

Two Killed In Warren Road Wreck

A Saturday morning accident two miles west of Warrenton on the Henderson Road claimed the lives of two Henderson teenagers and injured two others when the car in which they were riding went out of control and struck two trees.

Alonzo Durham, 16, and Samuel Lee Brown, 18, died at the scene of the accident, according to Trooper C. E. Lockley of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

The injured were Durham's brother, William W. Durham, Jr., 20, and Andrea Solomon, 19, both of Henderson. They were taken by ambulance to Warren General Hospital and later transferred to Duke Medical Center, where both remain as patients.

On Tuesday afternoon, a spokesperson for the medical center listed Durham's condition as satisfactory. Solomon, who is being treated in the hospital's burn unit, is in serious condition, according to the report.

The accident occurred at approximately 4 a. m. as the car traveled east on State Road 1001 at an apparent high rate of speed, Lockley said. The driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to leave the road on the right side. Upon impact with two trees, the four occupants were thrown from the car.

The automobile burst into flames and was destroyed as a result of the accident.

Trooper Lockley reported that he was unable to determine the driver of the vehicle at the time of the accident. Charges are pending in the investigation, he stated.

Warren Employee Accepts New Job

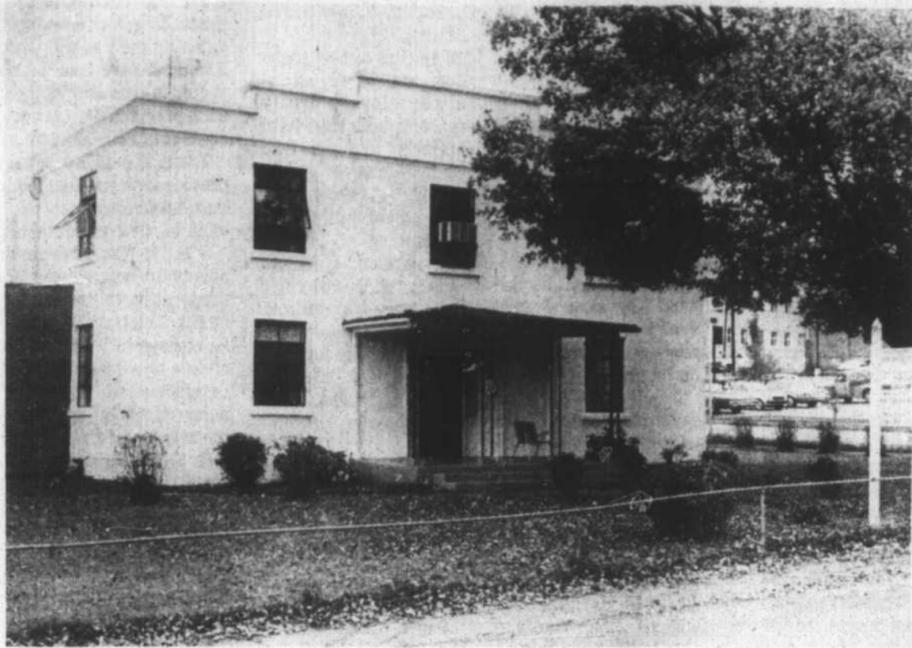
Alvin R. Salmon, Warren County electrical inspector and zoning administrator, has resigned to accept a position with Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Warren County commissioners, meeting in mid-monthly session last Wednesday night, were given notice of Salmon's resignation, which will become effective Oct. 31.

Salmon, 35, has been electrical inspector and zoning administrator here since June, 1983. He will be a service coordinator with VEP-CO, and will be assigned to Roanoke Rapids.

Married to the former Cynthia Aycock of Littleton and a resident of Rt. 3, Littleton, Salmon said yesterday that he plans to continue to live in Warren County and commute to his new job.

A graduate of Littleton High School, Salmon



The old Warren County Jail, located at the corner of Bragg and East Macon streets in Warrenton, is the subject of concern for Warren commissioners because its age prevents it from being in compli-

ance with certain state regulations. The original portion of the masonry jail was built before the Civil War. (Staff Photo)

Age Of Warren County Jail Problem In Trying To Meet State Standards

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The age of the building housing the Warren County Jail is one of the factors preventing the Sheriff's Department from being in full compliance with state requirements for operation of such a facility, a representative of the Sheriff's Department told county commissioners at their mid-monthly meeting Wednesday.

In the absence of Sheriff Theo Williams who was on vacation, Mrs. Betsy Frazier, Secretary and office deputy, presented suggestions by Robert G. Lewis, area jail consultant with the N. C. Department of Correction (DOC), made after an inspection last June. Mrs. Frazier also brought the board up-to-date on the county's progress in complying.

"Unfortunately, some things we are not in compliance because of the age of the facility," Mrs. Frazier explained, noting that the cost of bringing the facility up to standards in all areas would not be feasible.

The original part of the building at Bragg and Macon Streets, which also houses other county agencies including the Warren County Ambulance Service, was built in 1852. The wing housing the jail was built more than 75 years ago.

Among the deficiencies cited by the state are: —Cell areas which do not conform to the minimum standard square footage requirements nor the minimum bunks per cell requirement. The cells at the jail are designed to accommodate six prisoners each and the state recommends a maximum of two prisoners per cell. There are a total of six cells and 26 bunks at the jail. Mrs. Frazier noted that more than two are housed in a cell only when the jail is full.

—Lack of safety vestibules where searches are conducted and prisoners processed.

—Lack of secure visiting areas, medical clinic area, and secure conference area for attorney or clergyman visits with prisoners.

—Lack of showers in the downstairs confinement area necessitating the transfer of prisoners upstairs. When this transfer takes place, Mrs. Frazier said, a deputy is called to assist.

Several items recommended by DOC are currently being priced by the department for possible purchase. They include tamper proof covers for light bulbs, a hollow metal security door to replace the wooden door at the main entrance of the booking and processing area; and an additional walkie-talkie to provide outside communication if phone service is disconnected.

The department already has complied with several requirements cited in the June report, including the replacement of non-secure plate glass windows, documentation of annual inspections by the fire marshal, and purchase of additional fans to keep temperatures in the jail at 85 degrees or below in summer.

The state also recommended that a second set of jail keys be moved from the Sheriff's Department to the Warrenton Police Department's dispatch office to allow accessibility at all times. However, Mrs. Frazier said that due to the traffic at the dispatcher's office, the sheriff felt it inadvisable to keep keys there. All deputies currently have access to jail keys, which are kept at the Sheriff's Office, Mrs. Frazier said.

George Shearin, vice chairman of the board, expressed concern about the county's inability to meet state standards with the current jail.

"We're going to have to build a new facility to be in compliance with all state regulations," Shearin told the board. "As bad as we hate to spend the money...we're going to have problems for a long, long time if we don't."

The jailer's report to the commissioners was the first in 10 years, Mrs. Frazier noted, although inspections are made annually.

New Building Is Planned By Warrenton Firm

John Bunch, manager of Standard Motor Parts, has announced plans for relocation of the Warrenton store from North Main Street to East Macon Street.

Bunch said Tuesday that preparation for construction of a new building should begin later this week on property purchased from Mrs. Nancy Harris Echols and located on the Warrenton side of The Burger B-r-n. The target date for opening for business in the new building is mid-December.

In the new facility, the business will be operated by the staff currently working in the North Main Street store. J. D. Wright will continue as manager.

The Warrenton branch is one of five in the Standard Motor Parts chain. Other locations are Henderson, Oxford, Reidsville and Yanceyville.

Road Help Again Sought At Meet

Two residents of the 1.6 mile Minnie Yancey Road at Soul City were once again before county commissioners Wednesday to seek help in upgrading their unpaved road.

Perdue, Inc., one of the landowners on the rural road, has in the past refused to sign the necessary right-of-way petition for the state to consider adding the road to its system.

But Willie and Robert Davis told the board that they would be happy just to get the road graveled and graded.

Bringing the road up to state standards would cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000, according to Department of Transportation officials in

Warrenton last April to present the state's 1984-85 road construction schedule. The cost, they said, cannot be justified in light of other transportation needs in the county.

County officials had hoped that the Warrenton Unit of the National Guard could be called into service to help gravel the road, but County Manager Charles Worth said Wednesday that due to the Guard's other priorities, work on the road would be a "long, drawn-out thing."

The board pledged its continued support to the seven families on the road. Worth had been in touch with Sen. Monk (Continued on page 14)

Board Urged To Avoid A Penalty

Work Must Begin Soon

If work is begun to cap the Warren County sanitary landfill by the November 1 deadline mandated by the state, the county may be able to avoid a costly penalty, Joe Lennon, Warren County health director told the Board of Commissioners Wednesday.

The cost of capping the landfill has been estimated at \$20,000, according to County Manager Charles Worth. The county was first notified of the need to cap the landfill on Sept. 25 and a second notice was received on Oct. 11.

The county has \$8,000 carried over from the 1983-84 budget earmarked for the project and the commissioners authorized the county manager to proceed with the project until those funds were depleted.

The county hopes the Warrenton Unit of the National Guard will be able to assist in the project, and Lennon suggested the General Claude Bowers, retired adjutant general of the N. C. National Guard and a Warrenton resident, might be able to lend assistance in making arrangements.

The dirt to be used for the cap is already at the landfill, Worth said.

Lennon said he felt the state would be less inclined to impose a penalty on the state if some effort had been made by Nov. 1 to begin the project.

In another matter, the board heard a request from Warrenton Attorney Al Thompson, chairman of the Warren County Memorial Library Board of Trustees, for county assistance in repairing leaks in the roof of the library building.

The library, which was built by the federal Emergency Relief Administration in the early 1930s, is on property owned by the county but is under a 99-year lease to the library.

The cost of the repairs has been estimated at \$3,800.

The building was constructed at no cost to the county, Thompson explained, but through the years the county has contributed to the library and until this year purchased its fuel oil.

The county tax supervisor's office is housed in the basement of the building and Thompson said there had been some seepage into that office.

"There has been a tradition of the county assisting the Library Board," Thompson commented. "The library provides a coun- (Continued on page 14)



Shown at her desk is Ms. Denise M. Runde as she assumed her duties as administrator of Warren General Hospital on Tuesday. A native of Sparta, Wis., Ms. Runde is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the University of North Carolina. She has served in the administrative departments of hospitals in the Bronx, N. Y. and Albany, N. Y. and served for two years with the U. S. Peace Corps in Colombia, South America. (Staff Photo)

New Administrator Named At Hospital

Nathaniel Davis, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital has announced the employment of Denise M. Runde as the administrator of the hospital. Ms. Runde assumed her duties October 23.

Ms. Runde, a native of Wisconsin, comes to Warren County after serving as an administrative intern at Saint Peter's Hospital in Albany, N. Y. and as administrative resident at Calvary Hospital, a hospital for the terminally ill in the Bronx, N. Y. She holds a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina.

The employment of Ms. Runde is a part of the overall effort of the Warren County Commissioners, the hospital Board of Trustees and the N. C. Office of Rural Health Services to meet the health care needs of Warren County residents. As a part of this effort, both the current health care patterns of the populace and desirable patterns for the future will be explored, Davis noted.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the County Commissioners sought the assistance of the N. C. Office of Rural Health Services to take a look at the patterns and potential earlier this year and to help find an appropriate replacement for Frank Hinson

who formerly administered the hospital. As a result, James Bernstein, chief of the Office of Rural Health Services, agreed to assist the board in locating an outstanding administrator and to provide a technical assistance team to back up such a candidate. That team, according to Bernstein, will be composed of himself, Dr. Cranston Reinoso, a hospital management consultant and Stuart Fine, administrator of (Continued on page 14)

Agent Picked For Grant Try

At a brief called meeting at 5:30 p. m. Monday, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Warrenton selected L. E. Wooten Company of Raleigh as town agent to handle a \$7,500 Community Development Block Planning Grant for the Town of Warrenton.

Other companies seeking to become the town's agent in handling the grant were Talbert Cox and Associates of Raleigh and Dewberry and Davis of Greenville.

The vote selecting L. E. Wooten was unanimous. Commissioners present and voting were Gordon Heathcock, C. M. White, III, Bobby Edmonds, Phil Daniel and Eddie Clayton.



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