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## A Fair Weather Alarm System

Maybe the Warrenton fire alarm system serves some useful purpose in notifying residents in the night that it is raining. What this purpose is beyond notifying householders to shut windows, we have not been able to figure out.

But when the alarm goes off in the day this function serves no purpose for everyone already knows that it is raining.

As this was being typed the siren had been sounding for about five minutes and quit before the sentence was completed. No one paid any attention to it because from previous experience they had figured that a good rain would set off the fire alarm system. That makes it bad in case of a real fire.

Warrenton has a good fire company and the work of the firemen over the years has been a credit to themselves and to the town. But, we feel that the town's alarm system approaches the world's

worst. Admitting it is a fair system in dry weather, it is worthless when the rains descend, and overall it is hardly a credit to the town. If the commissioners can not give the citizens a more dependable alarm system, we suggest they abandon it and go back to the bell on the court square which served for some 60 years.

Last week we stated that extending the town limits should be the first order of business. Now we feel that installing a good fire alarm system is the most imperative need of the town.

The above editorial was written on Friday morning, following an early morning alarm. At the Monday night meeting the town commissioners discussed the need for an overhaul of the system. We feel that the need is for a new and modern system and hope that the commissioners will bear this in mind in making up the budget.

## Election Of Judges

The defeat of a bill in the General Assembly to permit judges to be elected on a district basis instead of by statewide vote, we feel, fails to reflect any credit upon that body and is an example of politics at its worse.

Granted that the election of judges on a local basis has a tendency to involve the courts in politics, or at least offers that possibility, we feel that the defeat of the bill was due to no such high motives. The purpose of the present law was to prevent the election of Republican judges to the bench. Under the law Republican districts have no chance to elect Republican judges so long as their election is dependent upon the state-wide election in a Democratic state. That, in our opinion, is wrong.

Our main objection to the pre-

sent law is that it not only requires voters to vote for judges of whom many have never heard, but tends to lengthen a ballot that is already much too long. In the last election, election officials in several precincts spent more than 12 hours counting and tallying ballots. The counting of the vote of from eight to ten judicial candidates added quite a bit to the task of counting.

It may well be that justice could be better served by permitting or requiring the Supreme Court to nominate all Superior Court judges if not actually appoint them. That remains a debatable question, but it would tend to reduce political pressure on the courts. To require Warren County voters to cast their ballots for a judge from Buncombe County does not make sense, and the cure is worse than the disease.

## Sportsmen To Meet At Rocky Mount On May 21

Sportsmen and others interested in game preservation are asked to attend a district 3 meeting in the City Court Room at Rocky Mount on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 p. m. Warren County is a part of district 3.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, in a recent meeting at Raleigh, proposed several changes in the 1969-70 hunting regulations for North Carolina. The proposals adopted are tentative and subject to modification following a series of public hearings. Working toward a continuing,

## Thursday Clean-Up Day At J. Graham

Thursday, May 15, has been declared School Clean-Up Day by the State Superintendent of Public Schools, Dr. Craig Phillips. Dr. Phillips is urging all schools to participate, and students at John Graham High School have planned a full schedule of clean-up activities for the two class periods after lunch.

The students' schedule includes a thorough cleaning of the main building, the home economics and agriculture buildings, the library, the gymnasium, and all surrounding grounds. There has already been a great deal of enthusiasm shown toward the project, and the students will be motivated with maps and signs. Thursday, Principal Fred Barthelemy said.

uniform opening date that would permit sportsmen to plan vacation leave in advance and disperse excessive hunting pressure in any one locality on opening date, the Commission proposed a new opening date policy. If adopted, the policy will provide for opening of the bear, deer (in the East), boar, raccoon, squirrel, and grouse hunting seasons each year on the Monday nearest October 15. Thus, under the new policy, this year's opening date for these species would be October 13.

The Commission also agreed to establish a policy of opening all short term either sex deer seasons (two weeks or less) on the third Friday in December. This policy further specifies that during the first two days of such either sex seasons, deer hunting shall begin not earlier than 12:00 noon and that neither buck nor doe deer shall be taken prior to the designated starting time.

## Thompson Speaker At Ruritan Meeting

Bernard Thompson, Administrator of the Warren General Hospital, was guest speaker at the Norlina Ruritan Club on Tuesday night at their regular monthly meeting held in the Norlina Club house.

Mr. Thompson reported on the facilities, personnel and finances. He stated that there was a possibility of securing a 10 county physical therapy clinic

at Warren General Hospital. He also announced that Dr. Coffman would move to Warrenton July 1st as a general practitioner.

James White, vice president, presided at the meeting. Clyde Edwards led the singing and Sidney Epperson gave the invocation.

Donald Wimbrow, finance committee, reported that the Ruritan Club will sponsor a dance Saturday night at the Drewry Community Club Building.

Clint Hege, recreation chairman, reported that the FFA of Norlina High School will clean the grounds at the Woman's Club for their project.

Rex Gordon, education chairman, gave the graduation schedule and reported that Thursday, May 29 was state wide clean-up day in schools and asked that the community help.

## Club Holds Meeting

The Zion 4-H Club met on May 12 at the Zion Educational building with President Gene Richardson presiding.

Faye Martin read the minutes. The devotion was given by Gill Richardson. The 4-H Pledge was led by Annie Craft and Teresa Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance. Edith Craft was song leader.

Coach Bob Fries gave the club an interesting program on the history of guns and stones, showing several guns from his own collection.

Refreshments were served by the club.—Gill Richardson, reporter.

Miss Kay Burwell of Duke University Nursing School spent weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Burwell.

## Hawkins High Students Accepted At EPDA Institute

Six John R. Hawkins High School students have been accepted to attend the EPDA Institute for College and University teachers of reading in the content areas of social science, science, English and literature to be held at Bennett College, Greensboro, June 9-July 18, Principal L. B. Henderson announced yesterday.

They are Audrey Davis, Dianne Williams, Sandra Bullock, Robert Cheek, Larry King and Emma Pullen. They are among the 80-120 students who are being recommended from approximately 30 participating high schools from the surrounding area to serve as practicum students for the participating teachers.

Henderson said that the program will direct itself, in the main, to providing an opportunity for college and university teachers to retool their methods of subject-presentation by introducing enrollees

to a variety of new methods and techniques for teaching reading skills in the subject matter - content areas while simultaneously imparting the knowledge and information the subject-matter course was originally designed to project; To aid college and university teachers in understanding the underlying causes and effects of reading disabilities, particularly as they pertain to students who come from disadvantaged areas and schools, by providing theoretical and research information related to the psychology of reading; To aid in preparing the college and university teachers, the Institute will conduct lectures, seminars, demonstration and practicum sessions.

There are no fees for students who are participating in the Institute. All expenses for lodging, meals and travel will be met by the Institute, Henderson said.

## In Memoriam

### Memories Of Nancy Wilson

Since growing up and making a home of my own in another town, I always look forward to the times I go back home to see Mom and the folks even though it's only for a short time.

Today, Sunday, May 11, 1969, Mother's Day, was one of those times I always long for, because I know the folks will be together, again, but, as I neared the yard and house today I knew something wasn't right. Things didn't appear the same. I could sense the atmosphere was sad; something had happened that had the family upset. I stopped the car, got out and started to the door. I didn't hear the gay and happy laughter. I, usually hear when all the folks gather at Mom's.

See, we are a happy family. I'm one of eight children and there have been rough times in years gone by, hard struggles we have had, but, we always were happy together.

I have looked forward to this all week, but, now the time was here. I just couldn't imagine what had stopped the gaiety. I would have ordinarily heard. Approaching the door, I could tell by the faces I saw that something was terribly wrong, without any hello's, all in one voice, said, "Dody, did you know Nancy Wilson was buried Friday?"

Stunned, I stopped in my tracks and it seemed to me for hours, I stood frozen in my tracks. Low voices, tear stained eyes and expressions of sadness, again I heard the same thing ring in my ears, "Nancy Wilson was buried Friday."

Right then, I knew this was why the gay laughter wasn't in the room. See, our folks had always been so close. Nancy's mother, Eula and I had been bosom pals for many, many years. She married another close friend of our families, so that has kept us all together all these years. Her grandmother was mine and Alean's second mother, for our mother had to go to the hospital when we were six weeks old and Eula pushed us around in her doll carriage for a few weeks. Her mother, Mrs. Incoe, was keeping us for our mother, to go to the hospital.

Time goes on, we are grown, Eula's first born is Nancy, one of the most loved and sweetest persons one could ever know. She was an unusual, special person, always a kind smile, a friendly attitude, never complaining, always ready to do what she was asked to do. I taught her in Sunday School for years. She worked in our youth dept. of the church. Never one time did she show any signs of unwillingness to do what was needed for her to do. She stood ready to fill the place that she could be of help, this was Nancy—kind, gentle, faithful, to know her was to love her. This was true with her family and many friends both at school and in college.

I sat down, trying to make myself believe it wasn't true what they were saying, but, for sure I knew it was true. The shock was great! Why? How could it be? She was so young and such a happy person. Then, quickly, the thoughts ran through my mind, the ONE that gives us life has the right to take life and who are we to question HIM?

She grew up, went through high school, making many friends and on to college with an outlook on life to become a school teacher, which she would have become, gradu-



NANCY WILSON

ating this June, to teach in the Raleigh city schools this fall. At the time of this heart break, she was in Raleigh with a group of youngsters working on a science project.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, May 7, 1969, God called Nancy home to share the joys of eternal happiness. Young as she was and as much as we wanted her to stay here with us because her life was so inspiring, we must always think of her parting as "our loss is heaven's gain." We will take on new courage, new hope, and a brighter outlook at the crossing of this life, to meet her again and will be reunited with this precious jewel that has gone to take up her abode in that Celestial City not made by hands.

One who loved her, "DODY" MILLER

## Harrison Funeral Held On Sunday

Funeral services for Robert Lee Harrison of the One community were conducted Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 p. m. from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. William Burgess officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Harrison is survived by a wife, Mrs. Etta Harrison, four children, seven brothers and five sisters.

## Cards Of Thanks

Copy for cards of thanks must be in this office by Tuesday night, earlier if possible, accompanied by \$1.00 to cover cost of insertion.

We wish to thank our pastor, our friends and relatives for every prayer, for the food, the cards and every expression of sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Lois H. Divine.

Also, we want to thank Dr. Hunter and the nurses at Warren General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Egerton, daughter and son-in-law, the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren.

The family of the late Mr. Robert Lee Harrison gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy shown during their hour of bereavement.

THE HARRISON FAMILY  
We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the many friends and relatives for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement.  
THE DAN A. SHEARIN FAMILY

## Postmasters Hold Meeting At Oxford

Postmasters from Warren and Vance Counties attended the second district meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters at luncheon at the Oxford Country Club on Saturday.

The invocation was given by Junious Rodgers, Henderson postmaster. Welcome was extended by Arch Taylor, Oxford postmaster. The Hon. John H. Thompson postal service officer of Raleigh, gave the principal address. Special remarks were made by W. Woodrow Rador, president of the N. C. chapter of NAPUS, postmaster at Newton. He urged all the postmasters to attend the state meeting at Nags Head in June.

Among postmasters from Warren and Vance Counties present at the meeting were Mrs. Eva S. Holtzman of Ridgeway, A. C. Blalock and Mrs. Blalock of Warrenton, Ellis E. Fleming of Manson, Mrs. Halie Edwards of Middleburg, Junious Rodgers of Henderson and Charlie Howell of Townsville.

## Ronald Wells Named Supply Officer

Ronald W. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wells has been elected to the position of Supply Officer in Company L-4 of the Pershing Rifles National Honorary Military Society, at North Carolina State University.

The Pershing Rifles society was founded at the University of Nebraska in 1894. The society was named after General John J. Pershing, commander of the AEF during the First World War. Company L of the Fourth Regiment of this society was founded at NCSU on February 27, 1953 and was the first such company in the state of North Carolina. The drill team of Company L-4 now participates in drill meets, colorguards, and parades throughout the southeastern United States.

Wells, who is a junior in Textile Technology, was graduated from John Graham High School in 1966. Upon coming to NCSU, Wells pledged the Pershing Rifles and became a brother after he had shown that he had the qualities required by the society.

As an officer, Wells will be actively involved in the administration of Company L-4 and will involve himself in the varied activities of the organization.



MISS KING

## Miss King Engaged In Practice Teaching

Lucy Helen King of Wise is one of the 140 seniors at Campbell College who are now engaged in classroom practice preliminary to certification later this year for teaching in public schools. She is teaching English at Clinton High School in Clinton under the supervision of Mrs. Jean P. Powell.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. King of Wise.

## Leonard Funeral Held On Sunday

Funeral services for Marvin W. Leonard of Palmer Springs, Va., were conducted Sunday, May 11, at 4:00 p. m., from the Roanoke Chapel Christian Church with the Rev. W. E. Banks officiating. In-

## Jordan Funeral Is Held At Ridgeway

Funeral services for Richard Jordan of the Snow Hill community were conducted Sunday, May 11, at 4 p. m., from the Ridgeway Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Bullock officiating. Burial followed in the Snow Hill cemetery.

Mr. Jordan is survived by a wife, Mrs. Mary Jordan, two daughters, Margaret Louise of St. Augustine College, Raleigh, and Carolyn Delores of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte; three sons, Richard, Jr., Ballard Edward, and Destry Fitzgerald, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Rosa Russell of Ridgeway, Mrs. Janet Boyd, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd of New York, and Mrs. Cornelia Bullock of Philadelphia, two brothers, Howard Jordan and Alex Jordan of Richmond, Va.

terment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Leonard's survivors include a wife, Mrs. Adlean Leonard; one sister, Mrs. Ophelia L. Gray, of Thomasville, a son, Warren Leonard of Trinity; one granddaughter, Gloria Leonard of Richmond, Va.

## DANCE PARADE

A fancy dance parade at Massey School of Dance recital will be held at the Norlina school gym on Monday, May 19, at 8 p. m. and at the John Graham School auditorium at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, May 20. No admission will be charged.

## TO THE VOTERS OF WARRENTON

Please accept my sincere thanks for your support and vote in the Town Election of May 6. I am grateful to each one of you and pledge my best efforts to justify your confidence in me.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS GASKILL



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