

Donna Wheeler [center] accepts a \$25 savings bond from Leland Gottschalk [left], district commander of the American Legion. William E. Terry, principal of J.G.H.S., looks on. George Freeman escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon when he lost control of his car and struck a telephone pole on the Warrenton-Norlina road. Freeman received minor cuts and bruises in the accident and was treated at Warren General Hospital. [Staff Photo]

## Donna Wheeler Wins Contest

Miss Donna Wheeler won the oratorical contest for the 5th District and Warren County on Thursday night at a joint meeting of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. The contest is the American Legion 40th annual national high school oratorical contest. She was awarded a \$25 bond by Limer Post 25. Winners will next compete in

the Division 1 contest to be held on March 22 at 2:30 p. m. at East Carolina University in Greenville. The American Legion's oratorical program began in 1938. Four thousand high school students participated from 11 states. Roger Limer of Warren County was one of the earlier contestants. In 1976 51 Legion depart-

ments (including D. C., Hawaii, France and Mexico) participated. The finals were held at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. This year's national finals will be held at Washington Crossing, Pa., on Friday, April 22. It is possible for a student to win as much as \$9500 in scholarships by advancing all the way to the top.

## Test Held-Over Seed For Quality

Gardening tools are coming out of storage and so are some seed left over from last year. If you have seed on hand, check their quality before planting them.

You can easily determine if your old seed are still viable by planting a few in a cup of soil and setting aside out of direct sunlight, suggest Agricultural Extension Service specialists at North Carolina State University. Most vegetable seed will germinate in four to seven

days, except peppers. They will require 10 to 12 days or more, depending on the temperature. Here's another way you can run an accurate germination test on your seed: Count out 100 seed at random and place them on a moist paper towel in a covered container. Set aside out of direct sunlight and wait a few days.

You can determine the germination percentage by counting the number of seed that germinate. This will give you a rule of thumb to use in

determining whether or not to throw out the old and buy new seed.

If the germination percentage was borderline—say, 60 out of 100 germinated—you might still want to use the old seed but increase the seeding rate to be sure of getting a good stand.

The NCSU specialists suggest that seed are one of the least costly items that go into a vegetable garden, and much worry, bother and reseeded can be avoided by starting with high quality seed.

## John Graham News

By KAREN HILLIARD Spring is officially here, weather-wise that is. Outdoor sports are beginning their practices and students are urging their teachers to plan field trips. Students cannot seem to keep their minds on studying and have their Frisbees close at hand. These are true signs of spring!

The annual Miss John Graham Pageant will be presented on Wednesday evening, March 16. There are six contestants participating in the event this year. Miss Elaine Tunstall, the reigning Miss John Graham, will crown the new queen. Members of the faculty will model some of the latest fashions during the intermission. This event is sponsored by Le Circle Francais and its advisor, Mrs. Eunice Evans.

Mrs. Virginia Levister, guidance counselor, and Mr. Costel Evans, business instructor, accompanied a group of seniors to Raleigh last Friday to tour the Hardbarger's Business College. Mr. Wayne Moseley, Director of Admissions at Hardbarger's, spoke to the group concerning the areas in which the college specializes.

## Wise-Paschall 4-H Club Has Meeting

By TINA SALMON The Wise-Paschall 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at the home of Pete King. There were 10 members, one leader, one parent and one extension agent present.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Currie. Jane King led the American pledge, Lisa Leete led the 4-H pledge and Man Leete led the 4-H motto.

Lisa Leete, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and reported on the last called meeting.

Old business discussed was a bicycle trail ride and ice skating and the Easter Seal drive was discussed during the new business.

Mr. George Koonce presented the club with a State Health Certificate.

Refreshments were served by Lisa and Man Leete.

He gave the group a brief tour of the college, apartments for housing, and the clubhouse available to the Hardbarger students. The trip proved to be very helpful and informative.

Mrs. Ann Laonipon and Mr. Ben Howard will accompany some of their biology, chemistry and physics classes to the Research Triangle Park on March 16, to visit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The students will tour the EPA laboratories.

The Lady Jackets returned home from Union Pines last Friday because of defeat by Chatham Central High School. Although the girls and their coach, Ben Howard, suffered a defeat, we are still extremely proud of them for the outstanding position they held and for the mere fact that they made it to the state championship play-offs. We'll make it all the way next year Jackets!!

## Genetic Problems Probed By Class

By WILLIAM PERRY The John Graham Biology Classes, taught by Mrs. Cora Hawkins, have made extensive studies of genetic problems which are worldwide. Included were studies of inherited disorders such as Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Mental Retardation, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Schizophrenia, Phenylketonuria, to name a few. As an outgrowth of these studies, the third period class visited the Warren County Child Development Center and observed children whose ages range from three to 17. Before enrollment the students must be evaluated by a psychologist and evaluated as mentally retarded.

There are four teachers and three teacher aides. We found cubby holes for their personal belongings and a play/sleep area. They are taught physical coordination as well as academic development and social skills. There is an equipped playground in the backyard.

We arrived when they were getting lunch and learned that the food was brought from Mariah Boyd School. The meals were a part of the center fee. We were amazed at the children and their behavior. We were proud that there is such a center in Warrenton. Students visiting the center were: Debra Champion, Willie Cooke, James H. Davis, Roscoe Davis, Michael Debnam, Ernest Green, Ronald Hargrove, Bettie Harris, Nelson Hawkins, Naomi Jones, Bill Kearney, Victor Meadows, Kenneth Pernel, William Perry, Anna Plummer, Jimmie Silver, Kenneth Williams, Carolyn Wortham and Sandra Williams. We met Mrs. Faith Becker, the special education specialist. There are also a case worker and a public health nurse.

## Utah Man Speaks To Brotherhood

The Wise Baptist Church Brotherhood held their regular monthly meeting on March 7 at 7:30 p. m. Robert Young conducted the invocation service.

The Rev. Robert Rogers made helpful suggestions to the 13 members present on how to improve the program of the Brotherhood.

The Rev. Harold Dillman of Midvale, Utah, was guest speaker. He made an interesting talk on Christianity versus Mormonism. He is the first Baptist missionary from Utah and comes from a family background of all Mormons.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served.

## Warrenton 4-Hers Have Gathering

By JODY PROCTOR Reporter The Warrenton 4-H club held its regular meeting on March 10 at the Warrenton Agriculture Extension Office.

President Jeffrey Bender called the meeting to order. Cathy Cooper led the pledge of allegiance and Ivan Barnes led the 4-H pledge.

There was no old business and the club discussed collecting money for Easter Seals. The group then went to the Courthouse for a meeting about Easter Seals and saw a film. The meeting was then adjourned.

The tentacles of a giant squid may be 30 to 40 feet long.

## Norlina School Clubs Are Busy

By DANYLU PALMER The clubs which met last week were Vica, Drama and Beta.

The Prom Committee also met last week and discussed the many aspects of the 76-77 Junior-Senior Prom. Everyone is joyfully awaiting May 20 and keeping an eye out for the perfect dress and other attire.

Mr. Underwood visited our school on Friday to wrap up his many dealings with the students and faculty.

N.H.S. alumni pumped a double basketball victory Friday night. The score of the boys game was 65-64 and the girls score was 51-16. All who came to the game enjoyed it very much.

Norlina will host Parkview in their first baseball game beginning at 3:30 March 21. N.H.S. will also host Bluestone next week. The baseball game will begin at 4 p. m. on Thursday. Do it to'em Waves!!!

A workshop on the use of the videotape machine was held on Wednesday afternoon at Norlina for both students and staff members. The use of this machine has unlimited possibilities in the education field. Three of our teachers have begun a course taught by East Carolina University in the Art of Teaching Reading. They are Miss Meredith, Mr. Stultz and Mr. Ross.



The most common surname in the United States is Smith. Close to 2.5 million Smiths reside here.

## Smoke Signals

News Of Warren Academy

Congratulations to the J.V. girls' basketball team on winning the J.V. Carolina Academy Conference Tournament. The girls won Monday night, defeating N.E.W. Academy. Tuesday night they defeated Hobgood Academy and won the tournament by defeating Northeast Academy. We are very proud of our J. V. girls' team.

The J. V. boys lost last Monday night to Halifax Academy who went on to win the boys' championship. Our thanks to the girls and boys who participated in the J. V. program. A special thanks to the coaches of the J. V. teams, Bobby Fleming, coach of the girls' team, and Sidney and Phillip Fleming, coaches of the boys' team. Without them this program probably would not have been possible.

We want to wish Bonnie Greer good luck in the Senior All-Star Basketball Game of the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association. Bonnie was selected to play in this game because of her outstanding caliber as a player. The game will be played at Ravenscroft on Monday, March 21.

Congratulations are due Jill Wemyss. She has been selected from Warren Academy to attend the 35th annual session of Girl's State at U.N.C.G. in June.

Report cards went home last Friday, and for some it is always a pleasure to see good grades after a lot of hard work. Others do not look forward to receiving their report cards. When they do see them, they know that they must buckle down and work harder. But now with spring in the air that will be hard to do; they will

have their minds elsewhere! We keep bringing "Disney on Parade" to your attention because we think it is going to be too good to miss! The elementary faculty at Warren Academy will present all of the students in K-6 grades in this delightful musical review. All ages have enjoyed the magical wonders of Disney's Fantasyland, and now here at Warren Academy this Fantasyland will be created. On stage will be Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin's friends, Cinderella's animal pals, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, lots of Tinker Bells, scary Crocodiles, the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf, and Pinocchio puppets. And, of course, you will see Minnie and Mickey Mouse and Daisy and Donald Duck, and the "Mouseketeers" will treat you to music from Mary Poppins.

It is not easy to describe the characters—seeing is believing—so come and see for yourself and have one of the most enjoyable evenings of your life!

The Drama Club has been busy for the past two weeks building and designing the stage that will be used for the Disney production. This is being done under the direction of David Peoples.

"Disney on Parade" promises to be the most exciting and fabulous event ever presented at Warren Academy. Next week will be our last reminder for this event. The tickets are \$2 with pre-school children admitted free. The performance is March 25 at 8 p. m. Tickets will go on sale at the door about 7:15 p. m.

Also that night, the elementary grades will exhibit in the gym some of their art work in a "Mini-Art Show."

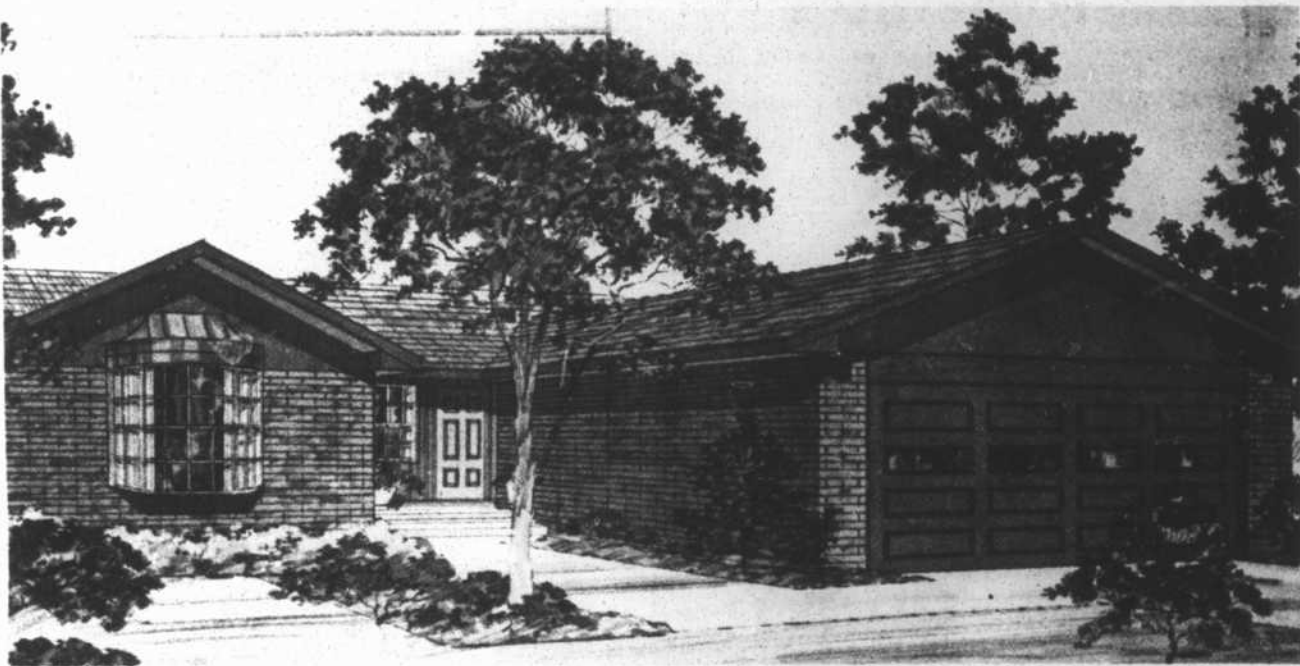
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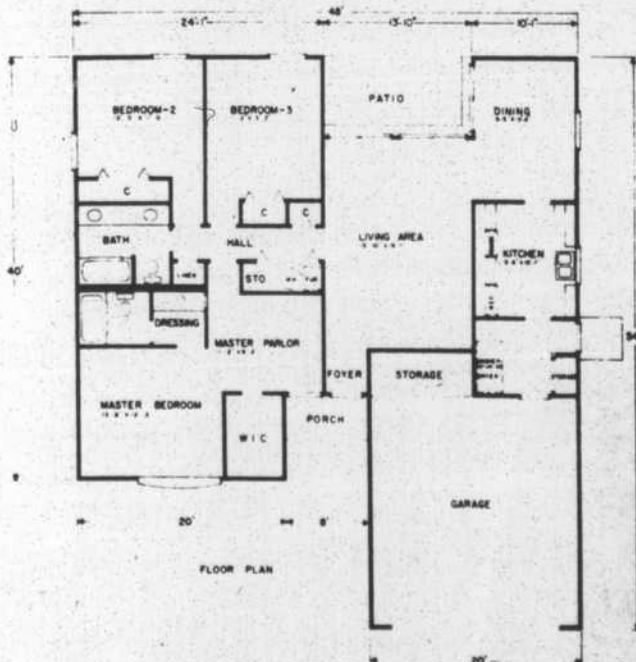
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