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Looking Back Into The Record

January 7, 1949

Warren's representatives in the Legislature will be asked to lend their support to a bill which, if passed, will result in towns and cities receiving one cent of the gasoline tax for road work in municipalities. Legislators will also be asked to amend the charter of the Town of Warrenton to increase the salary of the mayor from $75 to $100 per month and raise the pay of commissioners from $5 to $10 for each regular meeting and from $4 to $5 for each special meeting.

Effective Jan. 1, 1949, postal rates increased to three-cents-per-ounce for first-class mail. Post cards will remain at one cent.

Oliver Davis of Marmaduke grew a seven-and-one-half-pound turnip with a circumference of 24¾ inches.

January 3, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greene and Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis were named winners of the Town 'N Country Garden Club's annual Christmas decorations contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Duke Miles captured first place honors in the annual Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Warrenton Lions Club.

Only one building permit was issued for residential construction in Warrenton during 1963, but a permit for a new A&P supermarket here pushed the total for permits to more than $70,000.

January 4, 1979

Warren County Commissioners reached a unanimous 5-0 decision Tuesday to oppose PCB storage in the county, following strong opposition expressed by interested citizens.

An escapee from the Warren County Jail is still at large and is believed to have fled to New York.

Mr. [illegible] Harris of Greensboro and Karl F. Hehl, Jr. of Warrenton were united in marriage in a home wedding on Dec. 27.

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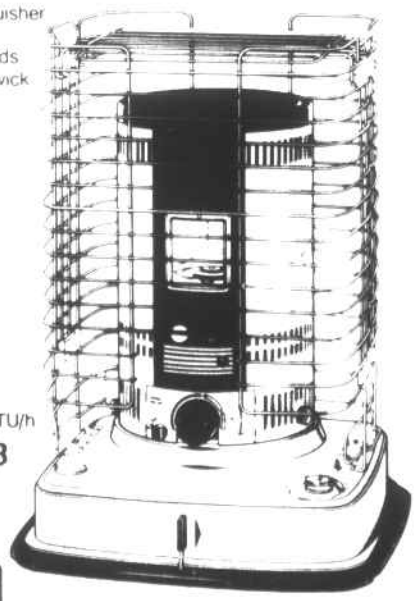

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The Warren County Scene

While most persons around here use traditional means of transportation, the occupants of this residence located just off the airstrip at Nocarva Marina appear to use a more non-traditional vehicle to get around. No cars were sighted in their driveway, just this one-engine two-passenger plane.

(Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

Thurletta Brown

Who Sez?

Who sez that only "airheads" compete in beauty queen contests?

Probably those same folks who feel that "beauty and brains" can never be found in one package.

Yep, these are the folks who never can quite force themselves to believe that the scholarship funds awarded to winners of various beauty pageants are really put to good use by scholars with "heavy" minds.

Well, a young woman whose roots sprang from South Hill, Va. has accomplished something that should put the wagging tongues of those "know-it-alls" to rest: SHE'S A NAVY JET PILOT!

Yep, save a page for this gal in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not!"

Ensign Carolyn Tyler was once a beauty queen in a South Hill pageant.

From there she went on to pursue a double-major in computer science and business at Mary Washington College—before following in her father's footsteps by joining the U.S. Navy.

Flight training for Carolyn included hours in propeller planes, helicoptors and, most recently, jets.

Now that she has made it, this month will find Carolyn in sunny Hawaii for a tour of duty with a squadron that includes fighter- and patrol-planes. (All this while the rest of us freeze our buns off here in Warrenton!)

So, as late-night-TV-talk-show-host Morton Downey would say: "Zip It!"

Status as a contestant in a beauty pageant should not be equated automatically with participation in a "meat contest." Some of those "Miss Americas," "Miss North Carolinas" and "Miss Smalltown USA's" are smart cookies.

They've got a lot more attributes than the obvious ones for which they are given "ogling" and lascivious credit.

We salute you Ensign Carolyn Tyler.

Thanks for doing your part to silence the critics and for taking a giant step forward for WOMAN-kind!

CALENDAR

Hawtree Firemen Plan Meeting

The Hawtree Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual general membership meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m .at the firehouse in Wise. All residences of the Hawtree Fire District are urged to attend.

Orientation Sessions Are Slated

The Warren County Health Department will conduct Exerstyle orientation on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The orientation will be held in the south wing of the old hospital building. Individuals interested in registering for the one hour orientation, or more inforation about exercise and area programs, should call 257-1185, asking for Beth or Katherine.

Livestock Producers Will Gather

The Warren County Livestock Producers will meet on Monday, Jan. 9 at the Rafters. All livestock producers are urged to attend.

Legion Auxiliary Planning Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the residence of Mrs. Lois Ayscue on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m.

Musical Program Is Scheduled

A musical program featuring the Lighthouse Trio will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Warren Baptist Church. The public is invited.

This postcard of Central Academy of Littleton is one of more than 500 postcards reproduced in a new book from the N.C. Division of Archives and History. Central Academy was located at the intersection of Enterprise Church road and Highway 158. A portion of the building is now used as a dwelling. The photographer, E. B. Perry, lived on Mosby Avenue in Littleton and did considerable photography in Warren and Halifax counties. Considered his best work was documentary photography of houses, schools, and the social life at Panacea Springs.

(From the collection of Phil Perkinson, Norlina)

Here and There

Howard Jones

Old Scenes In New Book

Those North Carolinians who derive pleasure from viewing sites seen by their grandparents will be glad to know that a new book, "A North Carolina Postcard Album, 1905-1925," has been published by the Historical Publications Section of the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

The book is a unique pictorial record of North Carolina in the first quarter of the 20th century and is produced in a limited edition of 1,000 copies, one of which has been ordered by the Warren County Memorial Library. Another copy is owned by Phil Perkinson of Norlina, a postcard collector and compiler of the names of all known Tar Heel post offices. Several of the picture postcards contained in the new book are from Perkinson's collection, including two scenes of Garnett Street in Henderson. One card found in the new pictorial history is a view of Church Street in Warrenton. This street was formerly known as Fifth Avenue. Prominent on the postcard is the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd, now the residence of Mrs. John H. Kerr.

Those marketing the new book point out that North Carolina, like the rest of the nation, was caught up in the craze for "penny" postcards during the first two decades of this century. Between 1905-1925 thousands of "view" cards depicting North Carolina scenes were produced. The cards feature a wide range of subject matter and portray images from all areas of the state.

Among the 520 picture postcard views are scenes of towns, buildings, social institutions and pastimes, most of which have never been published. Each reproduction is printed in the exact size of an actual picture postcard and accompanied by a brief caption that describes the card's subject matter, its original color, its postmark and its owner.

Those marketing the new volume, authored by Stephen E. Massengill and Robert M. Topkins, believe the limited edition will become a collector's item.

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For many years, Pete Hulth has written an entertaining column in The Smithfield Herald. In a recent column he quoted two humorous items submitted to American Legion Magazine which I believe bear reprinting. The first:

A doctor was surprised to find a pretty nurse's aide holding a patient by both wrists.

"You don't have to do that to check his pulse," the doctor pointed out.

"I'm not," she said, "I'm checking his impulse."

The second reads:

The Sunday School teacher asked her class: "Does anyone know where the Lord lives?"

"I think he lives in our bathroom," one youngster said.

Surprised, the teacher asked: "Why do you think that?"

"Well, every morning Daddy goes to the bathroom door and says, 'Good Lord! Are you still in there?'"

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I hurt my right hand at the heighth of the Christmas season to the extent that I could not sign my name. I knew this state of affairs would be cause of much concern to members of the staff who were counting on me to sign their paychecks.

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