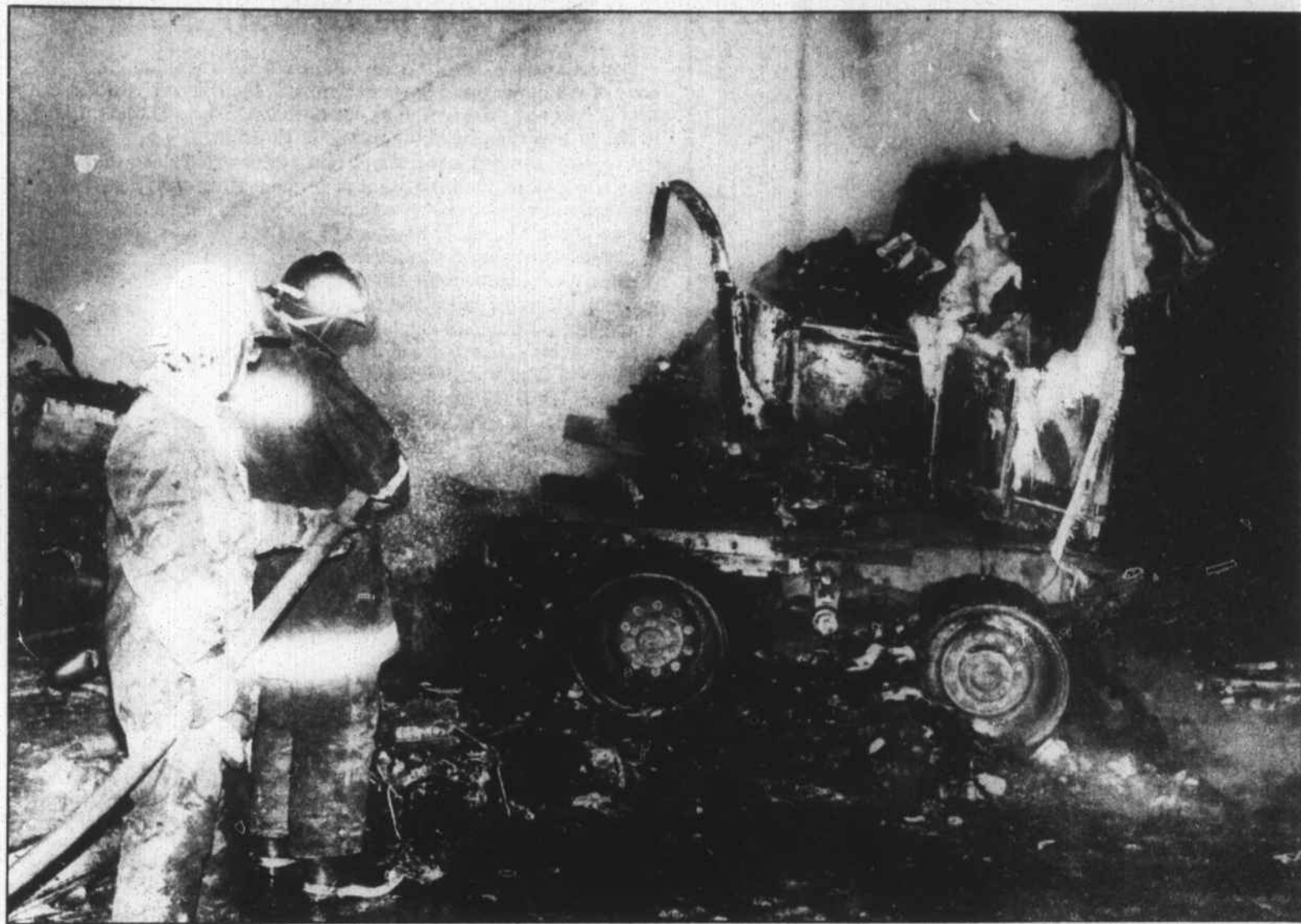


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Two men were killed in a fiery collision Thursday morning near the ramp leading from U.S. 1 at Wise onto the northbound lane of I-85. Firemen are shown above extinguishing the flames that engulfed a

pastry truck, which rear-ended another truck, shown in the background. After the collision, the pastry truck burst into flames. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Two Men Killed In Truck Wreck On Interstate 85

Two men were killed early Thursday morning in a fiery collision on Interstate 85 north of Wise.

Ben Wilburn Young, 47, of Lewisville and Dallas Benjamin, 29, of Charlotte died after the truck in which they were traveling went off the highway, struck a parked rig and burst into flames.

According to a Highway Patrol report filed by Trooper R. T. Futrell, the truckers, who were hauling pastries, were northbound on the interstate about four miles north of Wise when the accident occurred, shortly after 1 a.m.

From all indications, the pastry truck ran into the rear end of another rig parked near the end of a ramp leading onto the interstate.

The occupant of the parked truck, Richard Lewiski of Nashville, Tenn., was not seriously hurt, according to reports.

He had apparently pulled to the side of the road to fill out a log book when his rig, which was carrying 50-pound bags of pine-bark chips, was rear-ended.

One fireman estimated the rig was parked about 200 yards beyond the base of the U.S. 1 ramp leading to the interstate.

According to Bruce Perkinson, chief of the Hawtree Volunteer Fire Department, the fuel tank of the pastry truck apparently ruptured on impact, igniting the gasoline.

When firemen from Hawtree arrived at the scene, the pastry truck was in flames and the victims were still inside the cab.

Their bodies were removed and carried by the Warren County Ambulance Service to the N.C. Medical Examiner's Office in Chapel Hill.

About 1,200 gallons of water was required to extinguish the

blaze and clean the spilled fuel and oil from the roadway.

The pastry truck was completely destroyed. Damage to the other truck was estimated at \$10,000.

Perkinson said firemen spent almost three hours on the scene.

Both lanes of I-85 were blocked for a brief period and traffic had to be rerouted for approximately two-and-one-half hours.

Members of Hawtree Fire Department returned to the scene later that morning after the fire rekindled.

Construction Work Started In Wise Area

Construction work has begun in the Wise area to relieve telephone facilities, according to Carolina Telephone Company spokesperson Richard R. Barnes, Jr.

The work order will place approximately 22,700 feet of buried cables. In addition, the proposal includes placing in service one Subscriber Carrier System equipped with 182 lines initially, with provisions for expansion to 310 lines as needed.

Plans are to abandon 44,951 feet of air core cables in order to avoid service troubles and high maintenance costs. Some of the cables have been in use since 1966, Barnes said. By placing underground cable, Carolina Telephone avoids setting poles to support aerial wire and cable, thus enhancing the environment of the area. Underground cable also is not damaged by winds, or storms and provides more reliable service.

There are at present 294 lines and stations working in this feed area, Barnes continued. A recent development forecast indicates an increase to 306 lines and stations by cutover in June 1986, increasing to 506 lines and stations by June 1996.

The Subscriber Carrier System and cable proposed on this work order, along with additional subscriber carrier and channel additions, will provide for the 10-year forecasted requirements in the area and also condition the subscriber network for new services.

Barnes said the project is part of Carolina Telephone's 1986 program of expansion and improvement and will cost about \$83,000.

School Board Races To Be Determined By Warren Voters

All Warren County voters, regardless of party affiliation, will be eligible to vote in Tuesday's primary election on two races for the county Board of Education, a constitutional amendment on elections and a statewide referendum on nuclear waste.

In the non-partisan Board of Education race, incumbents Henry T. Pitchford, Jr. and Yarborough Williams, Jr. are facing opposition from Sonny A. Peoples and Loree Strickland Harris, respectively.

Pitchford is seeking his second full term as Warrenton's representative on the board. He was appointed in 1981 to fill the unexpired term of Dr. L. B. Henderson, who resigned. Pitchford was then elected to the board in 1982.

A foreman at Peck Manufacturing Company in Warrenton, Pitchford is a 1960 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School.

He is president of the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP

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Senate And House Seats Up For Grabs Tuesday

Facing Democratic voters in Tuesday's primary election will be races for the District 2 N.C. Senate seat and District 7 N.C. House seat.

Warrenton Attorney Frank W. Ballance, Jr., who has represented District 7 in the House for two terms, is now seeking the District 2 Senate seat held by J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston.

A native of Bertie County, Ballance earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from N.C. Central University.

He came to Warrenton in 1966 as law partner of Attorney T. T. Clayton. That partnership was dissolved in 1979, and since that time Ballance has had other law partners and now has offices in both Warrenton and Weldon.

Prior to coming to Warren County, Ballance was a librarian and professor at South Carolina State College School of Law in Orangeburg.

A member of Greenwood Baptist Church, Ballance has been active in politics locally and has served as attorney for the War-

ren County Board of Education and chairman of the county Board of Elections.

He is chairman of the Second Congressional District Black Caucus and is on the Board of Governors of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers.

He is also vice chairman of the Warren County Political Action Council.

He and his wife, Bernadine, also an attorney, have three children.

Harrington, resident of Lewiston, has served in the Senate continuously for 23 years and is the first ranking member of the Senate in seniority and in continuous service.

Now serving as Senate president pro tempore, the third-ranking position in state government, Harrington represents North Carolina at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC).

He is a member of the SLC Executive Committee and the NCSL Legislative Organization and Management Committee.

In the Seventh District race, Hamilton agribusinessman Roy Everett faces Enfield attorney Thomas Hardaway for the seat now held by Ballance.

Everett, who operates a family farm equipment business, now serves as mayor pro-tem of the Hamilton Board of Commissioners and is in his third term on the board.

Everett, who attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina State University in Raleigh and East Carolina University in Greenville, served as a delegate to the district and state Democratic Conventions in 1984.

He has helped to obtain Community Development Block Grant funding in excess of \$1 million for the Town of Hamilton.

He is married to the former Vickie Powell of Gold Point. They have two children.

Hardaway, a native of Halifax County, is a graduate of Howard University and N.C. Central University School of Law.

A former law partner of Ballance in Weldon, Hardaway has been engaged in the solo practice of law since 1984.

He serves as an at-large member of the Halifax County Economic Development Commission and as second vice-

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Commissioners And Clerk Destinies Will Be Decided

Warren County Democrats will decide the outcome Tuesday of races for clerk of Superior Court, county commissioners from Districts 3 and 4, and sheriff.

Incumbent Richard E. Hunter, Jr., in his fifth year as clerk of Superior Court, is being challenged by Robert D. Kirk, Jr., a park ranger at Kimball Point on Kerr Lake.

The son of Edward and Louise Hunter of Warrenton, Hunter is a graduate of John Graham High School. He holds a B.S. degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also attended Louisburg College.

He was first appointed clerk in 1981, following the death of then-Clerk Anne F. Davis. Prior to that, Hunter served for seven years as administrative assistant to the district attorney for the Ninth Judicial District.

A former member of the Warrenton Town Board, Hunter is a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is married to the former Mary Lang of Farmville, and they have two sons.

A native of Salisbury, Kirk received his undergraduate degree in recreation from N.C. A&T University in Greensboro. He also holds a master's degree

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Lawmen Investigate Lake Gaston Break-Ins

Two break-ins at homes in Lake Gaston subdivisions have been reported in recent days to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

On Saturday, Leslie Randolph Bass of Nashville reported that his home in Hunter's Creek Subdivision was entered and equipment valued at \$1,000 taken.

Commissioners Sit As Board Of Review

Warren County commissioners, sitting last week as the Board of Equalization and Review, heard complaints from 24 county residents on their tax listings.

The board granted no requests for changes in the valuation of land, but approved 17 requests for corrections in listings, according to Tax Supervisor Janice Haynes.

Those requests involved such items as corrections in the number of acres listed, Mrs. Haynes said.

Missing were two 19-inch color televisions and a 35-millimeter Canon camera, flash, lens and case.

Entry, which was made by kicking in the front door, apparently occurred sometime between April 15 and 26.

On Tuesday morning, James Harrison Boyles of 55 Club Road in Wildwood Point Subdivision reported that the front door of his home had been forced open while he was away, but nothing appeared to be missing.

According to reports, Boyles left home at 9:45 p.m. Monday and found the door open when he returned at 12:30 a.m.

Deputy J. A. McCowan investigated both incidents.

On April 14, larceny of almost \$4,000 worth of items was reported by Paige Lamberson of 445 Timberlane Drive, Littleton.

Included in the items were a typewriter, vacuum cleaner, video recorder and encyclopedias.



A pastry truck was reduced to a smoldering heap following its collision early Thursday morning with another rig on I-85 near Wise. Volunteer firemen

are shown above extinguishing the fire around what remained of the rig's cab. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)