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Bignall Jones, Editor, Dies

Warrenton, N.C. — Bignall Jones, editor and publisher of The Warren Record, died at his home in Warrenton on Monday, Dec. 23, 1985. He was 89 years old. Mr. Jones was born in Warrenton, N.C. on Dec. 15, 1896. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1918. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Sigma Xi Honor Society. He was also a member of the Warren County Historical Society and the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jones was the editor and publisher of The Warren Record from 1925 until his death. He was a well-known and respected member of the community. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bignall Jones, and several children. A funeral service will be held at the Warren Record office on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Warren County Memorial Park.

Christmas Day Wreck Hurts 1

Warrenton, N.C. — A single-car accident on Christmas Day resulted in one person being injured. The accident occurred on State Road 1001, near the intersection of Highway 43. The driver, a 29-year-old woman, was traveling southbound when she lost control of her vehicle and struck a ditch bank. She was transported by ambulance to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson following the accident. She was later transferred by Life Flight to Duke University Medical Center in Durham where she is undergoing treatment. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Winners Listed

Leon David Gardner has announced the winners of the home holiday decorations contest sponsored by the Warrenton Lions Club. For the best overall outside decorations, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Manning of Eaton Avenue were awarded first place and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson of Church Street were named second-place winners. In the category of best interior decorations, as viewed from the outside, first-place winners were Mr. and Mrs. James Frazier of N. Braug Street and second place was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Gid Tharrington of Battle Avenue. Judging was conducted on Dec. 23 between 7 and 9 p.m. and consideration was given homes located within the Warrenton town limits.



Leon McGee, left, and Ray Utley, members of the In-Service Club at the Warren County unit of the N.C. Department of Corrections, are pictured with gifts which the club purchased to be distributed to underprivileged children at Christmas. Club members sold popcorn and soft drinks in the dorm at night to collect funds for the project. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)



Bignall Speed Jones
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Alert Ambulance Driver Is Credited With Saving Life

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

An alert Warren County Ambulance Service attendant could well be responsible for saving a dwelling and its occupant from fire Monday evening, according to Fire Captain Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department.

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The Kenneth Stallings family, near Kearney's Garage on Highway 43, returned home about 2 p.m. on Christmas Day to find that half of their Christmas tree as well as a stereo speaker and several books on a book shelf had been destroyed by fire. The fire had apparently gone out, but firemen were summoned as a precaution, Gardner reported.

When firemen arrived there was no evidence of further damage or threat from the fire, he said. The exact origin of the fire could not be determined.

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Firemen were summoned and were able to confine the flames to the kitchen and attic areas of the dwelling. Gardner estimated the damages at \$5,000, which included water damage to other parts of the house. The fire, he said, apparently started behind the refrigerator.

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forced the evacuation of about 40 employees Friday afternoon.

No injuries were reported in the fire, which was confined to a wall between the ceiling and the roof of the wooden frame structure. Bennett estimated damages at \$1,650 to the structure and electrical wiring.

The fire started when a main ground wire shorted out at about 1:53 p.m., Bennett said.

Nineteen Norlina firefighters responded and extinguished the blaze in about 25 minutes, Bennett said. They remained on the scene for an additional 1 1/2 hours.

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Two Men Apprehended McKissick Shot During Robbery

Warrenton, N.C. — Two men were apprehended in connection with a robbery in Warrenton on Monday, Dec. 23. The victim, James McKissick, was shot during the robbery. The two men were identified as James Wilkerson and James Robinson. They were arrested by the Warrenton Police Department. McKissick was taken to the hospital for treatment of his wounds. The robbery occurred in a store on State Road 1001. The two men were seen running away from the store after the robbery. They were apprehended by police officers nearby. The police are currently investigating the robbery and the shooting.

Sheriff Wants Another Term

Warrenton, N.C. — Sheriff James Williams has announced that he will seek another term in office. Williams has served as sheriff for several years and has a strong record of service to the community. He was elected to his current term in a recent election. Williams has received widespread support from the voters. He has worked hard to improve law enforcement in the county and to serve the needs of the community. He is confident that he can continue to do so if elected to another term.



Sheriff James Williams

Local Jobless Rate Increases

Warrenton, N.C. — The local jobless rate has increased in the past few months. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the jobless rate in Warren County is now 14.4 percent, up from 13.1 percent in the previous period. This increase is due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the number of jobs available and an increase in the number of people seeking work. The local economy has been slow to recover from the recession, and many businesses have had to lay off workers. The unemployment office is currently providing job training and counseling services to help people find work.



Two members of Club Nosoli are pictured as they prepare to deliver a Christmas basket to a needy family on Monday, Dec. 23. Pictured are James Wilkerson (left), principal of Warren County High School, and James Robinson, president of the club. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Happy New Year