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Traffic Lights

We braked our car to a stop at the corner of Front and Fairview Streets one morning this week and waited for the lights to change.

A few days before, in an unusually big hurry, we traveled Chestnut Street in Henderson on our way to the office of The Henderson Dispatch to pick up pictures.

Almost every Saturday when traffic is heavy here a line of cars extends from one end of the business section of the town to the other.

Signal lights are necessary for an orderly flow of traffic, and for the reduction of accidents.

stance, that the lights on the corners of Front and Main and Fairview Streets should be synochronized so that one could drive from Front Street to the postoffice without being held up by more than one signal light.

It is easy to point out a difficulty, but it is often much harder to provide a remedy. We are well aware that it would not be easy for our local officials to synchronize the signal lights on Main Street so that traffic could flow through town freely.

We have had many oddities in Warren County, but nothing to touch the Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker. Bill relates that the twins were united to each other by a ligature of fleshy band, about 3 1/2 inches in length and eight inches in circumference.

Consolidation Is Inevitable

Loleta Kenan Powell, who writes an interesting column for The Smithfield Herald, last week discussed the consolidation of our schools.

The first step in the improvement of Warren County schools is the passage of a bond issue to provide funds for the consolidation of the remaining small Negro schools of the county.

By LOLETA KENAN POWELL

During my recent teaching experience I have done much thinking about our schools of the future.

I deplore bigness, when individuals must count for less, as all of us do. Nevertheless, we must face the fact that population growth makes mandatory our doing things on a larger scale.

Transportation is no longer the problem it was when every community had to strive to locate a center of education as close as possible to its walking or laboriously driven students.

In such fewer schools, our children can really receive more individual attention than in many small schools.

smaller classes, and more subjects can be taught. Physics, for instance, wished by only five or six very fine students in the small school, could hardly be offered;

For the larger school to serve us better, there will be a change of emphasis. Athletics must receive less attention. Class functions such as plays and banquets can not assume the same scale as "what we had."

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

February 15, 1957

The Barber of Seville will be presented at the John Graham High School by the National Grassroots Opera on next Wednesday evening.

February 15, 1952

Warren County's 1962 tobacco allotment is 9,650 acres, Clyde M. Coleman, PMA secretary, announced yesterday.

Howell Steed, manager of Steed's Shop, was named president of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce at a director's meeting on Tuesday night.

The John Graham PTA on Tuesday night agreed to support a Boy Scout Troop.

February 12, 1937

A bill to district Warren County for the election of county commissioners and members of the Board of Education passed the State House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Plans are underway for the holding of an automobile show here in the spring under the sponsorship of the Warrenton Lions Club.

MOSTLY PERSONAL

By BIGNALL JONES

"Modern Yancey County's school system included two new high schools, each costing over \$300,000, and a brand new colored school for the county's 27 colored students, costing \$30,000.

This was one of the many interesting bits of information I received in reading Bill Sharpe's "A New Geography of North Carolina," covering the histories of 26 of the 100 counties.

Here in Warren County where the school enrollment is more than two-thirds Negro, the statement that in Yancey County there are only 27 Negro students seemed unusual.

Presently John Graham High School has a candidate who is a semi-finalist for a Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina and we all hope that a Warren County school boy for the first time may obtain this fine scholarship.

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Another thing of interest to me at a time that the commissioners are preparing to call a school bond issue is the large number of counties in the state that have voted school bond issues within the past few years.



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for \$2,000,000, another for \$1,750,000—and by inference says that several others of the 26 counties have voted such bond issues.

The Sanford Herald says of the geography that "This promises to be not only the most exhaustive but the most entertaining report on North Carolina ever attempted."

Hugh R. Lefler, Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, says of the volume: "A New Geography of North Carolina, is the first volume of a projected series, which will cover all the state's one hundred counties."

My reaction was that I not only have come into possession of a most enjoyable book, but a fine reference source, and the wish that I may visit each of the counties so well covered by Bill Sharpe.

Just Like Banking "Have you seen the grocer's bill, dear?" she asked the bank teller. "I sent it back to him, darl-

Walker Attends UNC Symposium

CHAPEL HILL — Harry Walker of Walker Drug Company at Norlina is now attending a six-week drug symposium at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

Miss Lea Franklin Honored in France

Miss Lea Franklin of Fontainebleau, France, who is attending the Paris American High School in Paris, France, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

To be eligible for the honor a student must not only maintain a 3.5 average of a possible 4 points, but also she must be selected by the members of the school who belong to the National Honor Society and approved by the principal and the teachers of the school.

Miss Franklin has attended Paris-American for two years

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and is a senior this year, and will graduate at the age of 16. She is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. George W. Franklin of Fontainebleau, France, and Warrenton; the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Reid, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thompson of Warrenton.

And did you hear about the Texas housewife who said to her husband: "Will you get the car out, dear, and drive the youngsters to the backyard so they can play?"



Advertisement for The Citizens Bank, Warrenton, N. C. Includes text about citizenship and a portrait of George Washington.

Large advertisement for Flameless Electric Dryer Sweepstakes. Includes a cartoon character, a dryer, and detailed rules for the contest.