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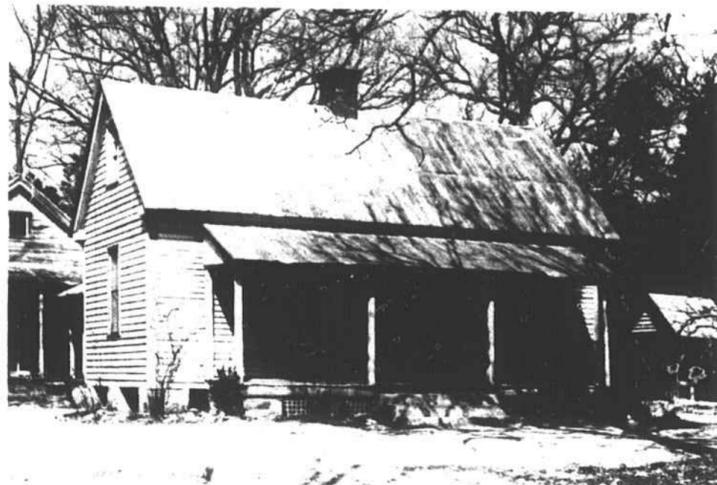
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The old T. E. Powell home where Dr. T. E. Powell, Jr., was reared. This home is located just beyond the branch and short distance from the Warrenton-Macon highway.

By Carolina Biological Supply Co.

Research Farm, Laboratory To Be Established Near Warrenton

Company Is Started At Elon

Dr. Thomas Edward Powell, Jr., president of Carolina Biological Supply Company, was the subject of a feature article by Chester S. Davis in the Winston-Salem Journal on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1966. From this article the information published below is taken.

Dr. Powell was born at Warrenton, N. C., in 1899. He earned his BA at Elon College, his MA (Geology) at the University of North Carolina and his PhD (Biology) at Duke University. From 1920 until 1932 he taught geology and biology at Elon College. In 1927 Dr. Powell built a 14x16 foot woodshed beside a mud pond behind his home in Elon and launched the Carolina Biological Supply Company. Davis said that prior to that time there were no supply houses for furnishing specimens to schools, colleges and laboratories, and professors largely did their own collections of frogs, earthworms, etc.

At that time his assets consisted of that shed and pond and a rather thorough knowledge of what was wanted, where it was to be found and who wanted it. At the outset his stock was limited but of splendid quality - frogs, grasshoppers, Carolina earthworms, a particularly fine strain of the emocbaproteus and a few such other items. Until 1932 Dr. Powell, who by then had moved to a 140-acre site just outside Elon, operated on a part time basis. He procured specimens and peddled them in his spare time and taught for a living. In 1932 he went into his shed, which he called laboratory, and began to work on a full time basis.

It was 1940 before Dr. Powell got over the hump to be able to use black ink in his account book. As late as 1945 his staff consisted of nine persons. Today there are 180. From his sprawling com-

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Beginners Welding Course To Be Held At Norlina School

An adult Beginning Electric Welding Course will start at the Vocational Agricultural Department of the Norlina High School on Tuesday night, March 14, at 7 o'clock, Clint Hege, vocational teacher, announced yesterday. The course will be open to all Warren County citizens. Hege said that plans for the class are to meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights through March 30, for six meetings or a total of 18 hours. Philip Bender, Jr., a graduate of the Nashville Technical College, will teach the course. Hege said that most of the time will be spent in actual welding. A charge of \$5.00 will be made for the course. Hege said that the course would be limited to 16 members on a first-to-signup basis. He said that those wishing to take the course to let him know or to attend the first meeting of the class on March 14. He asked those attending to wear old clothes, long sleeves and heavy shoes.

One of the largest biological supply companies in the world will establish a research farm in Warren County a short distance from Warrenton. Carolina Biological Supply Company, with home offices in Burlington will develop a combined research laboratory and farm on the old Burwell Powell Farm on the old

Macon - Warrenton Road, Thomas E. Powell, Jr., president of the company, said this week. Preparatory work for establishing the research laboratory and farm has been underway for several months. In casting about for a location for such an installation, Powell said, many places were considered and a number

were explored. None of those, he said, had as many natural facilities as does the ancestral Powell homestead and farm near Warrenton. Powell, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell of Warrenton, was reared on the farm which will be a part of the site selected for the enterprise. Powell said that Carolina

Biological Supply Company expected that several years, perhaps as many as five, will be required to develop the site and to achieve volume production of the teaching materials which eventually will come from the Warren acres. He said the company is starting out on a modest scale and will let future developments come at a rate and in a direction called for by the program itself as it matures.

Carolina Biological Supply Company has come into possession of several of the nine individual tracts of the John Burwell Powell plantation. These are now consolidated to form the site on which the company proposes to establish the research laboratory and farm. Powell said that in deference to Warren County, the facility is being called Warren Laboratories, and it will be listed in local directories under this name even though the entire project will be an integral part of Carolina Biological Supply Company.

Essentially, the company's main purpose will be to develop the research farm portion first. Bulldozers are now at work cleaning up and enlarging fields for the purpose of growing genetic corn in the same category.

Powell said that for several years Carolina Biological Supply Company has assumed the obligation of furnishing educational institutions throughout America with the genetic requirements utilized in their teaching laboratories. The supply company has reached the point where their sources for such material are insufficient. The firm intends, he said, to concentrate the growth and development of these genetic strains in one location. They are planning the farm for this specific purpose.

In his explanation of the work of the research farm and laboratory, released to the press Tuesday, Powell said: "In order to develop to the fullest extent the needed 26 strains of corn, as well as additional strains of tobacco, English peas, and soy beans, it has been necessary to provide certain facilities. These include irrigation ponds and isolated fields placed relatively close to these reservoirs. This arrangement permits the several plant forms to be grown in isolation and to be conveniently hand-pollinated in fields that are close enough to the water storage to provide the necessary irrigation. In essence our operations will be similar to those of any well operated farm in the local vicinity. There will be certain differences. We will not depend on cotton and tobacco as staple products in our operation. We will grow a greater variety of plant crops than the average farm, but essentially we will operate a test or experimental farm under close scientific

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Jenkins To Speak Here Tonight

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, President of East Carolina College, will speak here tonight (Friday) to a joint meeting of the Warrenton Lions and Warrenton Women's Club. The dinner meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. at Hotel Warren. Dr. Jenkins will be introduced by State Senator Julian Allbrook and the educational program is being presented by Leo W. E. Jenkins, former Warren County representative.

Commissioners Agree To Build Jail Kitchen

Warren County is expected to build a new kitchen for its jail within the next fiscal year at a cost of from \$7,000 to \$10,000, the board of county commissioners told a representative of the state here Monday afternoon.

Leslie D. Smith, inspector of correctional institutions for the state, told the commissioners that with the completion and equipping of the kitchen and some other minor and inexpensive alterations, that the jail would be in good condition. He said that the jail is alright; it is not among the best jails in the state, but neither is it among the worst. The Grand Jury for several terms of court has recommended repairs at the jail, with particular emphasis upon the need for a new kitchen.

Smith, who was accompanied to the meeting by Sheriff Clarence Davis, brought with him a rough sketch of the proposed kitchen. It calls for a fire wall between the kitchen and the jail proper, and for the cutting down of a window into a door space, providing an entrance into a laundry room, now being used as a storage room.

He said that the county was fortunate in having a good stainless steel sink, the major item of equipment. He estimated that this type sink would cost the county around \$400 at present prices.

Smith told the commissioners that Kingsdown Mattress Company had developed a new type mattress that is fireproof, waterproof and stainproof, at a relatively low

price. He suggested that present mattresses be replaced by this new type mattress by degrees.

Sheriff Davis, a former building contractor, told the commissioners that he felt certain that the new kitchen can be built for the \$7,500 to \$10,000 price. The most single expensive item, he said would be the roof, which would be of the built up type. The meeting of the commissioners Monday was an unusual quick one with few citizens appearing and little business other than routine before the board.

The agreement to build a kitchen at the jail and the acceptance of the resignation of Miss Dorothy Goodwyn as assistant home agent, neither of which consumed much time, were the highlights of the meeting.

Mrs. H. P. Reid appeared before the board to request that a road leading through the H. P. Reid development off East Church Street be paved by the State Highway Department. Later in the day Monroe Gardner appeared with a similar request for paving in the Country Meadows Development. Both are outside the town limits. Both Mrs. Reid and Mr. Gardner were asked to discuss the projects at a meeting with representatives of the State Highway Department at a meeting to be held here shortly.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector, reported taxes collected in February in the amount of \$33,726.42, making a total collection of 1966 taxes to date of \$371,663.67, which represented 83.32 per cent of the levy.

March 17 Is Deadline For Signup

March 17 is the final date to sign up in the 1967 cotton, feed grain, and wheat program T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, reminded Warren County farmers yesterday.

Watson said that all farmers should study these programs very carefully and if they wish to sign up to be sure to do so before the deadline. He said that in most instances the programs offer many advantages to the farmers who sign up. Under the 1967 cotton program, Watson said, farmers must sign up to plant their allotment or divert between 12.5 and 35 cents of their effective 1967 cotton allotment. By participating in the program, a farmer is eligible for diversion payments, price support payments, and price support. Farmers who do not sign up are not eligible for any program benefits. Watson said most cotton farmers in Warren County would benefit a great deal by diverting a portion of their allotment under the program.

The feed grain program offers price support payments, price support on feed grains produced on the farm, and diversion payments on farms with bases of less than 25 acres.

The wheat program also offers price support on the wheat produced plus marketing certificates. No diversion payments will be made under the 1967 wheat program.

Watson said that each of these programs offers some advantages to farmers. He added that individual farmers should get full information and make a decision prior to March 17.

Norlina Wins

Norlina High School basketball teams, victors in the first round of district play-offs at Rocky Mount last Friday night, were scheduled to play Cleveland last night (Thursday).

The Norlina boys eliminated Mead in last Friday night's game by the 59 to 55. Draffin was high scorer for Norlina with 24 points. Hicks and Hege netted 13 points each. Others scoring were Macon 2, Hawkins 2, and Parham 5. Down by five points at the end of the first quarter, Norlina cut this lead to three points at the end of the half, and went ahead to stay in the third quarter.

In play at Rocky Mount the same night Middleburg was eliminated by Youngsville 60 to 36.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Warrenton, will be held at the AAA Gas and Appliance Company store on Main Street on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon. Cupcakes, pies, cakes and cookies will be on sale.

Alert Officer Nabs 5 Boys At Norlina

The alertness of a Norlina night police officer was responsible for the arresting and jailing of five young Massachusetts boys early last Saturday morning on a charge of breaking and entering.

The arrest of Harold Wilson, Jr., 16, Dennis Leroy, 16, Donald Leonard, Jr., 15 years, 9 months, Russell B. Binson, Jr., 16, and Walter Pittaleye, 16 all of Middleburg, Mass., in Schuster Pure Oil Service Station in Norlina around 3:30 a. m. Saturday, came after from 30 to 40 minutes of surveillance by Carson Pridgen, Norlina Night Officer.

Pridgen said that he observed the boys on Highway No. 1 North of Norlina around 3 o'clock last Saturday morning, and his suspicions were aroused by seeing the boys on the highway at that hour of the morning. He determined to keep the group under observation.

Driving in a round-about way back into Norlina he hid in the parking lot of Clayton

Taylor Garage, and watched the boys as they entered the town and first went into a telephone booth at Hunt's Service Station. He noticed, he said, that as a car would approach the boys would hide behind a booth.

Pridgen said the boys came up the highway and tried the doors of several business establishments en route. He said that they tried the doors of Severance's Filling Station and the ABC Store. They came to the lot where Pridgen was hiding behind a truck and as he crawled under the truck to escape discovery, they examined several cars on the lot, but did not try to take one. They then went across the road where an old car was parked with the key in the ignition.

This discovery excited the boys and they all piled into the car. "But I was not worried," he said. "I knew the engine was shot and that they would never get it started." True enough they spun the (See ALERT, page 4)