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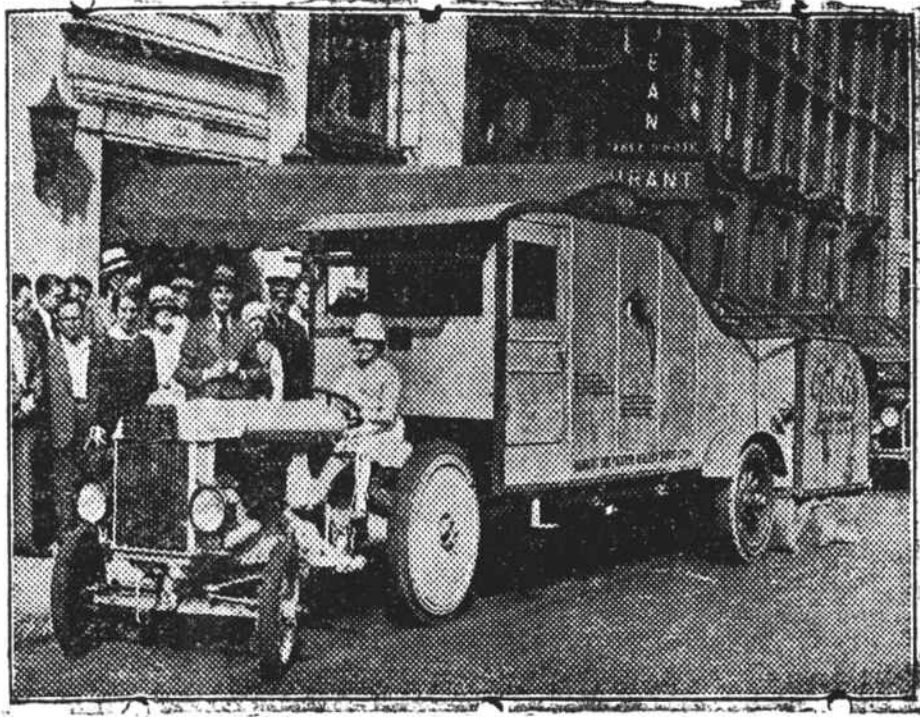
MOST OF THE NEWS  
ALL THE TIME

WARRENTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, N. C.

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## "DRY CLEANING" THE CITY'S STREETS



NEW YORK—Mrs. A. L. Parrott Carey driving the Polly Dry Process Street Cleaner, which she designed, over a New York street before members of the Clean Streets by Clean Methods Club.

## Christian Thanks Warrentonians For Presenting Pageant

"The people of my church and of South Hill in general, as well as myself, are very grateful to them for bringing the pageant to us. All those who were able to get in the church were inspired," writes the Rev. W. G. Christian, Episcopal Rector of South Hill, in an open letter to the editor of The Warren Record anent the recent presentation there of the pageant, "Go Ye."

The Rev. Mr. Christian says: "As a means of expressing to the people of your town who were in the pageant, 'Go Ye,' my appreciation of their presentation of this pageant in my church in South Hill, I wish you would publish this letter and the following extract from my weekly letter in the South Hill Enterprise in your paper."

"With all good wishes, I am, faithfully yours,  
"W. GEROW CHRISTIAN."

The article follows:  
"Last Sunday night a week ago we had a visible demonstration in this town of the real christian spirit by some sixty people from Warrenton, North Carolina. Over in their own town the Episcopal minister, Mr. Wagner, had been inspired to get up a pageant setting forth the missionary obligations of the Church. Men and women from all the local churches co-operated with him and with Mrs. Finch who wrote and directed the pageant, and they made a splendid showing. In fact, it was so well received that at the request of people of other denominations it was repeated in the same church the following Sunday. This was not enough for these good people. They offered—and I, oh so gladly, accepted—to come over and present the pageant in my church in South Hill.

"When I arrived here that very hot Sunday afternoon I found a great crowd of people busily arranging and rehearsing. In a word, they brought the fixtures, brought their supper, gave a wonderful song service and pageant, and to cap the climax, gave me the offering for my work instead of taking it for expenses as I had wished them to do.

"These sixty some people—men and women, boys and girls—represented all the denominations (I insist 'abominations' is the better word. Did you ever hear that story—one little girl asked another, 'Why doesn't your mother go to the same church that my mother goes to?' The reply was, 'Because she doesn't belong to the same 'abomination.'—As I was saying, these people belong to all the denominations in Warrenton and yet they fell right in together and did a fine piece of work for the church i. e. the whole Church of Christ.

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### TO BROADCAST

Miss Ethel Russell of Macon, a pupil of Mrs. John Burwell, will give a McDowell program in a piano recital over Radio, WPTF, Raleigh, on Thursday night, July 18, at 8:30 o'clock.

### FIRE DESTROYS BARN

Flames of an unknown origin destroyed a barn and burned two mules near Warren Plains last Thursday night, the property of W. A. Connell Sr.

## Many Citizens Board To Reduce Taxes This Week

Outstretched hands and pleading voices to "Gimme, gimme, gimme," must sum up the way a board of tired commissioners felt on Wednesday afternoon after listening for three solid days to folks of this county who wanted their taxes reduced. The board met here Monday as an equalization body and they plugged through until many were heard, some appeared and others went away dissatisfied. Their's was a thankless task.

The law provides that the commissioners only may alter value of real estate every fourth year unless there has been extraordinary circumstances. For instance, the relocation of a highway, the removal of timber, the destruction of a building by fire. This was the third year and extraordinary circumstances only were supposed to enter into any change of valuation.

Taxpayers had many ideas of extraordinary circumstances, however, and the board heard all patiently and strove, though vexed some times, to approximate justice. Many values were changed, always lowered, of course, but many more taxpayers, whose claims did not meet with the definition of extraordinary circumstances, had to go home disappointed.

## Rodwell And Young Are On Motor Trip

Bound for the great open spaces of the West, with tours of the National parks and a jaunt into Canada, Charles Ray Rodwell and his roommate of the past four years, John Young Jr. of Antlers, Va., departed by motor yesterday morning for Birmingham. Both gentlemen were graduated during the past year from Virginia Military Institute and they are to commence work this Fall—one with Westinghouse and the other with General Electric.

From now until the first of September they will view the scenic wonders of an America which stretches to the Rockies and beyond to the tranquil waters of the Pacific. They plan to return through the Northern part of the country. Yesterday they gave Birmingham as their first destination and then out through New Orleans, Texas and by the Grand Canyon to the coast. Numbers of school friends, in many States of the Union, will be visited and will break an otherwise tiring ride by the social atmosphere of their homes.

## Seeking To Sell Paper Interests

NEW YORK, July 10.—The Associated Press learned on high authority today that negotiations are under way for the gradual disposal of all of the newspaper investments of the International Paper Company. The company, however, will retain its contracts for newsprint.

While no official statement was forthcoming from the company, its attitude was said to be that since its objectives of stabilizing prices and building up future volume through long-term contracts had been attained, the need for newspaper investments no longer exists.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICES

The Rev. Dr. Way of St. Mary's, Raleigh, will deliver the sermon at the Episcopal church here on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. B. N. de Foe-Wagner announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### ATTENDING INSTITUTE

Miss Lucy I. Leach, welfare worker for Warren County, has been at Chapel Hill this week in attendance upon a State Welfare conference.

## Plow Skins Snake

They peeled a blacksnake with a plow point last Saturday on Alfred Ellington's farm near town and he vouches for the truth of the story.

Two men were plowing an old field, Mr. Ellington said, when he saw a big commotion and heard a few yells. "I went over there on the run and a four-foot blacksnake was wriggling out of its skin and the two negroes were scattering. The plowpoint caught the snake and pulled the skin to its head. We threw him over the fence."

## TWO MEN HELD IN ORMSBY'S DEATH

Harvey George and Rufus Fisher Arrested Following Coroner's Inquest

### WAS FOUND IN ROAD

Under \$1,000 bond each on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of E. D. Ormsby, Harvey George and Rufus Fisher await the deliberations of a Warren county jury at the September term of court. The two white men were arrested following the inquest of Coroner E. Hunter Pinnell and jury last Friday.

Mr. Ormsby was found in the Macon road about two miles from town last Thursday evening. Rufus Fisher was lying at his side, both men on the right side of the center of the road. Fisher was carried to jail. He had been drinking. George came to town.

The coroner's jury, empaneled on Thursday night, did not reach a verdict until late Friday afternoon and then only after hearing evidence from many. They said that "E. D. Ormsby came to his death as a result of being clubbed with sticks, dragged into the public highway and run over by an automobile driven by unknown parties." Members of the jury were Abner Shearin, T. R. Frazier, C. F. Moseley, A. J. Smiley, W. H. Overby and Bignall Jones. The jury that George and Fisher should be kept for court investigation.

In testifying before the jury, Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr., county health officer, expressed the opinion that the head wounds of Ormsby were not in themselves sufficient to have caused death. Mr. Ormsby was a man of about 50 years of age and had been an employee of the Peck Manufacturing Co. for a number of years. George and Fisher farm near town.

"I pulled off the highway and Frank Neal and I started over toward Fisher when a car came over the hill, headed toward Warrenton. Coming along at the same time from Warrenton was another car driven by Edward Bell, the son of R. L. Bell. The car from Henderson passed over Ormsby and pulled him several yards and then stopped." The Bell car pulled up and later helped us bring Fisher to the Warren jail, Mr. Snipes said, right after the accident.

E. O. Falkner was at the wheel of the car of R. E. Satterwhite, both white men of Henderson, who were accompanied by two ladies. Mr. Falkner said that due to the glare of the approaching car of Bell that he did not see the man in the highway until it was too late to stop. His party came to Warrenton for the inquest at Allen Funeral parlors, and were later released.

Both Warren officers expressed the opinion that Ormsby was practically dead before he was struck by the Satterwhite car. His arm was broken and his head battered when we arrived, Mr. Snipes said.

Unable to weave a web of evidence about any one Thursday night, the jury went back to work Friday morning. The net has closed about Harvey George and Rufus Fisher.

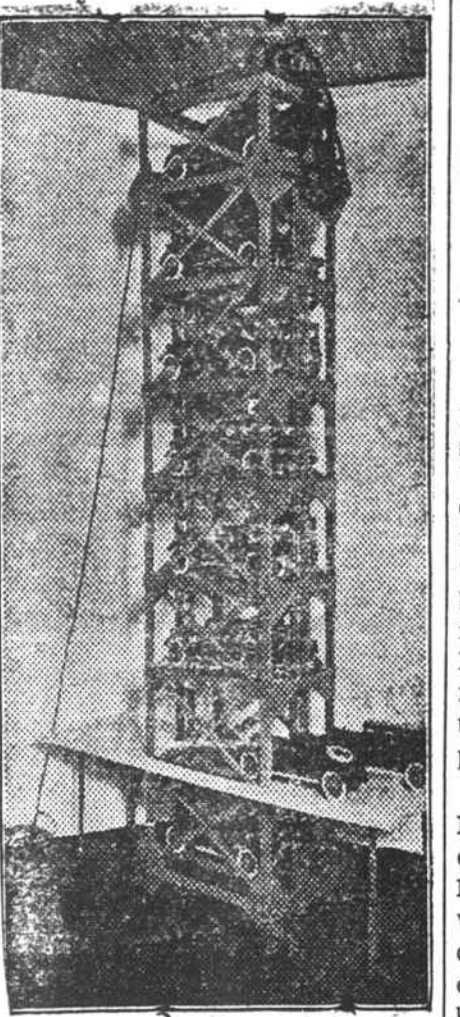
Sturdy oak sticks, cudgel form, were brought before the jury, mute evidence that they figured as instruments of death. Signs of a scuffle in the woods, and where a body had been dragged to the highway, a suspended buckle belonging to Ormsby clothing, found where the body was dragged under the fence, led the jury to believe that Ormsby was clubbed and then placed in the highway where he was driven over by an automobile. Suspicion pointed to George and Fisher and they are in jail awaiting trial at September term of court.

Groups of persons returning from the swimming pool near town and from holiday resorts milled about the streets as Coroner E. Hunter Pinnell and his jurors deliberated and Town Police Officers M. M. Drake and E. C. Lovell scoured about in search of evidence late Thursday night and Friday morning.

### RETURN FROM WESTCHESTER

The Misses Elizabeth Boyd, Lucy Baskerville of Red Lawn, Va., Alice Littlepage Burwell and Mr. George Burwell returned to Warrenton yesterday from Westchester county, New York, where they have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen.

## NEW IDEA FOR PARKING



SANDUSKY, Ohio.—Parking towers, built on plots of ground no bigger than that occupied by the average two-car garage, but rising to a height to permit housing of up to 60 cars, is the relief for city auto congestion and its attendant parking and garage difficulties, offered by J. E. Morton, Sandusky, Ohio, engineer and inventor. The endless chain device is used for moving the car platforms that serve as parking space, up or down, as the case may be.

Photo shows a working model of a ten-car capacity parking tower.

## W. A. Overby Dies At Macon Monday

W. A. Overby, genial traveler of the open road as a salesman for many years and one who numbered many among his friends, died in his home at Macon at 4 o'clock on Monday. He was 54 years old. Mr. Overby led an active life until about two years ago when he was taken sick. He represented hardware firms and manufacturers through Eastern Carolina for a number of years. He was an active member of the Warren Guards, serving enlistments under Captains Macon, Price, Wiggins, Palmer and Rose, and he was always a supporter of the home unit of defense.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. B. P. Robinson on Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the family burying ground at the Overby home between Warrenton and Macon. He is survived by his wife, two brothers, Howard and Herman Overby, and three sisters, Mrs. H. P. Reams, and the Misses Bettie and Susie Overby.

## Killed By Lightning While Working Crop

A stroke of lightning from a cloud which shed none of its moisture killed Emmanuel Hicks, 60, on the farm of W. P. Rodwell at Oakville on Wednesday afternoon as he was working peanuts with a hoe. The handle was splintered and the blade twisted but the stroke scarred Hicks very little.

Alfred Ellington of Warrenton was in 300 yards of the man when he crumpled, and he says that he was slightly shocked. The negro had a splendid reputation for honesty and general good citizenship. He is survived by a large family.

## Railroad Has Banner Lot Of Passengers

The town's short-line railroad to Warren Plains had a banner lot of passengers Saturday, the first since last summer, when B Company under the command of Captain Claude T. Bowers, (entrained for Camp Glenn. Fifty-two men and three officers were aboard when the train under command of Supt. A. C. Blalock, and with John T. West of Raleigh, present, pulled away for three-mile run to Warren Plains.

Seven other men departed by motor Sunday. Members of the company were in high spirits for the outing.

### SON BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Robinson, Warren Plains, N. C., on Thursday, July 4, a nine pound boy.

### SON BORN TO BOYDS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd of Henderson on Thursday, a son.

## HOLD EXERCISES SWIMMING POOL

McGuire And Gillam Formally Thanked For Making Pool A Great Success

### ARE PRESENTED GIFTS

By IT'S YOUR HOP  
With all the frills of a well appointed pool and all the thrills of a group who enjoy swimming, the Warrenton Golf club's swimming quarters officially have been opened for this season and the limpid waters of the 100 foot area have been chopped into a light surf as folks went off the diving board. Many spectators have fringed the rails to enjoy by physical proxy the swimming for which others have plunged headlong.

In brief words Monday afternoon, Brodie Jones, speaking for members of the golf association, presented M. C. McGuire and E. E. Gillam with watches as tokens of appreciation for the continued work and enthusiastic promotion which have brought the benefits of a \$5,000 pool to citizens of a town of less than 1000. The gifts apparently came as a surprise to both "Mac" and "Shorty." The pool was cleared while they were donning their suits and when they came from the newly finished bath houses every one was out of the water. Brodie Jones stepped forward to thank them in the name of members of the golf association, and McGuire expressed appreciation for the gifts.

"I want to thank every one who has helped us, too," Mac said. "Particularly Charlie Tucker, Dick Boyd and so many folks that I haven't time to mention them, and I want to thank every one for these gifts to Shorty and me."

"I heard the wish expressed some time ago by McGuire that all he wanted when the pool was completed was to jump off one spring board while Shorty went from the other," Mr. Jones said. "I feel, therefore, with this pool inviting us all that we had better close this program with that wish gratified."

The promoters went overboard and the waters were soon churned by others who followed.

Yesterday finishing touches were placed upon the newly equipped bath houses, built about fifteen feet West of the pool. The showers have been installed and a board walk completed from the pool to the houses. A three and a half-foot rail has been placed about five feet all around the pool, with exception of the space in front of the bath houses, and those who swim are to march inside and those who watch are to stay beyond. The idea is, of course, to have the pool as clean as possible, and this railing is supposed to keep persons from tracking dirt close to the water.

The shower baths and lights, with benches and hooks, combine to make John Tarwater's bath house okeh in every way. In fact, ole swimming hole days seem crude by comparison. Placards have been placed about the houses telling the ways ladies and gentlemen are to travel and giving rules about the pool. And in case of accident, Red Cross emergency kits have been hung near the doors.

Members of the golf club and their visitors have been plunging in all week, seeking happy release from the heat of a sun which has almost made a swimming pool a necessity. Whether a necessity or luxury or what-not, it is there for the members to enjoy and for this added attraction to life at Warrenton the thanks of a community are being extended to McGuire, to Gillam, to Tucker, to Tarwater, to Boyd, and to those many others who have done their bit in this latest expression of community co-operation and this time in the avenue of wholesome fun.

## Most Of Town's Stores Take Half Holiday

Henderson merchants followed the usual trend of other neighboring towns this week when they decided to close their stores on Thursday afternoons from now until the first of September. The stores were closed here for the first time on Wednesday. Other towns have different closing days.

Several Warrenton merchants did not agree to close, it is understood, because some objection had been heard to the practice, but the custom is growing generally and other merchants here may join the majority in this movement, designed to give employes a half-day vacation during the heat of Summer.

## BRISH HOUSE IS DEDICATED HERE

Edwin Penick Accredits Building; Wagner In Charge Program

### BRING MESSAGES

Emmanuel church's parish house, dedicated to the spiritual and social life of the town and vicinity by the Rev. Williams of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Warrenton, was dedicated Tuesday by Bishop Edwin Penick of the Diocese of North Carolina. The new church building, admirably appointed in particular, was surveyed with members of the Episcopal church and others who were visitors of the evening. The Rev. B. N. de Foe-Wagner, rector, was in charge of ceremonies.

After dedicatory prayers by the rector and musical numbers, greetings from the neighboring parishes were expressed by the Rev. Isaac Wayne Hughes of Holy Trinity church of Henderson. Albert Cox, who was to bring a message from the laymen of the church, was prevented from attending on account of the illness of his wife but words of greeting were read from Dr. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ church, Raleigh, who congratulated the congregation on its new church and parish house.

Words of praise came from the Rev. W. G. Christian, rector of the Episcopal church at South Hill, who had in particular words of praise for the pageant which was presented by the congregation and expressed his appreciation of the pageant.

The Rev. Mr. Cox, assistant rector at Christ church, was present and briefly congratulated the congregation and expressed his appreciation of the pageant.

Persons are remembered in this program for the example of Christian living which they leave as a legacy. Bishop Penick said in his message which ended the speaking program. He expressed the hope that the parish would act as a model of the church, moulding the younger life of the community in the ideals of Christian service in order that achievement might mark the work of all who are under its influence.

If they are to be remembered, they must be willing to make the sacrifice upon which is the Christian character, the church maintained. It is in the pursuit of this idealistic path that the walk upward and the Kingdom of God is best served. "I hope this parish house will serve as an instrumentality for all that is in Christian life and hope." The program was interspersed with musical numbers. Mrs. Ed Arrington, guiding spirit of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, was happy in her 89th year and two musical selections.

Donations were given by Mrs. Drusa Wilker, and vocal solos by Mrs. W. Keppel Falkner, Mrs. Herman Rodwell, Miss Mason of Northampton county, a welcomed visitor at Warrenton, and a duet by the Misses Tarwater and Mary Wagner.

The program closed with a motopicture, portrayed with reguement of the parish house. The structure has a main auditorium which seats 300, Sunday school rooms with individual desks, shades for day-time, a kitchen, all the necessary equipment, and a dining room.

Public Auditor Saves County Much Money