

Shown above is the 1969 Ford pickup truck which was totaled in a fatal accident Sunday. The driver of the vehicle, Milton Carter, received severe head injuries when the truck overturned. He was taken to Duke Hospital for treatment, where he later died.

North Carolina Highway Patrol reports show that Carter had been traveling at a high rate of speed and that alcohol was involved in the accident. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Warren Man Is Killed As Pickup Truck Flips

The number of traffic fatalities in Warren County rose Christmas Day, as a Warren County driver was killed when his truck overturned just outside of Warrenton.

According to Trooper R. A. Ennis of the N. C. Highway Patrol, Milton Carter, 33, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, was driving his 1969 Ford pickup truck north on SR 1305 (Warren Plains Road) at a high rate of speed when the vehicle ran off the right side of the road, crossed back to the left side of the road, struck a parked vehicle in a driveway, ran into a brick column on the front porch of a house and then overturned.

Carter was transported by Warren County Emergency Medical Services to Maria Parham Hospital for treatment of severe head injuries, Ennis reported. He was later trans-

ferred to Duke Medical Center, where he died.

This makes the sixth fatality in the county this year, according to a N. C. Highway Patrol spokesperson.

The car which was struck by Carter's pickup was a 1976 Oldsmobile belonging to James Taylor of Norlina. The owner of the house which sustained damage from the accident is Maggie Carrington, whose address is 709 N. Main Street.

Trooper Ennis indicated that alcohol was involved in the accident, but the major cause of the wreckage was the high rate of speed at which Carter had been traveling.

Funeral services for Carter are being handled by Harris-Turner Funeral Home but were incomplete at press time.

Thieves Fail To Observe Holiday In Warren County

Several Warren County persons have returned to their places of business or residence to discover that Dr. Seuss's "Grinch Who Stole Christmas" made a few stops in this area as well.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison was the responding officer for several of the reported incidents:

- The Rafters Seafood and Steak House was the site of a break-in and larceny that was reported on Christmas Eve. Entry was gained by a person or persons who, after unsuccessfully attempting to enter through a rear window, pried open the rear entrance to the private dining room of the establishment. Once inside the persons removed cash and change from the cash register; demolished the cigarette machine, taking change and an undisclosed number of cartons of cigarettes; and drank or removed an undisclosed quantity of liquor and beer. Assisting Sgt. Harrison was Deputy J. M. Alston.

- Jack Collins of Foxville Manor, near the Warrenton Country Club, returned to his residence after the Christmas holidays to find that a brick had been thrown through the back door of home, permitting entry by a person or persons who ransacked the premises. Reported missing were a .38-calibre special revolver and some change.

- Preston C. Alston, of Rt. 2, Littleton, reported that his license plate had been removed from his 1983 Pontiac that had been parked at the Auto Clinic, which is located on SR 1001. The number of the missing tag is ARH-3881, Sgt. Harrison said.

- Reginald Collins returned to find that the front door of his trailer on RPR 1360, near Southland Shore Subdivision on Lake

Gaston, had been removed from its hinges. Reported missing were a General Electric color television valued at \$300, a Regina sweeper valued at \$75 and an AM/FM radio/stereo/cassette player with speakers, for a total value of \$800.

- John Weathers of Windsor Oaks, also on Lake Gaston, also found the front door of his trailer pried open. Reported missing from the Weathers residence were an AM/FM radio/stereo with speakers, a can of gasoline and several hand tools, all valued at \$350.

According to Sgt. Harrison, there were several additional break-ins in the lake area over the holidays, but no details were available at press time.

"Whenever Warren County residents plan to be away from their homes—especially during the holiday periods—we encourage them to let us know," Sgt. Harrison said. "We will be happy to provide surveillance," he said, adding that area persons should report their planned absences by calling 257-3364.

Russell Currin Dies, Held Warren Post

Russell Currin, veteran's service officer in Warren County from Jan. 1, 1972 until his retirement due to medical reasons, effective July 1, 1987, was found dead at his residence in the Churchill community, near Lake Gaston, on Thursday of last week.

According to a spokesperson for Davis Funeral Home in Henderson, in accordance with Currin's wishes, no funeral service was held and the location of his burial site was not disclosed.

\$100 Reward Offered After 2 Goats Shot

A Warren County man has offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of livestock on his farm.

Durwood Patterson, of Rt. 4, Warrenton in the Shocco Township community, on Dec. 23 reported to the Warren County Sheriff's Department that two goats had been found shot to death in a pasture about 1,000 feet from his residence. According to Patterson, the slaughtered animals were found dead on his property by an acquaintance who had been permitted to run his dogs on the Patterson farm.

The two animals—a billy goat allowed to run loose in the pasture and a nanny goat that had been tied there—were found dead on Dec. 23. According to Patterson, the animals appear to have been shot with a 12-gauge shotgun. "The small, concentric pattern of the buckshot used leads me to believe that this was not an accident, but that the animals were shot at fairly close range—say about 20-25 feet," Patterson said Tuesday.

According to the report taken by Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton, the value of the animals remains undisclosed. "That is because they have more of a sentimental value," Patterson explained. Patterson purchased the nanny goat in the fall of this year, but the billy goat was a Father's Day gift to him from his daughter. According to Patterson, the animals have been cared for by his father-in-law since he and his wife are both employed, but the goats were his personal property.

Gunshots were heard by Patterson on the morning of Dec. 23. A neighbor also reported hearing shots the previous day, Patterson said.

Patterson, a resident of the Shocco community for 22 years, has lived at his current location since 1972. The pasture in which the goats were found was thought to have been protected by a series of "Posted: No Trespassing" signs.

The Pattersons are no strangers to incidents of cruelty to animals. Since 1982, they, or members of their family, have had one of their dogs poisoned, one of their horses shot and one of their dogs shot.

Persons with information concerning the most recent slaughter of Patterson's animals are asked to call the Warren County Sheriff's Department at 257-3364 or to contact Patterson directly at 257-2227. Patterson emphasized that the reward would be paid for information leading to the conviction of the persons involved.

Board Formally Accepts \$300,000 State Grant

Medical Facility Work Is Nearing

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"The state has had this money waiting for us for three years," Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairman of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, said last Thursday afternoon in a special meeting of the board which had been called to formally accept a \$300,000 grant to be used toward renovations to the Warren Medical Facility.

Upon motion by Commissioner George Shearin, seconded by Commissioner Patsy T. Hargrove, unanimous approval was given to the specifications outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding issued for signature and approval by the N. C. Office of Health Resources Development that will permit the release of funds.

Renovations to the Warren Medical Facility—housed in the former Warren General Hospital—are expected to cost more than \$1,000,000. Components of the proposed \$1,003,378 package include: renovations to the existing facility and the construction of a 2,364-square-foot addition (\$864,031); land development/parking/roads (\$32,615); architectural and legal fees (\$81,732); and interest payments on a FmHA loan for nine months (\$25,000).

Although \$500,000 for the project was approved in the bond referendum held on May 3 of this year, Charles Worth, Warren County manager, is scheduled to meet with FmHA officials early next month to seek a \$500,000 loan that would negate the need to sell bonds. According to Worth, approval from FmHA would permit the county to secure funds from a local lender that would provide interim operating funds for the project prior to receipt of the FmHA loan.

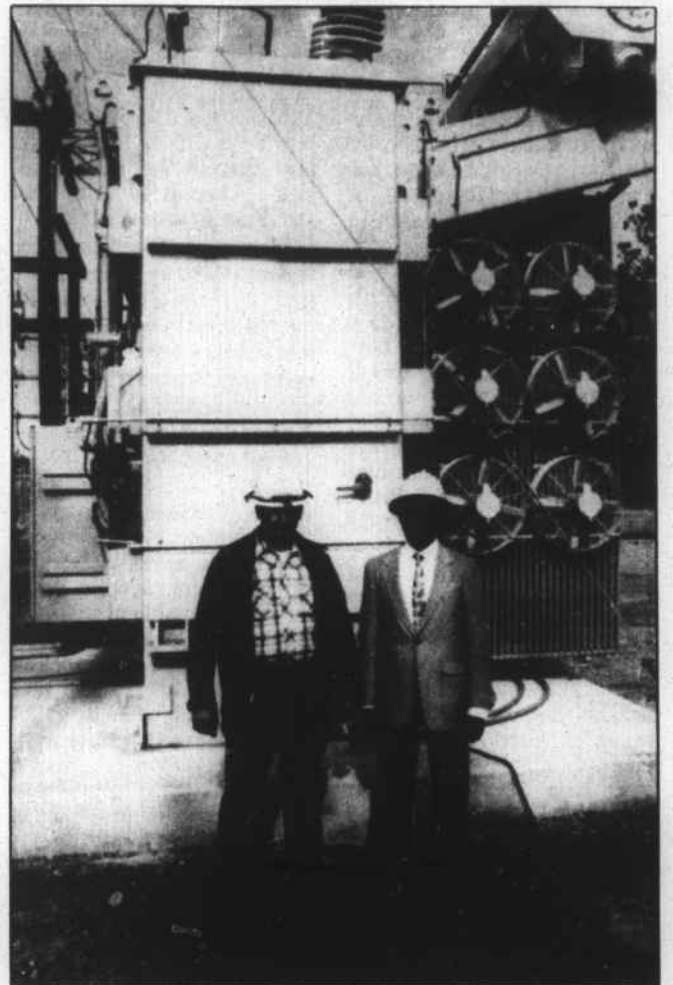
Under the financing proposals outlined last spring, the \$500,000 loan would be paid back from rental payments received from the Warren Health Plan. Estimated originally at \$38,000, the increased space to be made available to WHP will result in an additional \$12,000 in rental payments, for an annual total of \$50,000.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dictates that Warren County must demonstrate its commitment of \$200,000 from the 1988-89 budget. Of this \$200,000, a sum of \$50,000 was allocated in the last fiscal year and an additional \$50,000 has been allocated from the current budget. The balance will be taken from an undesignated fund balance, the board agreed last Thursday.

Also stipulated in the MOU is the county's receipt of contributions from 750 donors in a fund-raising drive and approval from FmHA for a \$500,000 loan. In addition, the county must obligate \$3,378 in interest gained on capital funds.

Benefits to Warren County's residents expected to be made available with the renovations and expansion, along with the sharing of space by the Warren County Health Department and the Warren Health Plan, will include:

- the provision of comprehensive, primary health care to all segments of the county's population, including those persons without a regular physician;
- improved patient flow with the development of shared waiting and reception areas, along with vital sign and diagnostic areas.



Carolina Power and Light's manager, James Parnell, right, and Senior Lineman Bill Robertson are shown in front of a piece of machinery that represents \$750,000 in improvements to the company's local substation. According to Parnell, the improvements have doubled the substation's capacity to serve the growing demands of CP&L's Warrenton customers. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

\$750,000 Facility Upgrade Should Reduce Outages

Carolina Power & Light Co. has constructed new facilities in its Warrenton service area to reduce the chance of power outages and to handle future growth in the area according to James Parnell, manager of CP&L's Warrenton office. The new facilities will improve the quality of service to customers in CP&L's Warrenton service area.

"We have doubled the capacity of our substation that serves most of our Warrenton customers," Parnell said this week. "It's what you might call a super substation because there are two substations inside one fence. The extra capacity was needed to serve the growing demands of our customers and to provide for future growth in the area," he explained.

The substation that serves most Warrenton customers is about one mile northeast of Warrenton off Airport Road. Electricity flows into the substation through transmission lines. In the substation, the voltage is reduced and power is transmitted into neighborhoods and com-

munities on distribution lines called "feeders." Smaller power lines and lines to houses and businesses receive electricity from the distribution lines.

"With two substations in one, we have reduced the chance of power outages," Parnell said. This change will give us more flexibility in routing power during outages."

Parnell said the super substation will not eliminate power outages in the Warrenton service area, explaining that trees cause a large percentage of outages by falling into power lines or by tree limbs coming into contact with power lines.

In January, Parnell will make a presentation to the Warrenton Beautification Committee about a program that seeks to reduce power outages caused by trees. Under the program, CP&L will work with the town of Warrenton and the Beautification Committee to replace them with dogwoods, crepe myrtles, and other types of trees that will not grow into power lines and will add to the beauty of the town.

Odom Motor Service To Have New Owner At Beginning Of 1989

When Odom Motor Service opens for business at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, a new owner will be at the helm.

Eugene T. "Popeye" Odom, Jr. Monday announced the sale of his business to Charles P. Smiley, currently manager for Standard Motor Parts in Louisburg.

Smiley, a 1968 graduate of Norlina High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smiley of Division Street in Norlina. A Vietnam veteran, he had worked in management for Roses Stores before joining the staff of Standard Motor Parts in Warrenton in

1979. Smiley opened a Standard Motor Parts Store in Yanceyville in 1982, before moving in January of 1986 to his present location in Louisburg. He is junior vice commander for the Andrew Jackson Hundley VFW Post No. 4096 and is a member of Norlina Baptist Church.

"My decision to sell the business was made due to medical considerations, as well as to permit time for me to use the Christmas present—a set of golf clubs—received from my daughter this year," Odom said. (Continued on page 4)