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### Man Is Stabbed In Incident At Area Night Club

A Hollister man sustained stab wounds to the abdominal and chest areas last weekend, following an altercation with another Hollister man at an area night

Patrick Richardson, 24, of Rt. 1, Hollister, reported last Satur-day night that he had been wounded at Club 43.

When Sgt. Harold Seaman arrived at the site of the alleged crime, Richardson was found clutching his chest and stomach areas, a sheriff's spokesperson said Monday. Upon examination, three cuts-each about 6-7 inches in length-were found: one to the left chest area and one to the left abdominal area, the report read.

Richardson identified as his assailant, Clay Reid, 24, of Rt. 1, Hollister, who was arrested and confined to the Warren County Jail under bond of \$1,000. Reid has been scheduled to appear in court here on Jan. 25 to face charges of assault with a deadly weapon/inflicting serious injury.

According to a sheriff's spokesperson, Richardson was transported by private vehicle to an area hospital where he was treated and released.

### \$5,000 Request **Expected Tonight** At Board Meet

Among the topics expected to be discussed when the Warren County Board of County Commissioners convene in open session tonight (Wednesday) at 7 will be a request for a \$5,000 appropriation for a regional solid waste management study.

Submitted by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, the request seeks from all boards in Region K counties a commitment of up to \$5,000 to fund a study to examine alternatives that will reduce the volume of waste in county

Other agenda items are expected to include:

· A contractual agreement for a Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) project;

· A rehabilitation contract for a residence in the Quick City Revitalization project; and

· An appointment to the Warren County Board of Health to fill the position held previously by the Rev. Donald J. Wess.

### Three Vance Men Facing Charges Here

Three Vance County men will face charges soon in Warren County District Court, following investigations by deputies here of two December break-ins.

Michael LeMay, 33, of Rt. 4, Henderson, has been charged with two felony-grade counts of receiving stolen goods. The suspect is believed to have had in his possession three televisions and a VCR reported stolen on Dec. 7 from the Drewry residence of Randall Curtis. LeMay is also alleged to have had in his possession a second VCR reported stolen the following day from the Henderson-Warrenton Road residence of Larry Short. The suspect has been confined under a \$5,000 bond to await trial on Feb. 1.

Following related investigations, Melvin Wayne Sneed and Robert Eugene Brodie Sneed, both of Vance County, have also been charged with breaking and entering and larceny. The Warren County Grand Jury on Feb. 6 will review the evidence linking Sneed to the alleged theft. Brodie failed to appear in Warren County District Court on Dec. 28, when an order for arrest was issued. No further details were available

at press time.

Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton was the investigating officer.



Volunteer firemen work to bring flames under control during action here Tuesday night. Both Warrenton town and rural units responded shortly before 7 p. m. when fire was discovered at the home of Jack Jones, who lives several hundred yards southeast of the Warrenton boundary of Baltimore Road. During their three-hour stay at

the scene, firemen contained fire damage to the upper story, although water damage was reported downstairs. Damages exceeded \$10,000 in the fire which is believed to have started around an upstairs chimney, Fire Capt. Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department said this morn-(Photo by Brenda Clarke)

## Three Suffer Injuries In Warren Road Mishap

A Warren County woman and two Granville County residents sustained injuries in the two-car collision on the Perrytown Road (SR 1116) last Wednesday and were all transported by the Warren County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for treat-

Ms. Betty Alston, 24, of Rt. 4, Warrenton, and Ms. Michelle Thornton, 21, and Jerry Henderson, 19, both Oxford residents. were treated and released at Maria Parham for injuries received when the 1977 Chevrolet Impala being driven by Sol Fleming, III, collided with the rear of the of the 1988 Ford Escort being driven by Ms. Thornton.

According to the report filed by N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper W. P. Blanks, Fleming was unable to stop his vehicle, after rounding a curve on SR 1116, before colliding with the Thornton vehicle.

Ms. Thornton's vehicle received damages estimated at \$5,000. The Fleming vehicle received damages estimated at

As a precaution, a crash truck was sent to the accident scene by the Norlina Municipal and Rural Fire Departments.

Thornton has been charged with driving with an expired license.

### Warrenton Man Will Face Charges In District Court

A Warrenton man is scheduled to appear today (Wednesday) in Warren County District Court, following investigations by the Warren County Sheriff's Department of an alleged break-in and larceny.

Johnny Frank Davis, 44, who has been confined under \$5,000 bond, will face four charges: one count of larceny of \$1,000 in stereo equipment from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Gloria of forgery and uttering, involving checks written on the account of Edwin R. Lynch, Sr. of Rt. 1,

Det. R. A. Coleman and Deputy W. T. Winston were the investigating officers.

# Manson.

# Overdose Of Heroin Is Blamed For Death Of Former Local Man

An autopsy released earlier this month shows that a former Warren County Economic Development Commission worker died as the result of a drug overdose.

Reedy Roosevelt Carter, Jr., 33, was found slumped against a wall in his northeast Charlotte apartment Nov. 28. A syringe was also found near his body.

An autopsy report released Jan. 5 revealed that Carter had a lethal dose of heroin in his blood. Charlotte police believe that he probably injected the drug and then collapsed.

Carter had been serving as Mecklenburg County's community development director for the past 10 months. He supervised a small division with two project coordinators that administers federal grants to improve lowincome housing.

Prior to his service there, he

worked on similar projects in Warren County and Winston-Salem. In Warren County, he served as the community development director for approximately one year before accepting the job in Charlotte.

Charles Worth, Warren County manager, said about Carter's death, "It is a serious loss. He was well-liked by city officials as well as by the community. What happened is a tragedy.'

Police were called to Carter's apartment after a friend became concerned when he did not appear for work on Nov. 28 and could not be reached. They found Carter in the bathroom, fully clothed, his body wedged between the toilet and the wall.

Police were unable to determine how long Carter had been dead.

The death was ruled accidental. Police reports indicate there was no foul play and say that the overdose was not intentional.

Toxicology tests performed by the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill revealed a 0.1 percent concentration of morphine in Carter's blood. Heroin converts to morphine after entering the bloodstream.

### Unauthorized Entry Being Probed Here

An incidence of alleged un-authorized entry and theft, along with a report of property damage, are under investigation here by the Warren County Sheriff's tment a there said Monday.

According to the report filed by Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, Jana Baskett, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, on Jan. 12, reported a break-in and larceny at her residence.

Reported missing were one double-barrel shotgun valued at \$75, an AM/FM stereo radio-cassette player valued at \$150 and a small bowl of pennies valued at

In an unrelated incident, Willis Cleaton Lynch on Monday reported damage to his 1973 Toyota station wagon. According to the report, Lynch awoke on Jan. 16 to find that the passenger window of his vehicle had been broken, causing damages estimated at

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison was the responding officer for both cases, the sheriff's spokesperson

#### **Local Bank Reports Highest Earnings Ever**

Peoples Bancorporation, which operates in Norlina Peoples Bank Trust Co., last week reported the highest level of earnings ever to be achieved in a single month and a single quarter by the

corporation.

Earnings last December exceeded \$1.0 million, with quarterly net income of \$.28 million.

Although a 0.1 percent level is a small amount, a state medical examiner's office official confirmed that people have been known to die with lesser quantities.

Heroin is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream. It causes the respiratory system to slow down, thus preventing normal amounts of oxygen to reach tissues and organs. The result is death.

Carter's death was the only heroin overdose death reported in Mecklenburg County last year.

### Chicago Native **Enters Firm**

A Chicago native has been named a partner in the Warrenton law firm of Marvin Rooker. The new practice, Rooker & Sosna, will maintain offices in Warrenton in the Williamsburg Manor building and in Henderson, Rooker and Sosna said.

Michael B. Sosna, an attorney who since 1983 has maintained a private practice in Henderson, became a partner in the firm on Jan. 1. Specializing in general practice, dealing especially with personal injury and domestic cases, Sosna plans to divide his time between the two offices. The Henderson office is located at 115 Young Street. Sosna will maintain that office on Monday mornings, all day on Fridays and at other times by appointment.

A member of the North Carolina Bar Association, Sosna is a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He is also an alumnus of St. John's Law School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I'm looking forward to working with Marty and we hope that joining forces will allow us both to better serve our clients,' Sosna said.

"Our office will continue to represent our existing clients as in the past," Rooker said this week. "We plan to emphazise some specialization, but will continue to overlap in criminal cases," he said.

Sosna practiced law in New York for 10 years. Beginning in 1977, he served as managing attorney in Henderson for the North Carolina Legal Assistance Program, until opening his own firm in 1983. His practice has extended from Vance into Franklin and Granville counties.

Henderson. He has five children: Scott, 23, a computer programmer for the Minnesota College of the Arts; Courtney, 22, and Jeremy, 19, both students at the University of Iowa; and Zane, 15, and Kelley, 11, both students at Vance Academy.

### Break-In Is Reported At Lynch Grocery

Lynch Grocery Store, located on the Littleton Road, about two miles east of Arcola, was the site of a break-in and larceny reported on Monday of this week.

According to the report taken by Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, entry is believed to have been gained into the business by prying open a window at the front of the establishment.

Reported missing were three gallons of Wild Irish Rose wine valued at \$18, along with eight to 10 cartons of cigarettes and a VCR for which no values were available a press time.

In an unrelated incident re-

ported on Tuesday morning of this week, Northside School was the site of \$25 in property damages caused by a rock that had been thrown through a

classroom window.

According to the report taken
by Deputy W. T. Winston, no entry was made into the building.



Designed to prevent trespassers from entering sosted land, this rustic roadblock bars an access road in a field. The structure was spotted in cast-

ern Warren County near the Odell community last week. (Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)