

Last Of 11 Parts

As They Were

By WYNSELBY

Warrenton, in the Federal census of 1860, was considered important enough to merit the appellation of 'Town.' Some still call it a village. For me, it has the feel of both names. Important enough for a town, a place where the country folk come in for business and shopping. A village, because of the close knit community spirit. Caring, loving.

Early days in Warrenton were a scene of culture which, from Colonial beginnings, was a focus of proud individuality. Its first settlers were men of great intellect who were prominent in affairs of State and Nation. Warren County has a long record of scholars, soldiers, lawyers and doctors.

Today the town is considered to be an historic place and its residents look back keenly on these famous folk who preceded them, and still strive to keep up with all of the political and national interests. Charity begins at home and many organizations try to help others in various ways, be it in town or state, in the nation, or across the world.

The young go away to college, daughters still attend that famous school in Raleigh. Education is an important part of life and, when jobs cannot be found for the graduates, they remember their forefathers and try to follow their example. Doctors, lawyers and teachers are the sons and daughters of the old folk we see daily on the streets.

Young men in earlier days donned their flat straw hats, and went off to the city saying "There is nothing for us here." Today, similarly they cry "There is nothing for us here," albeit they might be wearing different hats or possibly no hats at all. To every corner of the lands they go — but, they come back! There is something about this old place that draws them back and, although they may have achieved fame in their wanderings, if one should ask them where their heart lies, the answer will most certainly be, "In dear old Warrenton."

Williams was an ancestral name for Mary, and it is believed that the Williamses, Joneses, and Davises were among the first settlers in the county. These are Welsh names. What brought them to Warrenton? Whatever it was, they seem to have happily stayed in the town, which was built on dreams, probably the reason for coming to the states in the first place.

Many American cities and towns are no more. Why do they vanish? Some are just fragments of lost hope. Had the people sapped their energies? Why does Warrenton survive?

This town could so easily have become a Williamsburg, a museum town, but this is where folk live.

As Mary's father said, "It's as good a place as any, good and genuine, our town. It has all of the peace."

It sure is peaceful, sitting here on the stoop.

(THE END)

Glimpses Of Yesteryear



Forty-one years have passed since the senior class of John Graham High School posed for this picture on the grounds of the U. S. Capitol. Making the trip to Washington, D. C. during the spring of 1948 were, left to right, Howard Wynn, John Garrett, Merle Harrington, Bill Ellington, an unidentified tour guide, Mary Alice Turner (Ipock), Alice Jones, who served as chaperone, Elsie Reams (Weldon), Patsy Davis (Coleman),

Iris Lea Felts (Waddell), King Overby, John Thomas Harris, II, and Spencer Scott, Jr. Kneeling is the unidentified bus driver. Mrs. Elsie Weldon, who provided this photograph for our "Glimpses of Yesteryear" feature is being sent a check for \$5. You, too, may receive \$5 for submitting a picture for publication in this corner. Pictures fully identified are preferred.

Meal Is Slated By Lions Club

The Warrenton Lions Club will sponsor its annual all-day barbecue chicken feed at the Warrenton Lions Den on May 24, according to David Gardner, advertising chairman of the project.

This spring project is held every May in efforts to help raise funds for the Lions Club community projects. These projects include the Lions Scholarship Fund, the Lions Summer Youth Exchange program, providing equipment for blind and sight impaired persons, as well as many other projects.

The plates will be sold from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and will include half a chicken with all the trimmings, and homemade desserts will be available.

Plates will be ready for take-out or may be eaten in the dining room of the Lion's Den. Tickets are \$3.50 each and may be purchased from any Lions Club member.



TALLEY

Talley Is Promoted By Postal Service

Charles Talley was recently promoted to manager of commercial accounts in the U. S. Postal Service. He will be responsible for the 16-member sales force in Detroit, Mich.

Talley is a 1969 graduate of North Warren High School and a 1973 alumnus of Winston-Salem State University. He joined the postal service in 1973, holding other positions before the promotion.

The new commercial accounts manager is the son of Robert Talley of Macon.

Wyoming Wool

Before nylon and rayon came along and seized most of the wool market, Wyoming alone had more than half as many sheep as the entire United States does today, says National Geographic.

Peeking Into The Postal Service

By WAYNE LONG
Macon Postmaster

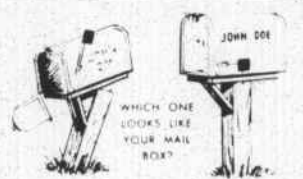
Each year the U. S. Postal Service designates a Mailbox Improvement Week for customers served by rural delivery routes. During that week, customers on rural routes are encouraged to examine and improve, where necessary, the appearance of their mailboxes.

This year, May 15-20 has been designated.

The purpose of Mailbox Improvement Week is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles, which are designed to protect the mail from the weather and are neat in appearance.

In addition, the mailboxes should be conveniently located and safe to use. Neat, attractive mailboxes make a significant contribution to the appearance of the countryside and to the streets in suburban areas.

Mailboxes on rural routes must be located on the right side of the road in the direction traveled by the carrier. The box must be placed and served to comply with state laws, as well as highway and postal regulations.



The carrier must have access to the mailbox, without having to leave the delivery vehicle. Supports for mailboxes should be of adequate strength and size.

Maintenance of the mailbox is the customer's responsibility. Box numbers should be placed on the the side of the box which will be visible to the approaching carrier, using numerals not less than one inch in height.

The numbered address markings not only facilitate the mail carrier, but serve as identification for emergency personnel, who may be summoned to the home. The approach to the box should be a hard surface, such as gravel or concrete.

Toys, vehicles, trash cans and other objects near mailboxes are obstructions, which make delivery of mail both difficult and dangerous. Children should not be permitted to play near mailboxes. In addition, they should never get the mail from the carrier or from the box until the carrier is clear of the box.

Safety is of utmost importance to the Postal Service.

Your participation and cooperation during Mailbox Improvement Week will be greatly appreciated by your rural carrier and the Postal Service. If you have questions, please see your mailman or contact your postmaster.

Recognized
RALEIGH—Luci Weldon of Norlina has received second place in the Penny Freshman English competition at Peace College.

Miss Weldon was one of three freshmen to receive recognition for their outstanding achievement in English course-work this school year.

Miss Weldon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel B. Weldon of Route 1.

Your
HEALTH TIP

FROM WOODY KING

FIGHT PLAQUE

Brushing and flossing the teeth is the best way to scrub away gum-decaying plaque, but 1/2 minute won't do it. It takes at least 5 minutes of toothbrushing to defeat plaque, according to a University of Iowa study. Rather than several short brushings a day, do one thorough brushing and flossing at night, when plaque-producing bacteria are most active.

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Executive Session Planned By Board

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners will convene in open session tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. and a closed executive session will follow on a request for after-the-fact approval of a land purchase by the Warren County Board of Education.

Among the agenda items which are expected to come before the board in the first portion of the meeting is a presentation by Mrs. Susan W. Brown, county finance officer, of banking proposals. In addition, a bid for the rehabilitation of a residence in the Quick City project is expected to be discussed.

But at the end of the open meeting, the board will convene in closed executive session to discuss the recent purchase of a 30-acre tract by the Warren County Board of Education for the construction of the county's new middle school.

Last Thursday night, when both boards met for an open session to clarify the Board of Education's request for local funds for the next fiscal year, County Manager Charles Worth had raised questions concerning the purchase. The manager cited a state statute, which prohibited action taken or money spent to buy land for county purposes without prior approval from the board of county commissioners.

The land was purchased earlier this year for \$90,000 from Lucas Allen Hawks and Mrs. Alice Hundley Hawks. The 30-acre tract is adjacent to Warren County High School on US 158.

Although the board of education approved the purchase on Feb. 28, the deed on file in the office of the Warren County Register of Deeds records the date of purchase as Feb. 22. The deed was filed with the Register of Deeds on April 20.

The Warren County Board of Education used a portion of its \$2 million allocation from the state's Critical Needs Fund. According

to Interim Superintendent Dr. Harry S. Howard, Warren County's award is held in a state account until the local school system requests it for construction or site-purchase purposes.

According to school officials, state approval was received prior to the purchase. Among the budget amendments approved earlier this month by the board of education was the \$90,000 transfer of money from the state Critical Needs Fund.

After last Thursday evening's meeting, Al Thompson, board of education attorney, wrote a letter to the county manager asking that the purchase be approved after the fact. The commissioners will consider that request tonight in executive session.

Action taken on the request will be announced in open session.

Prior to the commissioners' regular mid-monthly meeting tonight, a public hearing will be held at 6:45 to receive citizens' comments on a request to amend the county's official zoning map. The request has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leavitt, who wish to use a five-acre tract in River Township as the site of automobile sales and services.

Ridgeway Student Receives Degree

Corey Jacques Long of Ridgeway received an associate degree from Chowan College during graduation exercises held in Murfreesboro on May 14.

President Bruce E. Whitaker conferred the degrees as Chowan closed its 141st year. Dr. T. Robert Mullinax, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was the baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, served as the commencement speaker.

MACON FIRE DISTRICT

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MACON RURAL FIRE DEPT.

You Are Cordially Invited

To
Open House
At
Warren Hills Nursing Center
On
Sunday, May 21, 1989
2:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.