



North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper A. M. Bennett inspects the Yamaha motorcycle which was involved in a collision with the 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck shown above. The collision occurred on RUP 1609 (Powell's Mill Road) near Spring Green Baptist Church, and two Warren County

youths, Jessie Alston, 14, and Reginald W. Alston, 10, were killed. Chip Fambrough of Warren County EMS was also on the scene and is shown near one of the bodies. Neither of the youths was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Two Warren Youngsters Are Killed When Motorcycle, Truck Collide

Two Warren County youths lost their lives last Sunday afternoon, when the Yamaha motorcycle they were riding collided head-on with a pickup truck being driven by a Warren County man.

According to the report taken by N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper A. M. Bennett, Jessie Alston, 14, and Reginald W. Alston, 10, both of Rt. 2, Warrenton, had been traveling east on RUP 1609, reportedly on the wrong side of the road.

Harry Malvern Williams, 34, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, had been traveling west on RUP 1609 in

heavy dust thrown up by a number of dirt bikes and four-wheelers, which were also on the roadway. Trooper Bennett estimated that the Williams vehicle had been traveling at about 40 mph before the accident, but said his estimated speed at impact was 30 mph.

The Alston motorcycle collided head-on with the 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven by Williams, flipped over and landed upside down.

Trooper Bennett estimated that the Yamaha had been traveling at about 55 mph.

The accident took place on Powell's Mill Road (SR 1609). Both youths were thrown from the motorcycle. Neither boy was wearing a helmet, Trooper Bennett said. Damages to the motorcycle have been estimated at \$800.

Following impact, the pickup truck came to rest in the west-bound lane of SR 1609. Damages to the Chevrolet truck have been estimated at \$1,200.

No charges were made against Williams.

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Murder Probe Is Begun By SBI, Deputies After Body Discovered

A Norlina man last Saturday afternoon was found dead of a shotgun wound at an area apartment complex.

According to Sheriff Theodore Williams, Franklin Joenathan Alexander, 36, of Kearney Street, was found shot to death inside his van, which had been parked in the lot at the Pines Apartments.

At about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Alexander's remains had been found by his sister, Ms. Mary Anna Skipwith, a resident of the apartment complex, who reported the crime. The Pines Apartments are located north of Norlina, on US 1.

Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis was the first officer to arrive, Sheriff Williams said. Galantis summoned the Warren County Emergency Medical Service at 3:13 p.m. Alexander ap-

peared to have been dead for several hours, the sheriff said.

Chief Galantis was assisted by Warren County Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison.

SBI mobile crime lab operators Steve Jones and Ms. Pat Johnson were summoned.

According to Chief Deputy Bolton, crime scenes must remain undisturbed until all evidence there has been examined and recorded.

"The SBI crime lab staff will not allow a body to be moved until all physical evidence there can be recorded," he said. "Measurements must be made of the crime scene and law enforcement officers must often be able to reconstruct the exact position in which the victim was found," Bolton added.

"We've got to get all the evidence (because) that may be all there is to link a suspect with the crime," the chief deputy said Monday.

According to Dennis Paschall, of the Warren County Emergency Medical Service, as is required in all homicides, Alexander's body was taken at 7:02 p.m. to N. C. Memorial Hospital to the office of the state medical examiner.

Alexander was the brother of Norlina Police Ptl. Willie Alexander.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but are being handled by R. H. Greene Funeral Home.

Sheriff Williams asked that any persons with knowledge of this crime call his office at 257-3456. "All information will be kept in strictest confidence," the sheriff said.

Spruill Murder Suspect Nabbed

A Franklin County man—reportedly paroled on April 14 from John Umstead Correctional Center in Butner—has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the April 20 death of a 74-year-old Warren County resident.

Aaron Rondell Powell, 19, of Rt. 4, Louisburg, was arrested last Friday by Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, and SBI agents R. G. Sims and M. A. White. The suspect had been found inside a vehicle in the White Level community of Franklin County.

Following his arrest, Powell was given a 96-hour hearing and confined without the privilege of bond in the Warren County Jail to await his court appearance this week. He was scheduled to appear in Warren County District Court today (Wednesday) for a probable cause hearing on a charge of first-degree murder.

James A. Spruill had been found dead at his Embro residence last Thursday by his brother, Willie Norman Spruill, of Rt. 2, Macon.

According to Sheriff Theodore Williams, Spruill had gone to the victim's residence because his brother had not been seen for a couple of days.

Det. R. A. Coleman was the first officer to arrive at the crime site on Thursday. Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton was the second officer to join the investigation.

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JAMES A. SPRUILL,
Murder Victim

Injunction Filed Against Lake Property Developers

By DIANE DAVIS
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An injunction was filed Monday against a Lake Gaston development company, its representatives and a marketing firm after lake property buyers took their complaints to the State Attorney General's Office.

The injunction was filed against Kerr Lake Development Corporation; Paul Carrithers and Jarrell Brock, corporate officials with the firm; and Tri-City Corporation. It prohibits the marketing, offering for sale or the sale of unimproved real estate in Section 2-A of Eaton's Ferry Estates.

According to Barbara Shaw, a state attorney who is handling the case, a number of complaints had been received by the attorney general's office from persons who had purchased real estate from Kerr Lake Development Corporation.

Shaw said her order alleges that:

•Kerr Lake Development Corporation was selling lots to customers without the transfer of a deed.

Shaw said only three of the 25 purchasers had received deeds to their land. Sixty-eight lots were available for sale beginning in September of 1987.

•Kerr Lake Development Corporation told its customers that there was a central water system.

Shaw said there is no water system in place, and the company was in violation of Warren County Subdivision regulations.

Those regulations require that a water system be in place and meet health department standards before a permit to build can be issued.

Butch Meek, chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, said Tuesday afternoon that there previously was a road problem which the company corrected before the injunction was filed.

Shaw also has asked that all of the money paid for the lots be

returned to the purchasers, all down payments or monthly installments be returned, all deeds be voided and all promissory notes be voided.

Shaw said the three purchasers who have received deeds have the option to stay or request their money be returned.

Jack Harris Elected Democratic Chairman

Warren County's Democrats turned out last Saturday for their annual convention held in the county courthouse and, after turning down three slates of nominees, voted "thumbs up" on a new set of officers.

Jack Harris was elected Warren County chairman. He succeeds T. T. Clayton, a local attorney who held the position for the past two terms. Harris will also be the Warren County member on the State Democratic executive committee.

Other county executive committee members to be elected were: Mrs. Ogletree Richardson (first vice-chairman), Mrs. Diana Ross Moody (second vice-chairman), Leonard C. Cooper (third vice-chairman), Mrs. Connie Lue (secretary) and Joseph O'Brien (treasurer).

According to Harris, no resolutions were passed.

Distinguished Service

Award Is Given Gardner

David Scott Gardner of Warrenton was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at last Thursday night's Warren County Jaycees D.S.A. Banquet.

Gardner, 38, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, serves as president and manager of Warrenton Furniture Exchange and is responsible for daily operations, buying, advertising, promotion, sales, inventory and expense control there.

He is also involved in many civic and church organizations. Offices he holds include the Warrenton Lions Club, first vice president; director of the Warrenton Merchants Association; director of the Warren Committee of 100, Inc.; director of the Warrenton City Board of BB&T; president of Baptist Men of Warrenton Baptist Church; chairman of deacons, Warrenton Baptist Church.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person of Jaycee age (21-39) who exhibits most meritorious service to

their family, community and nation. The D.S.A. is the highest award the Warren County Jaycees annually present.

Gardner and his wife, Nell, have two children, Angela, 11, and Matthew, 6.

At press time, the names of the delegates for River and Roanoke precincts were unavailable.

"There was a certain degree of unity at the end of the meeting on Saturday and we hope things will stay that way," Harris said Tuesday.



GARDNER