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Eleven-year-old Samantha Ann Thompson of Henderson was killed Friday night when this 1978 AMC Concord station wagon in which she was riding collided with another vehicle on U.S. 1 north

of Wise. Miss Thompson's mother, who was driving the above vehicle, and eight other persons were injured in the accident. Five remain hospitalized. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Child Is Killed As Cars Collide On Warren Road

By MARY C. HARRIS  
Staff Writer

One person was killed and nine others injured, five seriously, in a two-car accident on U. S. 1 north of Wise Friday night.

Charges are still pending in the accident which claimed the life of 11-year-old Samantha Ann Thompson of Henderson.

Miss Thompson was traveling in the front passenger's seat of a 1978 AMC Concord station wagon driven by her mother, Bernice Rebecca Thompson, 29, of the same address, Trooper W. P. Blanks of the State Highway Patrol reported.

The officer said the Thompson vehicle was traveling north about two miles outside Wise when the driver crossed the center line and came into the path of a southbound 1978 Oldsmobile Toronado driven by Rufus Henderson, Jr., 19, of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

Upon seeing the oncoming vehicle in his lane, Henderson crossed to the northbound side of the highway, Blanks said, and the two cars collided when Mrs. Thompson attempted to get back in her original lane, then occupied by Henderson. Contact was made at the front right of both vehicles, the officer noted. The accident victim was seated in the front right passenger's seat at the time of the collision, he said.

Mrs. Thompson was taken by rescue personnel to Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Va. and later transferred to Duke Medical Center in Durham where she remained in satisfactory condition Tuesday afternoon.

Also taken to Duke from Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson were three of her children, Tyrone, 12, who was discharged Monday; and seven-year-old Gwendolyn and five-year-old Sammy, whose conditions had not been released Tuesday afternoon, according to a hospital spokesperson. Six-year-old Sharyl Thompson, a passenger in the rear part of the station wagon, was treated and released Friday night at Maria Parham.

Rufus Henderson was also hospitalized at the Durham hospital where he was taken Saturday morning from Community Memorial. A hospital spokesman reported Henderson's condition had not been released by attending physicians Tuesday.

Traveling with Henderson were Daphne Michelle Taylor, 19, of Rt. 1, Palmer Springs, Va. and her two-month-old son, Dejon

Shawn Taylor, both of whom were treated at Community Memorial Hospital and released, and 17-year-old Darcell Wright, also of Rt. 1, Palmer Springs, who was treated at Maria Parham and released.

Trooper Blanks said he expected charges to be filed by the end of the week.

He expressed appreciation to the Warren County Sheriff's Department, to Warren County and South Hill, Va. rescue personnel and to area firemen who assisted following the accident.

## Tobacco Sales In Warrenton Hit New High

Tobacco sales Monday on the Warrenton market recorded an average of \$167.87 per hundred pounds, the highest average of the 1986 season, Sales Supervisor Alice R. Robertson has reported.

A second favorable factor of the most recent sale day was the meager one percent of floor offerings which went into the Stabilization stocks, the supervisor said.

Last Thursday's sales averaged \$162.76 per hundred and sent two percent to Stabilization, the figures indicated.

"The season is still in full swing, but farmers are not having a problem getting their tobacco on the warehouse floors," Mrs. Robertson said. Some of the larger farmers who used irrigation have almost finished selling and growers who did not water extensively and who thereby have later crops are now occupying much of the warehouse space, she noted.

The local market's season average to this date is \$156.12 per hundred pounds, she said, and an average of three percent has been claimed by Stabilization. The Warrenton market has sold just under four million pounds this season.

The one sale day next week is set for Wednesday, Mrs. Robertson added.

## Health Department Giving Vaccines

The Warren County Health Department is administering influenza vaccine on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fee for vaccination is \$5 per person.

Persons at high risk are encouraged to come during October and November since vaccination in these months yields the best results. High risk groups include: adults of children with long-term heart or lung problems; residents of nursing homes or other institutions who have serious long-term health problems; healthy people over age 65; persons in continuous treatment for kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia or severe asthma; persons having types of cancer or immunological disorders that lower the body's normal resistance to infections; and children on a long-term regimen of aspirin.

## Hurt On Tractor

Marshall Johnson, 44, of the Inez community was injured Tuesday morning when the tractor he was operating overturned. Johnson was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson and admitted for treatment. His condition was unavailable Tuesday afternoon.

## Board Approves State Funds For Use In Quick City Area

By THURLETTA M. BROWN  
Staff Writer

Warren County Commissioners in their meeting Monday morning approved the resolution that the \$139,705 appropriation for 1985-86 under Senate Bill 2 by the North Carolina General Assembly be used for the construction of water and sewer improvements for the Quick City area. Of this amount, \$48,898 will be used to replace water lines and the remaining \$90,807 will be used to provide wastewater collection and treatment facilities for 38 families.

The Warren County appropriation is part of the \$60 million disbursed each year of the 1985-87 biennium to support up to fifty percent of the non-federal cost for water and sewer improvement for city and county governments, Cathy Wilson, economic development director, reported.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$407,791. To supplement the monies received from Senate Bill 2, \$268,086 of the 1986 Community Development Block Grant will be used. Of this amount, \$40,845 has been earmarked for water facilities; \$227,241 for sewer facilities.

The board also approved, subject to legal review, a legally binding commitment between Perdue Farms, Inc. and the county. Once implemented, the project will utilize the \$110,480 preliminary Community Development of Natural Resources and Community Development.

For the award to become final, the county must submit to the department evidence that the necessary permits to construct and operate a wastewater treatment facility have been obtained, and an approvable legally binding commitment.

Commissioners received from David Mazo of David M. Griffith and Associates a report of the cost allocation plan that had been done. A cost allocation plan allows counties to charge overhead costs to the Department of Social Services. The Raleigh-based firm services 39 counties and provides 90 percent of all cost allocation plans. The analysis done for 1984 on which the FY '86 budget was based resulted in \$14,186 in additional collections. "This is an especially attractive means of revenue as counties evaluate whether to develop needed funds by increasing the ad valorem tax or by charging for services provided," Mazo noted.

Four additions to the county's Disaster Relief and Assistance Plan and a hazard analysis were adopted. Presented by Gary Robenolt, emergency management coordinator, the addenda represent an effort to enhance county readiness by advance planning.

The Emergency Shelter Plan establishes shelters in the nine public schools. The Disaster Relief and Assistance Program describes Federal programs available in disasters whether deemed such by local or by Presidential decree. The Winter Storm Plan provides a system to minimize the effects of a severe winter storm. The Plane Crash Plan outlines actions to be taken in the event of crashes of scheduled passenger airlines, cargo aircraft or military equipment.

In related business, the board earmarked a grant from the contingency fund to permit the purchase and maintenance of a hazardous materials response vehicle.

In other business, the board: —Accepted the tax collections report: \$343,829.43 collected in September consisting of \$380,063.53 regular collections;

\$32,354.22 in delinquent taxes and penalties; and \$5,167.02 in partial payments.

—Adopted a formal policy for employee travel advances.

—Approved property tax releases totaling \$849.75 and a refund of \$14.20.

—Suggested a meeting among officials of the Town of Warrenton, Town of Norlina and the county to discuss the Police Information Network (PIN) System.

—Adopted the proposed adjustment in the commercial fee schedule for building inspections. —Set for Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. before its next meeting a Public Hearing concerning the franchise for the county requested by Warren CATV.

—Tabled until its next meeting the following agenda items: (1) Minority, Physically handicapped and Women Business Enterprise Plan. (2) Agreement for protection, development and improvement of forest lands, (3) Request to pave a portion of S.R. 1225 and (4) Warren General Hospital heating and cooling system.

## 4-H Leaders Have Session

By MARY K. JEFFERSON

The Warren County 4-H Leader's Association met Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Mariam Boyd School. The meeting was called to order with a prayer led by Mrs. Vernice Ayscue.

Mrs. Margaret Foster, member of the Vance-Warren Health Plan, presented an educational program entitled "Ride Against Childhood Cancer!" Identifying herself as a former 4-H'er from the Hecks Grove community, Mrs. Foster encouraged members to participate in the Bike-A-Thon scheduled for Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. "Wheels for Life" is sponsored by the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Nashville Tenn. in support of research on catastrophic childhood illnesses. The Bike-A-Thon will originate from Norlina Middle School.

George W. Koonce, extension agent, requested that all members respond immediately to incoming mail concerning the North Central District Retreat on Nov. 8.

The next executive board meeting will be held on Nov. 10 in the Agricultural Building.



Pictured together during a "Meet the Candidates" evening Monday at Mariam Boyd School are, left to right, Leland Gottschalk, Second District Congressman Candidate Bud McElhaney,

N.C. House Candidate Jesse Shearin and County Republican Chairman John Hawkins. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Forester Talks

Joe Armstrong of Champion International Corporation gave a slide presentation at the Sept. 30 meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club.

Presented by the program chairman for the meeting, Lester Capps, Armstrong is a procurement forester for Champion out of the Roanoke Rapids district. He received a B.S. degree in Forest Management at Pennsylvania State University in 1969 and was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Topics covered in the presentation were site preparation, pine release, nursery, road building, thinning, harvesting and the new longwood system.