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Firemen To Have Home

News that the Weldon Hall prizehouse on the corner of Front and College Streets will be torn down and will be replaced by a fire house for the Warrenton Rural Fire Department will be of interest to those who have loved the old in Warrenton and to friends of the rural firemen who are to have a home of their own.

The Hall prizehouse is the last of the old type tobacco prizehouses in Warrenton. Three others, on Front Street, where the Freezer Locker Plant and Blaylock's Funeral Home now stand, have been torn down in recent years and only the Hall house remains as a reminder of the antiquity of the Warrenton Tobacco Market.

The prizehouse was built prior to 1880 by Holden and Wynn, and was purchased by Weldon Hall and John Tarwater from J. M. Gardner at a time when Tarwater was learning the tobacco business under Hall. Later when Tarwater became a Reynolds' buyer, he sold his interest to Hall. Weldon Hall, Jr., who obtained the property from his father, has agreed to sell the building site to the Rural Fire Department, and the deed is expected to be signed within the next few days.

While E. G. Tarwater has provided quarters for the local fire company as a public service for some time, the quarters are no longer adequate for the growing and expanding rural fire department. The fine record of the War-

renton Rural Fire Department has won friends all over the county who will be glad to see the local firemen realize a long entertained dream. Any financial help that these friends can give the firemen, who are working on a shoe-string, to pay for the erection of a building on the site, we are certain will be deeply appreciated.

Haywood Duke

Haywood Duke, who died at his home in Greensboro on Saturday, numbered among his many friends a large number in Warrenton where he and Mrs. Duke operated Hotel Warren for a year or more in the early 30's and where he and his family frequently visited. His daughter married Peter Seaman, Jr., of Chapel Hill and Warrenton. The following tribute from The Greensboro Daily News will be of interest to friends here and in the county:

What does a good host mean to a city? It is almost impossible to measure the influence of a genial innkeeper. We know that Haywood Duke brought to Greensboro and the King Cotton Hotel and the Edgefield Inn a great number of conventions, religious gatherings and celebrities who brightened the local scene.

He served two dioceses of the Episcopal Church in this state, the Eastern diocese where he was lay reader of St. Andrew's-By-the-Sea at Nags Head, Christ Church in Elizabeth City and a mission he helped form in Ahoskie; and the North Carolina Diocese, in which he assisted in selecting a bishop coadjutor, served as a member of the standing committee, helped in the business affairs of Holy Trinity Church, assisted in the formation of St. Francis Church, and supported the extension of the church in Greensboro.

His interests embraced the Salvation Army, the Children's Home Society of North Carolina and the Boys' Club of America. For a year he battled the debilitating effect of a malignancy, but his confidence and faith inspired similar qualities in those who called him a friend.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

September 20, 1957
The Warren County Agricultural Fair will open on Monday, September 23, with the Page Combined Shows playing the midway.

James B. Boyce, III, a native of Warrenton, was a guest in the home of Albert Schweister at his home in Gunsbach in Alsace last week and heard him play Bach on the organ.

Prospects for obtaining a food processing plant for this area are far from bright, Frank Reams, County Agent, said yesterday.

No increase in the tax rate may be necessary to pay off a proposed \$160,000 bond issue which will be submitted to the voters on October 1, it was revealed at a meeting of the Town Commissioners on Monday night.

September 19, 1952
Brief dedicatory services were held Sunday afternoon on the eve of the opening of Mariam Boyd Elementary School.

Patrolman O. L. Creech has been transferred from Warrenton to Concord and his successor is Frank Allsbrook who came here from Elizabeth City.

Miss Mary Bland Josey of Tarboro, a Rotary Exchange student to England, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

The Booster's Club membership drive officially ended this week with a peak enrollment of 172, President Jimmy Roberts announced Thursday.

September 17, 1937
Warren County voters will decide on next Tuesday whether or not the county shall issue \$20,000 in bonds for repairing the jail.

The Town of Warrenton will in the next few weeks spend more than \$2,000 on resurfacing its streets, according to an order passed by the Board of Town Commissioners at a called meeting Monday night.

The Warrenton Tobacco Market opened on Thursday with around 100,000 pounds of tobacco bringing an official average of 24¢ a pound.

Mrs. Claude T. Bowers was named a member of the Warrenton Planning Board by the Town Commissioners on Monday night, succeeding Charles A. Tucker, resigned.

Farm Leader Learns Much On Oregon Trip

Know-how coupled with an abundance of initiative, imagination and boldness are the ingredients North Carolina needs to take advantage of her agribusiness potential.

This is the conclusion reached by a prominent North Carolina farmer and businessman, J. Muse McCotter, after viewing agribusiness developments in the Pacific Northwest.

McCotter, who visited the Northwest as a member of the 1962 Agribusiness Caravan, returned with high hopes for the future of North Carolina's food processing and forestry industries.

"I am sure Gov. Hatfield of Oregon taught us a lesson when he told us 94 per cent of all their fruits and vegetables are processed," McCotter said.

Oregonians have built a national reputation for their products, McCotter explained. They also have emphasized close cooperation between the grower, processor and marketer, and supported food processing research at Oregon State University.

Growers attach importance to their contractual agreements with processors, the Tar Heel noted. They honor their contract regardless of the fresh market price at the time of harvest.

"Without such commitments," McCotter emphasized, "a food processing industry cannot survive and the grower cannot be assured a market for his produce. What we saw was specification farming with a high rate of efficiency."

Much of Oregon's production is on small efficiently-managed, family-type farms. McCotter said the visit convinced him that North Caro-

lina has all the ingredients to produce livestock economically and efficiently.

"We have much land whose low fertility or difficult drainage make it unsuitable for row crops," he said. "Such land with proper management can be converted into lush pastures for profitable cattle production."

Economists at North Carolina State College say N. C. farmers could increase beef cattle income \$19.5 million annually and swine income \$20.5 by just producing enough livestock to bring the state's processing plants up to 100 per cent of capacity.

McCotter noted poultry canning plants on the West Coast were turning out a variety of products, such as noodle soup and poultry fat.

"I am not a poultryman," he said, "but I understand there is not a poultry canning plant in North Carolina. It seems that our great poultry industry would make one profitable."

Although forestry is big business in North Carolina, McCotter still wonders "if we realize its importance." Are we managing our farm forests properly?" he asked. "And what about all our idle acres that could be planted in trees?"

McCotter, a native of Pamlico County and resident of New Bern, has served two terms on the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture, and is active in many agricultural organizations.

He made the West Coast trip along with 165 other farm and business leaders, under the sponsorship of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. with the cooperation of the N. C. Department of Agriculture and State College.

Visit in Pantego
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chev visited relatives in Pantego for the weekend due to the illness of her father, Mr. Johnson.



Ruth Peeling, editor of The Cartaret County News-Times, writes for information on the control of sand spurs in her lawn. I liked her imaginative description of the prickly pests when she compared them to "medieval truncheons with spiked knobs on the end." She also said they were hard on ladies' sheer hose.

Dr. Glenn Klingman tells me that we now have no control for the sand spur in lawns. Even if we did cats, dogs and rabbits would re-infest the grass areas, making control rather difficult.

It seems that we are having a rash of tree decline and dying this summer, especially maples. You may remember that I wrote earlier about a specimen of maple in a lawn which was in a steady state of decline due to root cutting for public utilities and sealing-off oxygen supply and water to roots with pavement and fill soil.

Now a call for help comes from Haywood County about a whole row of maples "dying in the tops." These trees are on a lake shore in beautiful and well maintained grounds.

I requested that root sections be sent in for examination. This was done but no root-rot troubles of any consequence were found. I also requested information on root cutting, filling, etc., and the story is the same—sealing off the oxygen and water supply with pavement and fill soil.

City planners should wake up to the fact that trees are important and plan accordingly. We zone for this and that, why not give the trees a break? The public utility

companies, who are the worst offenders, should join the movement.

If you have peach trees around the house or in the home orchard, they should be treated for borers. The larvae of the borer attack the base of the tree just below the soil line. You can detect their presence by the gummy substance they exude.

Ethylene Dichloride Emul-

tion of Paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals may be used for control. Apply both according to directions on the container.

If Ethylene Dichloride is used, treat the trees the latter part of October in the mountains and during November in the East. If PDB is used, treat the latter part of September in the mountains and about October 15 in the East.

Miss Rebecca Hill and Mrs. Freda Hall of Weldon visited Mrs. A. W. Hall last week.

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The position in Berlin is as dangerous as it is tragic. The Communist authorities may hope, by their brutality, to discourage other East Germans from trying to escape, but they are also going the best way to encourage a new spirit of nationalism and a longing for revenge among the West Germans. There is a serious danger that they may one day provoke a West German attack on the Wall or across the frontier which would have incalculable consequences.

The West Germans cannot be blamed for their indignation—any nation would feel the same. But they should consider whether they have not some responsibility by refusing to countenance any negotiations between Russia and the West which might imply some recognition of East Germany or some limitation of West German arms.

The Russians are running fearful risks by their bullying and brinkmanship, but at least Mr. Khrushchev seems to be giving the West one more chance to negotiate before he takes the final step of signing a separate peace treaty with East Germany. Whether he is prepared to offer any terms acceptable to the West or do anything to relieve Herr Ulbricht's odious tyranny in East Germany is another matter, but the West cannot afford to dismiss it out of hand. The comfortable argument that the best policy for Berlin is to do nothing has proved wrong. With every month that passes the plight of the Berliners grows worse. West Germany grows stronger and more impatient of her allies' restraint, and the East German regime more precarious in spite of the Wall. This is a nettle that must be grasped.

Who Will Watch TV?

Wall Street Journal

The Columbia Broadcasting System, which is erecting a new office building in New York City, has decided to accommodate sidewalk superintendents by putting up a plexiglass screen around the construction site instead of a board fence. Thus, passersby have an unobstructed view of derricks, trucks, bulldozers and workmen as they hoist, haul, heave and hammer.

From a public relations standpoint, the plexiglass screen seems like an inspired innovation. Contemplation of building activity has always been an honored pastime in American cities and the CBS refinement can only increase the avocation's general popularity.

Nevertheless, the whole idea might boom on the broadcasters. After all, with such a spectacular variety show available free, who is going to bother with daytime television?

If all misfortunes were laid in a common heap, whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.—Socrates.