

Novelist Is Honored By Macon Club

Reynolds Price, Duke English Professor and author of "A Long and Happy Life," and other stories, came home Monday night to the warmth of friendly greetings and plaudits from friends and relatives.

The occasion was the March dinner meeting of the Macon Community Club where Price was guest speaker and discussed his works and why he writes. The meeting, held at Warren Plaza Inn, half-way between Macon where Price was born, and Warrenton where he attended school and later lived, was attended by a number of special guests, including aunts and uncles and cousins of the speaker, close friends, former teachers, and members of the Macon Junior High School faculty. Also present was Mrs. Will Price, the mother of the speaker, the former Elizabeth Rodwell of Macon.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, retired minister of the Macon and Warrenton Baptist Churches, attended by Price and his family.

Mrs. Wilton R. Drake, vice president, presided over the meeting and asked that it be made just an informal gathering of friends of Reynolds Price. She recognized several special guests, including Miss Jennie Alston, Mrs. Crichton Thorne Davis, and Mrs. Ersie Stewart, former teachers of Price, who praised Reynolds as a student and expressed their pride in his accomplishments. Other special guests recalled incidents of the boyhood of the speaker and the community's pride in his work as a student, teacher and author.

Cousin Junie Drake provoked a laugh when he rose after numerous speakers had paid tribute to Price, and remarked that he thought those kind of things were reserved for funerals. He recalled humorous incidents of the childhood of Reynolds in Macon, and of his father, the late Will Price, remembered for his wit and love of practical jokes.

Mrs. Drake called on her husband, as mayor of Macon, to present Price with a large engraved key to the City of Macon. Mrs. C. E. Thompson, on behalf of the Community Club, and in the knowledge of his love

Death Came Mostly To Old In January

Not a single death of a person under 56 years of age was reported in Warren County during January, the Warren County Health Department reported this week.

Eleven of the twelve deaths reported were in the 65 and over age group, Dr. Robert F. Young, Health Director, said. "This is phenomenal," he said, "when one recalls the large number of graves for infants and young people in the older cemeteries in our county."

Heart disease ranked first with seven deaths and cancer next with two. Three deaths were due to unknown causes.

During the month of January 29 live births were reported in Warren County with five white and 24 non-whites, the report stated. Of the 24 non-white infants twelve were delivered by midwives and six by physicians at homes, with only six having hospital delivery. All of the five white infants were delivered in a hospital. During this period 21 percent of Negro births were illegitimate.

Reams Is Speaker

Frank Reams, Warren County Agricultural Agent, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions Club held at Hotel Warren on last Friday night. President Nat White presided over the meeting.

Presented by Howard Daniel, Reams gave an illustrated lecture, showing many scenes of Warren County.

Dave Richards, hospital administrator, was welcomed as a new member by President White.

SCENES AS WARRENTON GIRLS TAKE HALIFAX-WARREN TOURNAMENT CROWN



Littleton's Betty Weaver eyes the goal over the outstretched arms of Warrenton's Wanda McCowan during Saturday night's championship battle in the 15th annual Halifax-Warrenton Conference Tournament. Warrenton's Helen Andrews (20) moves in to assist in guarding.



A scramble for the ball brings players from both teams from beneath the boards. Helen Andrews (20) of Warrenton, and Littleton's Dot Hilliard (2) and Sylvia Shearin (12) rush after the ball.



Fight for rebound in second half action of Warrenton-Littleton championship game played here Saturday night. Story on page 2

Fleming Is Appointed To Board

Charles E. Fleming of Sandy Creek Township was appointed a member of the Warren County General Hospital Board of Trustees Monday by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular session. The appointment was made upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

Fleming will succeed W. E. Turner also of Sandy Creek, a long time member of the board, who resigned due to the condition of his wife's health.

Appearing before the commissioners in what proved to be a busy day, was Allen Kimball of the Warren County ABC Board. Kimball told the commissioners that the Halifax County ABC Board, which also operates a store in Littleton, had proposed that the Warren and Halifax stores be combined and the profits split on a 50-50 split. Consensus of the board was that the combination would probably be alright if a fairer division of profits could be secured. The commissioners suggested that the ABC Board negotiate further with the Halifax Board and report its findings and its recommendations at a later meeting of the commissioners.

It was agreed that the combination of the two stores would cut cost and could be advantageous to both counties, but since no consolidation can take place without the consent of the Legislature, that ample time for further study and proposals is available.

The commissioners, who have expressed themselves as being opposed to a proposal that the Welfare Department be placed under the rule of the county commissioners, got a touch of what this could mean Monday when they discussed payments to a blind man with Mrs. Agnes Pernel, case worker for the blind.

Mrs. Pernel, who appeared before the commissioners by invitation, discussed the case of a proposed welfare payment to James Williams, who has for several years operated a store at the fork of the Henderson Afton road.

The problem under discussion was whether Williams, should have his monthly payments as a blind recipient increased from \$44.50 to \$2.00 a month, due to the fact that he no longer operates the store, having turned the operation over to his wife, who also receives a relief check.

Mrs. Pernel said that Williams was suffering with diabetes and has had one leg amputated, and said that Williams is no longer physically able to operate the store. She said that any earnings that Williams would receive from the store was insufficient to prevent the raise to \$62.00 a month, under a Federal ruling. If possible, she conceded, that since the store has been showing an estimated profit of some \$50.00 a month, that the Age to Dependent Children grant made to Mrs. Williams might be reduced. This was the decision of the Welfare Board, she said. The commissioners after a

PTA Book Drive Is Reported Success

A drive to collect books for the John Graham, Mariam Boyd and Nathaniel Macon schools libraries netted more than 800 volumes, John Graham Principal Kenneth Brinson said this week.

The drive, sponsored by the PTA of the schools with help from local Boy Scouts, provided several hundred volumes in excellent condition, Brinson said.

The Warrenton principal expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Tom Holt and her committee for directing the drive. Most of the volumes collected were of high school level and above, Brinson said. Included in the book gifts was a 50-volume historical reference set.

March Civil Term Of Court Scheduled To Begin Monday



SCENE FROM COMIC OPERA TO BE PRESENTED HERE THIS MONTH

Comic Opera To Be Seen Here Under Sponsorship Of Woman's Club

The Warrenton Woman's Club will sponsor the contemporary comic opera, "The Old Maid and the Thief" by Carlo Menotti, on Friday, March 20, at 8 p. m., at John Graham High School auditorium, Mrs. Leonard Daniel, publicity chairman, announced yesterday.

The production will be presented by the "Fine Arts Theatre," which is composed of a group of performing artists from the East Carolina Opera Theatre.

Mrs. Daniel said this group was sent on tour last December to the Arctic by the United States State Department. A former Warrenton girl, Mrs. Martha Bradner, daughter of Mrs. V. T. Lamm, will have a prominent role in this production.

Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students and may be obtained from any member of the Warrenton Woman's Club or at the door. Proceeds will be used for the annual scholarship which is presented to a senior girl from the John Graham High School by the Woman's Club.

The annual meeting of District 6 School Boards Association will be held at John Graham High School here next Thursday, March 12, beginning at 4 p. m. Some 150 educators are expected to attend.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Supt. of Public Instruction, will be the principal speaker for the evening. His address will follow a banquet to be held in the school cafeteria.

The theme for this year's gathering of school board members, district school committees and school administrators is "A Progress Report: New Programs, New Facilities, Improved School Personnel, Additional Funds." Units included in the district are Vance County, Henderson County, Warren County, Granville County, Franklin County, Franklin County, Durham County, Durham County, Wake County and Raleigh City.

W. Boyd Mayfield, a member of the Warren County Board of Education, is currently serving as district president, and J. R. Peeler, Warren County School Superintendent, is serving as district secretary.

The show, sponsored by the Shaw Springs Home Demonstration Club of Littleton, will begin at 8 p. m. and will feature talent from Warrenton, Littleton, Roanoke Rapids and Weldon. Proceeds will be used by the Shaw Club for a community project.

Mrs. Leigh Traylor of Norlina, "Mrs. North Carolina," will appear on the program and Mrs. Grace Boone, a former New York Model now living in Roanoke Rapids, will narrate the show.

Tickets will be on sale at the door. In the Talent Show will be: Band—"The Fabulous Continentals" of Littleton. James Grant singing "If Might As Well Be Spring," with Laura Boone and Ann Fendren doing a toe dance.

Duet—Linda Mitchell and Garland May of Littleton singing "Easter Parade." Twirling Routine—Nelda Clark and Mary Elizabeth Daniel of Littleton. Tapping Toes—Myrick Dance School of Roanoke Rapids. Pantomime—Cindy Elks of Roanoke Rapids.

Ralph Fleming Was Automobile Driver

Ralph Fleming was the driver of an Oldsmobile automobile which was in collision with an automobile driven by Deputy Sheriff Herbert Rooker in Warrenton on Feb. 22, and not his father, Sol Fleming.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Rooker, passed a tractor and trailer on Ridge-way Street and collided with the car driven by Ralph Fleming.

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Only Eight Cases Are On Docket

The March civil term of Warrenton County Superior Court will open here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro presiding.

Cases are docketed through Thursday with only eight cases docketed for trial.

Monday's cases are Harry Lawrence vs. Haywood Montague et al.; and Charles Adler vs. Haywood Montague, et al.; Security Loan Corp. vs. Tom and Ula Wilson; and Frank Seris T/A Seris Hdwe. Co. vs. Thomas H. Young.

Tuesday the trial of Tom Lewis Rooker vs. Vernon Lewis Carroll is docketed for trial.

Wednesday has been reserved for the hearing of VEPCO vs. Hal W. Connell, concerned with the amount of damages to be awarded Connell as the result of condemnation proceedings to acquire Connell's lands as a part of Gaston Lake.

Thursday the trial of Clarence P. Gaston vs. Edward L. Baxter is the only case scheduled. In this action Gaston is suing Baxter for alienation of his wife's affections and asking \$15,000 actual damages and \$10,000 punitive damages.

Jurors summoned for next week's session of court are:

Mrs. W. R. Woodall, R. Twitty Cheek, L. H. Clary, Lawrence Alston, Curtis E. Mustian, B. W. Currin, Jr., M. R. Abbott, E. C. Reid, William S. Davis, Sherrill Eugene Greer, O. L. Stevenson, Frank A. Bobbitt, W. C. King, Henry L. James, William M. Craft, James H. Young, Irvin Harris, N. E. Mitchell, Clifton Stegall, Mrs. Mae F. Bobbitt, R. A. Tharrington.

William H. Faulkner, Norman N. Bullock, Richard H. Harris, Jr., Ruth Rogers, Thomas E. Overby, Benjamin A. Williams, Julian Acree, Mrs. Edith White, M. C. Ellis, L. W. Bowers, Clyde D. Wagner, Robert Neal, L. W. Ellis, Alex Henderson, N. H. Bolton, James Moseley, Mrs. Gilbert Reid, John Henry Leonard, John Bruce Bell, R. W. Shearin.

Fashion Show Scheduled To Be Held In Littleton

Littleton—A fashion show, "Festive Flairs of '64," featuring the latest styles for men, women and children, will be presented tonight (Friday) in the Littleton High School Auditorium.

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Chorus Group—From Auralian Springs under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Oxenham. Acrobatic Routine—Jo Ann Robertson of Littleton. Charleston Routine—Sylvia Davis of Warrenton.

Acrobatic and Twirling Routine—by Laverne Lane, the former Miss Majorette of North Carolina in 1958-59; International Strutting winner, Majorette Queen of the East, and Miss Greenville of 1961.

The models will be:

Sylvia Shearin, Tonja Harris, Agnes Kidd, Margaret Newson, Dorothy Hilliard, Sue Ellen Stansbury, Jo Ann Robertson, Jean Tant, Mary Lou Robertson, Cheryl Tant, Gerold Reid, Susan Tant, Angela Hamill, Lynn Kearney, Stith Harris, James Grant, Bobby Moore, Bill Thorne, Ann Hawfield, Spot Hawfield, Macon Hawfield, Jeanette Weaver, Sandra May, Ruby F. Moore, Lynne Mincher, Laverne Lane, Barbara West, Garland May, Linda Mitchell, and Brenda Hale of Littleton.

Dean Lewis of Aurelian Springs; Jane Elks and Cindy Elks of Weldon; Elton Woodruff, Chester Wilkerson, Cathy Crew, Brenda Moore, Pam Gowen, Cynthia Overman, Paul Shell, Judy Carter, Ed Moore, Carrie Rux, Terry Rux, Liles, Katie Thorne, and Roanoke Rapids.