



Rescuer Earl Perry is shown rushing to aid the driver of this car following a two-car crash in Franklin County on Friday afternoon. Both drivers were killed in the head-on wreck, and two other persons were injured. Killed were Lillian Evans, an off-duty member of the Warren County

Ambulance Service, who was driving a 1984 Toyota, and Mrs. Mary Ethel Alston, a resident of the Inez community who was on her way to work. Mrs. Alston was driving a 1978 Chevrolet. Damages totalled \$5,500, Trooper A. R. Roberts reported. (Photo courtesy of The Franklin Times)

Two Survive Grinding Crash

Two Local Women Are Killed In Franklin County Auto Wreck

A Hollister woman employed for the past two years by the Warren County Ambulance Service and a Warren County woman were killed Friday afternoon in a head-on collision about three

miles east of Louisburg in Franklin County.

Mrs. Mary Ethel Alston, 58, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, driver and sole occupant of one of the cars, was pronounced dead on the scene by Dr. J. B. Perdue, Jr., a Franklin County medical examiner.

Also killed was Lillian Clayton Evans, 42, of Rt. 1, Hollister, a certified emergency medical technician employed by the Warren County Ambulance Service.

Asher F. Johnson, associate editor of The Franklin Times of Louisburg, reported that rescuers detected a slight pulse in Ms. Evans after cutting her from the wreckage. She was rushed to Franklin Regional Medical Center, but efforts to revive her were not successful.

The wreck occurred about 3 p.m. on N.C. Highway 561.

Riding with Ms. Evans were her daughter, Kimberly Middleton, 24, of Raleigh, and Ms. Middleton's 15-month-old daughter, Corie Monte Middleton.

Mrs. Middleton reported that she was asleep in the back seat when the accident occurred. She and her infant daughter, who

was riding in a child safety seat and escaped with a broken leg and bruises, were taken to the hospital by a passing motorist.

Mrs. Middleton suffered a severe head cut. A spokesman at Franklin Regional Medical Center said Monday that both patients had been discharged.

State Trooper A. R. Roberts said the cause of the accident was a mystery. He said the Evans vehicle, travelling east toward Centerville, apparently went into the left lane for an unknown reason and collided with the on-coming Alston car. Both vehicles were demolished in the crash which occurred on a straight section of road.

Rescuers spent 15 minutes freeing Ms. Evans, who was pinned behind the steering wheel of her car. A Hurst rescue tool had to be utilized.

Organizational

Meeting Is Set

By Local Agents

Daniel C. Campeau, the assistant agricultural livestock agent, Phil McMillan and George Koonce, 4-H extension agents, will be holding an organizational meeting on July 7. The topic of the meeting will be to discuss the cost, care, and profit of showing livestock in the Warren County Fair and the North Carolina State Fair. Any children between six and 18, and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Individuals who are interested in showing livestock in the Warren County and State fairs who are not able to attend the meeting at 7 p.m. on July 7, please contact the Warren County Extension Office on North Main Street.

Begins Work Here

Mrs. Teresa Davis Powell started work on June 6 as the new water clerk for the Town of Warrenton. Mrs. Powell, a graduate of Norlina High School, is married to Thomas C. Powell of Norlina. They have three children and reside on Snipes Street.

Mrs. Powell is the daughter of H.B. Davis and the late Martha Davis of Norlina.

Board Discusses Site

New Middle School Planning Is Begun

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night took the first steps leading toward construction of a \$7 million middle school which would combine students now taught at John Graham Middle School in Warrenton and Norlina Middle School.

In an executive session called two and a quarter hours after the June regular session began at administrative offices of the school system, school board members discussed the acquisition of land needed for the new facility, but took no formal action.

Site selection, together with choosing of a school design and an architect, are among the first matters to be determined by the board, which Monday night formally approved a contract accepting a \$2 million grant from the Commission on School Facility Needs.

It is receipt of these funds which will allow school officials to begin immediately the groundwork needed for the new school.

Board members discussed at length whether to use the services of a construction management firm, four of whom have submitted estimates of the cost of their services. Superintendent Mike Williams told the board that estimates from the four firms averaged some \$300,000.

Board members were also told that they must decide whether to employ one architectural firm for all three projects proposed to be completed with monies assured from the May 3 passage of the school bond issue, or to have a separate architect for each project.

Superintendent Williams cautioned board members that the matter of site selection "should be dealt with in a strictly confidential manner until such time as purchase price negotiations are completed."

Board member Richard Roddy told fellow board members that he knows a retired Mobil Oil Company executive living on Lake Gaston who has experience in overseeing the construction of multi-million-dollar projects, including refineries and off-shore drilling facilities, who might be

able to help the board with construction supervision.

Roddy was asked to try to have the man appear at a special meeting of the board called for Tuesday, June 21.

Roddy also asked board members to consider looking at several middle school plans such as the one which could be built

here, and talk with the architects who designed them.

Board member Yarborough Williams concurred with Roddy's thinking that board members must prepare to visit several sites of recent school construction in arriving at a school plan for Warren County. (Continued on page 6)

Norlina Gutter Work Wins State Approval

The State Board of Transportation has approved \$50,000 for highway work in Warren County.

The board's action will permit the widening of three lanes and the installation of curbs and gutters on U.S. Highway 1 in Norlina.

Work will begin as soon as equipment and materials arrive at the site.

James M. Peden, Jr., who was appointed by Governor Jim Martin to represent Warren County on the board, said Tuesday funding for this construction and other work comes, in part, from the "Roads to the Future" program. That program was proposed in early 1986 by Governor Martin and partially enacted by the General Assembly in July 1986. Last year, additional provisions of the program were approved by the General Assembly.

'88-'89 Budget Picture Is Still Unclear Here

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The Warrenton Town Board met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting, during which the budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year was discussed.

Mayor B. G. White indicated to the board that figures for each department were only tentative, and that inspection and approval from each department chairman was requested before the board could approve the proposed budget as a whole.

Town officials in drafting the proposed budget have counted on the state apportioning to local governments proceeds from the inventory tax now collected by the state rather than the county. By law, counties no longer collect inventory taxes.

Mayor White reported that the state's decision could be a major factor in whether or not the town will suffer a tax increase next year.

Mayor White also said that the board does not expect to lose any money in this area and final word on the inventory tax is expected within the next few days.

A public hearing to examine the proposed budget for the Town of Warrenton for fiscal year beginning July 1 has been set for June 27.

In other matters before the board:

—Mayor White reported that a letter had been written to the Warren County Board of Commissioners requesting additional funds from the county that are necessary to make repairs and update the equipment at the wastewater treatment plant outside of Warrenton.

—Town Administrator Pete Vaughan reported that the storm drain on Spring Street needs repairs, and that he is waiting for Water Superintendent Bill Neal's assistance in the matter.

—Mayor White reported that signs indicating a public parking lot behind the Warrenton Post Office have been ordered.

—In reference to Warrenton Merchant's Association President Woody King's request that the Mikell Lynn Boutique on West Franklin Street be given two parking spaces, Mayor White told the board that he notified the state on the matter and a report will be given soon.

After the regular meeting, the commissioners began an examination of the tentative budget for fiscal year 1988-89.

Set For Treatment

A four-year-old Warren County girl will leave June 23 for the Shriners' Hospital for crippled children in Greenville, S. C. where she will be treated for rickets.

Her trip is being made possible at no charge to her family by the Warren County Shrine Club.

Funding Help Is Sought For Two Local Projects

Warren County commissioners are expected to hear requests for financial assistance from a Warrenton building contractor and from the Town of Warrenton when they meet at seven o'clock tonight for their mid-monthly meeting.

James C. Harris, Jr., of Harris Investments, Inc. of Warrenton, is scheduled to appear to ask for help in the form of surplus state funds to underwrite the estimated \$37,000 needed for water and sewer improvements which would serve ten duplex apartments which he hopes to build in the near future north of the Quick City community on the outskirts of Warrenton.

In a letter to Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, Harris outlined his plans to develop a four-acre tract which would be the site of construction of rental housing

for low and moderate income persons.

In another bid for state funds channelled through the county, the Town of Warrenton will ask the board for money to assist the town in upgrading equipment at the regional wastewater treatment plant.

In a letter to County Manager Charles J. Worth, Warrenton Mayor B. G. White pointed out that over \$19,000 in repairs have been made at the plant this fiscal year.

Mayor White has pointed out that some of the equipment at the facility has never operated properly since the plant was placed in operation. He said more than \$39,000 was spent in the three fiscal years prior to this year for repairs.

He said repair need is increasing each year and is becoming a burden to customers of the town-operated facility.