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Rep. Fountain Helps

Warrenton To Receive Second Chance For City Mail Delivery

Warrenton will receive a second chance to obtain city mail delivery.

Mayor W. A. Miles has been notified by Congressman L. H. Fountain that Post Office Department Officials at Washington have agreed to reopen the Warrenton file and see if arrangements cannot be made to provide city delivery service.

Rep. Fountain talked with post office authorities at the request of Mayor Miles after the Post Office Department announced last week that Warrenton would not be able to secure this service due to lack of population.

Action of the Department came after Warrenton had been led to believe that it would obtain this service and after the Warrenton Lions Club and citizens of the town had invested approximately \$1,000 in house numbers and boxes.

The plan to have Warrenton receive city delivery of mail was initiated by the Post Office Department after it had made a survey of Warrenton's population.

Events leading to the efforts to have city delivery at Warrenton and the part the Post Office Department played in these events were set forth in Mayor Miles' letter to Congressman Fountain. The text of the letter is as follows:

"Several years ago the civic clubs of the Town of Warrenton made an effort to secure city mail delivery. At that time we were advised by the Post Office Department that our population was not sufficient to warrant the same.

"During the month of June of last year the Warrenton Postmaster appeared before the Board of Town Commissioners and stated that the Post Office Department had completed a recent population check and determined that Warrenton would be eligible for city mail delivery by taking in thickly populated areas on the edge of the corporate limits of the town. He stated at the time that the required population was approximately 2,750 and that a population check in the area covered disclosed a population of approximately 3,200.

"The Southern Regional Office Postal Inspector stated to our Postmaster, Mr. Leonard S. Daniel, that if the Town of Warrenton would set up a postal numbering system for the town and have all the residences and business establishments numbered he would recommend that Warrenton be provided city mail delivery service with one walking and one mounted carrier.

"Pursuant to the statement referred to in the above paragraph, the town had the North Carolina League of Municipalities set up a numbering system and map. Town employees, members of the Warrenton Lions Club and the local Postmaster effected the

system at a cost of approximately \$500.00. A master number sheet was prepared at the time. The Warrenton Lions Club as a club project sold house numbering numerals and mail boxes to the town residents. The project was practically completed in October, 1965.

"The local Postmaster stated that he felt that city delivery would commence in November of last year or certainly by January 1, 1966. Part of the equipment for city delivery was delivered to the Warrenton Post Office in October.

"In view of the foregoing facts it is quite obvious that all of us in Warrenton are keenly disappointed in the recent announcement by the Post Office Department that city delivery will not be extended. The citizens of Warrenton had become quite excited about city delivery which they had looked forward to for ten years. Warrenton has quite a large number of elderly people to whom this delivery would mean much.

"The citizens of Warrenton have worked hard and at much expense preparing for this service after having it promised by the postal authorities. The citizens of the town and the local Lions Club have presently approximately \$1,000.00 invested in house numbers and mail boxes. Please know that we shall be most grateful for your help."

Mayor Miles at the commissioners meeting Monday night briefly discussed with the commissioners the exchange of letters with Rep. Fountain and his statement that the file would be reopened during an hour and a half routine meeting of the board.

Three Warren Men File Notice Of Their Candidacy

Three other Warren County citizens have paid their filing fees and become candidates for public office, according to Wiley G. Coleman, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections.

Wilton R. Drake, who announced several weeks ago that he would be a candidate for the State House of Representatives, has paid his filing fee and become an official candidate.

In addition, Bobby Blaylock, associated with his father in the operation of Blaylock's Funeral Home in Warrenton, has filed for the position of Coroner, a position now held by N. I. Halthcock, who had previously filed for this position and Jimmy Hudson has filed for the position of Constable in River Township.

Defendant Sent To Roads For Two Years

One defendant was sentenced to the roads by Judge Julius Banzet in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday. Carlton D. Griggs pled guilty to charges of abandonment and non-support and was sentenced to the roads for two years.

Horace Silver was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior and pay court costs.

Al Lewis Cooper was found guilty of trespassing. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon condition that the defendant not go upon the premises of Horace Silver for two years and pay court costs.

Charles Williams, charged with illegal parking, was found not guilty.

Grey Neal entered a plea of nolo contendere on a charge of assault on a female. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years and the defendant was ordered to pay court costs.

Charles Samuel Davis failed to appear in court to answer to a speeding charge. A capias was issued to Granville County.

Defendants and verdicts in other speeding cases were: Willie Lee Rogers, costs; William Fred Proctor, costs; Ronald Nelson Chandler, \$10 and costs; Thomas MacBeth Oliver, costs.

Hospital Survey To Be Made Here

Dr. Lloyd Harrison, president of Warren County Medical Society, announced yesterday that negotiations have been made with Dr. Eugene Rosenfield Associates, hospital consultants of New York city, to conduct a hospital survey of Warren County.

He said that it is expected that as a result of this exhaustive study, the medical situation of the county will be examined in detail and precise objectives laid down as to future plans for operation of all medical facilities here in the county.

The on-the-spot study is expected to begin around March 29 and should be available for general dissemination to the public by the middle of April. The cost of the survey will be borne by the Medical Society of Warren County as a public service.

Paintings To Be Shown At Library

The Warrenton Woman's Club will show an "Exhibit of Old Masters" on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., in an effort to bring something of beauty and culture to Warren County. Mrs. Leonard Daniel, publicity chairman, announced yesterday.

This group of paintings will be shown in the Warren County Library, starting on Monday, March 21, and will be on exhibition for approximately a month with Mrs. H. W. White in charge of arrangements. There is no admission charge for this showing.

The following paintings will be shown: Holbein—"Edward VI as Prince of Wales." Rembrandt—"The Mill." Vermeer—"A Woman Weighing Gold." Giorgione—"Adoration of the Shepherds." De Hooch—"A Dutch Courtyard." Gentile-schi—"The Lute Players." Cavalletto—"Venice." Fragonard—"The Old Bridge." Constable—"Wivenhoe Park."

Mrs. Daniel said that the Warrenton Woman's Club hopes that the citizens of Warren County will visit this exhibit of Old Masters and will find it.

Strickland Talks On Blind Work At Meeting Of Lions

Joe Strickland of Garner, a representative of the N. C. State Commission of the Blind, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club at Warren Plaza Inn last Friday night.

Introduced by Monroe Gardner, Strickland talked on the rehabilitation of the blind and what the commission is doing to assist those who are visually handicapped.

President W. L. Turner reminded the members that March is Eye Month, and urged them to have as many eyes tested as possible.

Turner presided over the meeting with Monroe Gardner leading the singing and Jack Harris saying grace. Ham Bryson was Lion X and Eddie Clayton won the dollar.

Present for the meeting in addition to the speaker were Lions from Butler, Henderson, North Wilkesboro, West Asheville and Durham.

Union To Meet

The Seventh Annual Session of Woman's Missionary Union of the Cullom Baptist Association will be held on March 23, at the New Sandy Creek church in the Aycock Community. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m. (See UNION, page 4)

Warren's Drop In Farm Cash Income Less Than \$300,000

Some Crops Show Gain; Tobacco Off

The drop in Warren County's cash income last year was less than \$300,000 in spite of reduced tobacco acreage and a bad boll weevil attack, Frank Reams, extension chairman, said Monday.

The drop in nearby counties, where tobacco and cotton play a larger part in the farm economy, runs into the millions.

The total cash farm income of the county, Reams said, in 1965 was \$11,694,285, compared with \$11,975,904 in 1964.

Warren farmers suffered a heavy loss in both cotton and tobacco in 1965 compared with the previous year, but this loss was reduced by increases in other crops and forestry products.

In 1965 Warren farmers received a total cash income of \$5,055,868 from tobacco, compared with \$6,124,622 in 1964—a loss of \$1,068,754.

Cash income from cotton in 1965 was \$622,380, compared with \$1,318,763 in 1964—a drop of \$696,383.

The total drop in cash farm income from Warren County's two major crops was \$1,765,137, according to Reams.

Increased numbers and higher prices were responsible for an increase in livestock prices, with the principal gains reflected in higher incomes from both beef cattle and hogs. Cash income in the county from livestock in 1965 was \$2,368,290—a gain of \$840,390 over production in 1964.

Farmers also received more cash income from forestry products than they did in 1964. The increase here was from \$1,465,000 to \$1,725,000—a gain of \$260,000.

The farmers' cash income in Warren County was boosted in 1965 by gains in two relative new crops in the county—soybeans and cucumbers. These two crops accounted for cash income of \$651,991.

Cash income from cucumbers in 1965 was \$423,529, compared with \$250,000 in 1964—a gain of \$173,529; and the income from soybeans in 1965 was \$228,462, compared with \$120,000 in 1964—a gain of \$108,462. The total gain from the two crops was \$281,991.

Also boosting Warren County's cash farm income in 1965 was an increase in government payments. These totaled \$327,406 in 1965, compared with \$292,600 in 1964—a gain of \$34,806.

The figures released by Reams Monday show a changing agricultural picture in the county. Before the Great Depression, cotton and tobacco were the major sources of cash in Warren County, with cotton producing the greater part of the county's cash farm income. Other crops, except for sale of some timber tracts were very minor.

Today, unlike most Eastern North Carolina counties, Warren receives less than half of its income from the sale of tobacco. In 1965 cash income from tobacco was \$5,055,868, compared with an overall cash farm income of \$11,694,285. When cotton is added the cash income from the two crops in 1965 was \$5,678,248—less than half of the total cash farm income of the county.

Tobacco and cotton are still the major cash crops in Warren County. But the new sources of farm income, pulpwood, livestock, cucumbers and soybeans, now bring in more cash income than the two old crops of tobacco and cotton.



CLASS OF 1916 — The above picture of the class of 1916 at the old John Graham Academy reached the Warren Record through the courtesy of Robert M. Davis of Greensboro, a former resident of Warrenton. They are, left to right: Front row — Keppel Faulkner, Edward Davis, Henry Horne, John Mitchell, Blount Bryan, Willie Wagner, Willie

Sherrill; second row — Luther Cromette, Sidney Allen, Byrd Jones, Alice Rooker, Mary Polk, Burwell Patterson, Bryan Griswold; third row — Red Covington, Robert Fleming, Leon Adams, Eric Norfleet, Douglas Elliott, Edgar Harris. The mascot, held by Henry Horne, is Bobby Jones, now Mrs. Lloyd Cook of Warrenton.

Engineering Firm Hired

Warren County Is Eligible To Receive Aid Under Economic Development Act

Singleton Withdraws As House Candidate

Mayor Carroll V. Singleton of Henderson announced Saturday his withdrawal from the race for the State House of Representatives in the district composed of Vance, Warren and Franklin counties.

Singleton announced several weeks ago that he would be a candidate for one of the two House seats assigned to the three-county district.

Demands of his private business was given as the reason for the decision not to enter the race. But Singleton said that "at some time within the next few years I expect to again be a candidate for the General Assembly, or some other State office."

W. R. Drake of Warren and James D. Speed of Franklin, incumbent members of the House, have announced their

candidacy in the May 28 primary. Rep. A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr., of Vance, who has been a member of the House for the past five terms, or ten years, announced several months ago that he would not be a candidate this year. With Singleton's withdrawal, there is no candidate in the field from Vance County.

Singleton said his firm, Carroll V. Singleton and Associates, has entered into an agreement to develop an industrial park in Raleigh and in negotiation on one in Charlotte. He added that in view of these developments, "it appears that I would not have the time to serve in the Legislature in the manner in which the people of the three counties would have the right to expect."

The Warren County Board of Commissioners announced yesterday Warren County is eligible to receive assistance under the public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

In order to assist the Planning Board and Industrial Commission implement requests to the Federal Government for various projects, they have engaged the Engineering and Consulting firm of Russell, Axon & Associates of Stafford, Virginia.

The Board of Commissioners in its announcement stated the purpose of the new law is to help communities, areas and regions in the United States which are suffering from excessive unemployment or underemployment by providing financial and technical assistance needed for the creation of new jobs.

To carry out this program, \$170 million dollars has been allocated annually by the Federal Government to be used for waterworks and lines, sanitation facilities, access roads for industrial areas for potential industrial areas,

public schools, airports and flood control projects.

Constantine, of Russell, Axon & Associates stated they will immediately begin a comprehensive planning study of Warren County, the first step in obtaining assistance under the various programs available to this area.

Signs To Direct Traffic To I-85

The office of the Warren County Industrial Commission has been advised that the North Carolina Highway sign department will immediately erect new signs along U. S. 158 directing west-bound traffic to I-85, Bill Minette, director, said yesterday.

Minette said that as soon as certain details are worked out there is a possibility additional signs will be placed on I-85 directing travellers off I-85 to the Norlina-Warrenton Lake Gaston area.

Training Program To Start At Norlina

Warren Industries, Inc., of Norlina will begin operations Monday, March 21, with the employment of the first ten individuals to begin a training program, Bill Minette, industrial director, announced yesterday. The training program will be under the guidance of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges, Vocational - Technician Division.

Minette said that as soon as the first ten individuals are ready to go into the production section of the plant additional personnel will be employed to bring the total up to approximately 150 persons as quickly as possible.

J. B. Thompson, general contractor for the plant renovation, has completed modernization of the interior, which includes painting, construction of office space, new restrooms and lunchroom facilities. E. F. Hecht & Sons have the contract to install all electrical wiring. Yet to be accomplished is the landscaping and installation of new canopies covering each outside door.

Minette said that individuals interested in employment at this facility should contact the plant manager, Mrs. Margaret Weber.

Dr. Hunter Returns

Dr. F. P. Hunter and Mrs. Hunter returned home Sunday after being in Charlottesville, Va., for three months. He was a patient in the Medical College of Virginia. Mrs. Hunter was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter, Jr., and little son, Pat.

Chamber Banquet To Be Held On Thursday

Plans for the first Annual Warren County Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held next Thursday night are progressing fine with more than 200 expected, according to Chamber President W. Bernard Thompson.

President Thompson also said that the following officers will serve during 1966-67: T. Scott Gardner, vice president, Robert E. Fleming, secretary-treasurer and W. Bernard Thompson, President.

T. Scott Gardner, G. W. King, Leon Knight and J. Milton Overby were re-elected to the Board of Directors to serve for a period of three years. Other Chamber directors are Joe Andrews, Hal W. Connell, Clanton C. Parkinson, W. F. Rooker, Russell Sadler, William Brauer,

Robert E. Fleming, Elmer W. Harris, Mason Hawfield, William T. Skinner, III and W. Bernard Thompson.

Special Chamber guests to hear Major General Lawrie speak on the Viet Nam situation will be Congressman Fountain, representatives of the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, Al Dickens of Area Development, Carolina Power and Light Company, Raleigh, Al Callaway and Bruce Strickland of the Commerce and Industry Division, N. C. Department of Conservation and Development as well as the Warren County Jaycees and their wives.

The Little Garden Club will decorate the banquet tables and the Beta Clubs from Littleton, Norlina and Warrenton will assist Chef Spence of the Warren Plaza.