hawkins School. Approval was also given to a request for a three-month maternity leave for Connie H. King, Northside School teacher.

The board opened its meeting Monday night with a 90-minute executive session during which it considered four pupil assignment requests.

The board denied a request from Robert D. Kirk, Jr. that his son, Robert Douglas Kirk, III, be permitted to enroll in the first grade rather than in kindergarten this fall. Similarly denied was a request from Charles Worth that his daughter, Kellye, be permitted to enroll in the first grade rather than kindergarten this fall.

The board refused to grant a request from Wanda Barnes, resident of the South Warren School District, that her daughter, Amanda, be allowed to attend Mariam Boyd School.

Approved was a request from Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell of Vance County that their two children be allowed to attend school in Warren County. It was pointed out that the Vance County Board of Education had earlier

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## School Costs Announced On Eve Of New Session

Schools will open for Warren County's students with Orientation Day on August 23, according to Mike Williams, superintendent.

Schools will open at their regular time (approximately 8:15 a. m.) on August 23 and will close that day prior to lunch. August 25 will be the first full day for students.

"Students must attend on August 25 in order to be enrolled in school," Williams added. "Students are not enrolled officially on August 23."

Lunch applications will be distributed on Orientation Day. Last year's lunch prices will be charged until new applications are processed.

Williams noted that bus routes are essentially the same as last year, but urged parents to have their children out early the first few days. "If transportation problems arise, parents should contact the school principal involved," Williams said.

New families in the area should report now to the Central Office for school assignments, rather than wait until August 23 according to Williams. Parents of children who will be five years old by October 16, who have not registered their children for kindergarten, should report to the appropriate school now to complete registration.

The fee schedule for

the new year is as follows:

Grades K-6 - Instructional Supplies, \$3.00; Insurance, regular school days, \$5.75; and Insurance, 24 hr. coverage, \$32.00.

Grades 7-8 - Instructional supplies, \$3.00; Vocational Fees, \$3.00; Band Fees, \$5.00; Insurance, regular school day, \$5.75; and Insurance, 24 hr. coverage, \$32.00.

Grades 9-12 - Instructional supplies, \$3.00; Vocational Fees, \$6.00; Band Fees, \$5.00; Choral Fees, \$2.00; Insurance, regular school day, \$5.75; and Insurance, 24 hr. coverage, \$32.00.

Instructional supply fees are required of all students in all grades.

### Lawmakers Change Public Health Law

## Cats Join Dogs As Shot Recipients

Beginning next July, cats throughout North Carolina will take their place beside their canine friends for rabies vaccination as a result of a recodification of the state's public health statute by the 1983 General Assembly.

The law has for some time required the vaccination of dogs, and recent studies have shown that more cats have rabies than dogs, according to Joe Lennon, Warren County Health director.

After July 1, 1984, the county animal control officer will begin canvassing the county to check cats for the required rabies vaccination tag. Any cats found without the tag will be impounded, Lennon said.

Among other changes in the public health statute

is an increase in the number of members on local boards of health from nine to 11.

Law currently requires that a physician, a pharmacist, a dentist, and a county commissioner be represented on the board. The new law also requires that a veterinarian, an optometrist, and a registered nurse also be appointed.

Lennon said that there is no licensed veterinarian or optometrist living in Warren County, and that members of the general public will be appointed to fill these positions on the board.

Other changes in the statute, according to Lennon, were directed at simply eliminating out-of-date material and making the statute more current.

## Resignations Heard In 2 Local Churches

Two Warren County Baptist churches received resignations from their pastors in services this past Sunday morning.

The Rev. Steve Gandy, pastor of Norlina Baptist Church, submitted his resignation effective August 21.

Gandy has accepted a call to Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Granite Falls.

He and his wife, Jan-

nette, came to Norlina almost three years ago.

The Rev. Thomas C. Currie, pastor of North Warrenton Baptist Church, submitted his resignation effective September 5.

He indicated this week that his plans for the future were undecided at this time.

He and his wife, Lucy, have been at North Warrenton Baptist for 16 years.

## Registrars, Judges Named For 14 Warren Precincts

The Warren County Board of Elections this week released the names of registrars and judges for each of Warren County's 14 precincts.

Mrs. Ruby Jones, supervisor of elections, said the newly constituted Board of Elections met last week as required by state law to fill the 42 positions. These included:

RIVER - Carla B. Williams, registrar, and Jeanette Newsome and Venetta Grant, judges.

SIXPOUND - Carolyn Adcock, registrar, and Ruth Warwick and Nina Goode, judges.

HAWTREE - Elizabeth D. Baskerville, registrar, and Brenda Y. Keeter and Carolyn

Mayfield, judges.

SMITH CREEK - Ann Gavin, registrar, and Edith T. Rooker and Myrtice M. Richardson, judges.

NUTBUSH - Margaret Jordan, registrar, and Nimiam Beall, Jr. and Leonard M. Bender, judges.

SANDY CREEK - Susie Williams, registrar, and L. Diane Williams and Alma S. Short, judges.

SHOCCO - Sandra Alston, registrar, and Anna Fuller and Florence Somerville, judges.

FISHING CREEK - Weldon C. Capps, registrar, and Juanita Richardson and Pearlean Richardson, judges.

JUDKINS - Omelia C. Spruill, registrar, and Elnora Somerville

and Jessie W. Nicholson, judges.

WEST WARRENTON - Margaret J. Pettaway, registrar, and Cornelia W. McGrier and Gordon B. Hull, judges.

FORK - Lucy M. P. Alston, registrar, and Edna Bell Hunter and Mary Ester Alston, judges.

ROANOKE - Grace Williams, registrar, and Elizabeth G. Jones and Susan Bumgarner, judges.

NORLINA - Lucille J. Young, registrar, and Magnolia Alston and Edward White, judges.

EAST WARRENTON - Thelma B. Davis, registrar, and Margaret J. Cheek and Mary Guy Harris, judges.