

Rig Damage

Hits \$60,000

A Warren County woman was injured and damages estimated at \$62,000 were the result of a wreck last Thursday morning on U.S. 158.

According to Trooper R. G. Redmond, the vehicle being driven by Ms. Willie Mae Richardson Silver of Rt. 2, Macon, crossed the center line and struck the tractor-trailer rig driven by Calvin J. Wood of Rt. 3, Warrenton. The tractor-trailer went off the right side of the road and into a ditch. Before coming to rest, it struck the ditch bank and ran back across the road. Ms. Silver's car came to rest after the impact. Damages to the Silver vehicle are estimated at \$2,000. She was treated for minor injuries at an area hospital.

Damage to the truck is estimated at \$60,000.

The impact of an accident Sunday night off S.R. 1636 (Bethlehem Road) near Hollister was sufficient to tear the colliding vehicle in half.

According to Trooper Brenda Redd, Dwight M. Green of Rt. 1, Hollister, was driving the station wagon when it went off the right side of the road. Green lost control. The vehicle then went off the left side of the road and hit a tree. It uprooted a second tree and was severed in half. Reports indicate that Green was driving 95 miles per hour before the crash.

Both Green and his passenger, Ms. Alma Johnson of Rt. 1, Nashville, were admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Ms. Johnson is reported to be in satisfactory condition following surgery.

Green has been charged with impaired driving and careless and reckless driving. He was scheduled for discharge from the hospital yesterday (Tuesday).

Ladies Clothing

Store Will Open

Shoppers for ladies' clothing will have a new place to trade in Warrenton beginning Saturday when Wecos is scheduled to open on the Main Street level of the Odom's Flower Shop building.

Proprietors of the new business are Jill Coleman and Claudia Wemyss. Both are Warren County natives and teachers at Warren Academy.

The shop, located at 102 S. Main Street, will feature brand-name lines of ladies' clothing initially and plans are to expand to include clothing for other members of the family as well as gift items. Operating hours will be 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The flower shop which has occupied the building for more than two dozen years will be relocated downstairs, where a back entrance is available at street level.

Annual Pow-Wow

Plans Are Made

The 22nd annual pow-wow of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe has been calendared for April 17-18 at the tribal center in Hollister, according to Mrs. Kathy Harris-Wilson, executive director.

Featuring the crowning of a new tribal princess, dance competition with \$2000 in prize money and an address by Lonnie Revels, chairman of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs board of directors, the event will also offer Indian foods and arts and crafts as well as facilities for camping.

The first dance is scheduled for Friday, the 17th, at 7 p.m., with the grand entry set for Saturday.

The public is invited to attend the traditional event for which a small admission fee will be charged.

The tribal center is located at the Haliwa Indian School at the Old Bethlehem Crossroads near Hollister.



Members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, the Ambulance Service and the Afton-Elberon Fire Department responded Monday afternoon to reports of an accident involving a bus transporting 23 South Warren Elementary School children home at the close of the school day. Reports in-



dications that the adult bus driver ran into a ditch on R.R. 1144 near the Heck's Grove community. The inset shows school personnel and children who escaped serious injury in the incident. One child, who suffered minor injuries, was treated and released at Maria Parham Hospital. (Staff Photos by Howard Jones and Dianne T. Rodwell)

Historical Sites On Tour Planned Sunday

An extra flurry of activity is expected on Warrenton's sidewalks and in a number of its historic places Sunday afternoon as local residents and visitors stroll along on a walking tour sponsored by the Warren County Historical Association. Seven sites in War-

renton and one in the Inez community will be open to tour participants during the 1-6 p.m. event.

Billed as "Warrenton in the Spring," the tour will feature a number of the places which

figured in the town's 19th century prominence.

Tour patrons may choose to begin at the northernmost stop, the Warrenton Presbyterian Church on North Main Street. The church was organized in 1827 and located on the corner of Front and Fairview streets until money for a new church was donated in 1855 in the present location. The "brick temple-form" building is representative of Warrenton's blend of the Greek Revival with the bracketed roofline of the Italianate style," explains the tour brochure.

Also on North Main Street and nearer to the heart of town is a second church on the tour schedule, Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Built in the early 1820's, the church was remodeled in the 1850's and again in 1927. The second and more extensive remodeling resulted in the "picturesque Gothic Revival form by noted New York Georgian Revival Architect William Lawrence Bottomley," states the brochure. Students of history will take note that Mary Turner, granddaughter of Gov. James Turner and also of "Star Spangled Banner" author Francis Scott Key, is buried here and that Mary Cheney, a schoolteacher living in Warrenton, here married early American newspaper

editor and presidential candidate Horace Greeley in 1836.

One block west of Main Street and almost directly behind the Episcopal church is the Somerville-Graham House on Front Street. The Greek Revival house was built in the mid 1800's for planter John Somerville and was later owned by and used as a dormitory for educator John Graham. Visitors will be attracted by the spacious lawn and intricate carvings of the porch and bay windows. Mrs. George W. Franklin makes her home in the Somerville-Graham House.

Continuing south on Front Street, tour participants will pass the side of Wilson-Christmas-Davis House on the corner of Front and West Macon streets. Another Greek Revival house built around 1850, the house is described as "among the best examples of the Warrenton style." The Doric columns of the porch and the classical treatment of the entrance are particularly notable. On the north part of the house is a ballroom which was added in the early 1900's. Known today as Traub's Inn, with bed and breakfast accommodations, the house is owned by newcomer to Warrenton, Monika Perry.

On Plummer Street, turning east off South Main Street, is the Fitts-Mordecai-Plummer House, a Georgian house built in 1805 for Oliver Fitts who later served as state attorney general. Fitts sold the home in 1811 to Jacob Mordecai who operated a school there for seven years. In years which followed, Shiloh Institute and later Warrenton Male Academy were also housed here. Current owners are Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hunter, Jr.

A block and a half away is Whitsome (Coleman-White-Jones House) on Halifax Street. "The only house in Warrenton architecturally related to Montmorenci," the house was probably built in the early 1820's, ac-

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False Alarm

Members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded Saturday night to a call signaling blazes at the E. Macon Street office of Carolina Telephone.

Upon arrival, they discovered that the 10 p.m. summons had been a false alarm. According to Carolina Telephone officials, the automatic alarm sounded and resulted in the dispatch of firefighters, who stayed on the scene until telephone personnel arrived to evaluate the situation. A malfunction of the alarm is suspected.

Two Persons Are Arrested As Deputies Solve Cases

The theft of a car and the arrest of two individuals have involved members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The 1974 Dodge Dart owned by Ms. Lucy G. Williams of Palmer Springs, Va. was reported stolen on Sunday, March 29, at 2:30 a.m. According to John A. George, driver of the vehicle, he parked in front of the Starlight Palace on S.R. 1001 and entered the club. When returned, the vehicle had been stolen. George reported that he had removed the keys from the automobile before leaving it.

The car is described as having a yellow top and a black bottom. The license number is Virginia tag KSM181.

Deputy Percell Williams is the investigating officer. Any information regarding the theft should be communicated to the Sheriff's Department.

In an unrelated case, items stolen May 1, 1986 from the residence of Al Fleming were recovered following an investigation by Deputy Bobby Bolton and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison. Jesse Wayne Edmonds of Rt. 1, South Hill, Va., was arrested on Friday, March 20. Seven guns valued at \$300 were recovered.

Edmonds has been released on an unsecured bond of \$1,000. His court date is April 1.

A court date of April 1 has also been set for Ms. Tina Eversole Reese of Rt. 1, Broadnax, Va. She has been charged with larceny of drugs at the Warren Nursing Center. Because women may no longer be confined in the Warrenton jail, she has been released on her own recognizance.

Deputy Bobby Bolton is the investigating officer.



Timber by timber, workmen dismantle one of the town's houses of the 1800's, this one on the Ridgeway Street parcel purchased in 1984 by the Warrenton Baptist Church whose parsonage adjoins the property. This was not the first time the dwelling had fallen into Baptist hands, according to Lizzie Wilson Montgomery's "Sketches of Old Warrenton." It was purchased by the church during the pastorate of the Rev. James A. Mundy who

began his duties in 1877 and remained for six years. It is remembered by many Warrentonians as the long-time home of Dr. T. J. Taylor and his family. The church's plans for the property have not been finalized but a church spokesperson said it is likely that at least a portion will be used for expansion of the grounds of the parsonage next door.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Joint Effort Is Sought In Abuse Cases

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A wish to improve interagency coordination and teamwork was the impetus behind a recent meeting of health, social service, law enforcement, counseling and school administrative professionals on the topic of child abuse and neglect of children.

According to Charles P. Haywood, Warren County social services director and moderator for the meeting, sexual abuse of children is simultaneously a crime and a mental health, medical and social problem involving professionals in medicine, law enforcement, mental health, educational and social services. "Today we have set forth the task of assessing our progress in the professional understanding of our roles with cases of sexual abuse of children as a step toward working together more effectively to improve our team efforts for intervention in the interest of treatment and prevention," Haywood said.

Present to share their expertise and to respond to questions from those in attendance were Mrs. Robin S. Williams, protective services social worker; Dr. Yana Banks, pediatrician with Healthco and the Warren County Health Department; Sheriff Theodore Williams; Mrs. Lou Hayes, pediatric coordinator for the Warren County Health Department, and Willie T. Ramey, principal of John Graham Middle School. Francis Alston, county commissioner and chair of the county social services board, was also in attendance.

According to Dr. Yana Banks, an estimated 1.5 to 2 million children are abused (nationally) each year. "The abuse is any exploitation of a child by an adult, whether that abuse is sexual, emotional or physical," she said.

"Most cases are not reported, although they are suspected, without obvious injury," Mrs. Lou Hayes, RN, said. Participants indicated that approximately 12 cases were reported in Warren County last year for children in the five-to-seven age group. An additional six cases were reported in the junior-high to high school age group. Sheriff Williams reported that the individuals involved in the seven to ten cases he had handled last year had received extensive sentences.

"In Warren County, there is more passive abuse—emotional

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Democrats Plan Convention Here

Angie Elkins of Chapel Hill will be the keynote speaker at the Warren County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m., County Chairman T. T. Clayton announced this week. The Convention will be held at the Warren County Courthouse, he said.

Ms. Elkins serves on the Democratic National Committee. She is a North Carolina aide to Senator Terry Sanford and is chairperson of the Delegate Selection Committee for 1988.

At the top of the Convention's agenda will be the election of a new County Democratic Chairman and County Executive Committee. Warren County's member on the State Democratic Executive Committee will also be chosen.

"County Conventions are important for all Democrats in North Carolina," Chairman Clayton noted. "With Democrats from each county choosing Party leaders and looking to the future, we will have a strong Party organization ready for victory in 1988."