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Would Mean Much To Warrenton

With a fine plant under construction at Warrenton and the water snarl having been worked out, Warrenton citizens learn with pleasure that Norlina business leaders are optimistic over the passage of a bond issue to improve its water system as the first step in obtaining an industry for that town.

A plant at Norlina would mean much to Warrenton and to the entire county, just as the Warrenton plant will mean much to Norlina. After all the two towns are within a few miles of each other with citizens living in one town and working in the other and trading in both towns. It would be an exaggeration to say that Norlina and Warrenton will be one town in a few years from a governmental standpoint, but it is no overstatement to say that they will be working closer together in the future, with some functions being performed jointly. We foresee the day when Norlina and Warrenton may be in the same sanitary district. It also occurs to us that

it may be feasible at some future date to establish a modern fire department in the center of the area of the two towns with paid firemen and the most modern equipment to serve both towns. There are many other ways the two towns can work together for their mutual advantage.

The Warren Record is not going to presume to tell Norlina voters how to vote on its bond issue but, not only because this newspaper feels that it is also Norlina's paper, but for the good of the entire county we fervently hope that the bond issue will pass. We consider Norlina's action in putting in a sewage system a few years ago the greatest single step the town has taken for its future and that the vote for the bond issue could be an even greater step.

We feel that without growth of Norlina and Warrenton that there will be little growth in Warren County.

All Are Helped By Industry

Among the members of the Warren Industrial Commission present at the meeting of the commission with the boards of commissioners of Warrenton and Warren County last Thursday night was Frederick Williams of Inez. Mr. Williams is a large farmer in Fork Township, makes his living almost entirely off the farm, is not dependent upon the growth of the county or Warrenton, some 14 miles from his home.

Following the meeting, the editor of this newspaper told Mr. Williams that he appreciated his support in a measure that could mean nothing directly to him. You are wrong, Mr. Williams said, "I might want to sell my house some day."

There is a sermon in that remark and illustrates the value of industry to all the county, not just to the towns where industry will be

in operation. The building of Cochran Furniture Plant here, and the indication that a large factory will be built at Norlina, means much more than added dollars in the cash registers of the merchants of the two towns. It means that the county, after years of decline, is on the way upward. This in turn means that there is not a business in Warrenton that can not be sold at a higher figure, important to older businessmen whose sons have left for larger cities because of lack of opportunities; and there are fewer homes that cannot be sold at a better price. Factories in the area are bound to create a demand for homes, and are bound to increase service industries.

Not only will factories mean employment of labor, but should offer opportunity for secretaries, filing clerks, typists to find work at home rather than in other towns and cities.

Mostly Personal

By BIGNALL JONES

During the dozen years that Warrenton was showing its most rapid development and until the depression merchants worked long hours and for the great majority of persons there was no such thing as a 40-hour week or overtime pay. On Saturday nights grocery stores remained open until midnight in many instances and both drug stores would remain open until 10 p. m. in order to get the fountain trade of those who had attended the picture show.

The drug stores also gave curb service, and one of the fun things of the young boys and girls was to fill the passenger space of an automobile and carry the overflow on the runningboards for a trip to the drug store on a summer night for nickel fountain drinks and nickel ice cream cones or cups, served at the curb. The drug stores were also something of a social club. It was a morning ritual for business men in the southern part of town to meet at Hunter Drug Store for a Coke mixed by Dr. White or Dr. Jones, and at all hours of the day a checker game was being played in window seat of the store. Boyce's Drug Store served the same functions for the people in the northern part of the business section.

For years Warrenton ladies coming down town to shop would stop by the drug stores for a drink and refreshments. A particularly large number of these during the depression and the war years gathered each morning at Hunter Drug Company for a social hour and these women were peeted by the late Dr. Charles Peete the Lily Club. It is strange to think that many young people of the town today have never even heard of the Lily Club.

Some stores would open at 6:30 a. m. in the summer as a convenience to farmers and would remain open to around 9 p. m. Hours were long, but this did not mean that the people were working hard. There was little rush, merchants and even employees had time to read the newspaper, to step out for a drink, and customers would loaf as they sat on counters or bags or books of merchandise and

talk, joke and laugh. Grocery stores sold molasses from barrels, crackers from barrels, and cheese from a whole cheese, usually covered. Sardines, in olive oil, and potted ham, both opened with keys attached to the can, sold for a nickel, and penny cakes were sold from jars. Many farmers trading in town would get their dinner at the grocery stores, satisfying their appetites with potted ham, sardines, cheese and crackers, at small cost. Incidentally, this was before the days of lunch. People ate breakfast, dinner and supper, usually big meals, instead of breakfast, lunch and dinner. And they took their time about it.

In today's rush some people actually fail to eat any breakfast, substituting for it soft drinks and nabs during a coffee break, and others may eat an egg, a piece of toast and coffee. Most persons eat a light lunch and make dinner the heaviest meal of the day, often hurrying through it in order to attend some kind of meeting or some social activity.

When this was almost a strictly rural county and most of the business men had been raised on the farm, the farm customs dominated the town. Breakfast was eaten early and was a hearty meal. Little toast was served. In its place were hot biscuits. Not an egg, but eggs were served. Also on the table were grits, ham or sausage and sometimes beefsteak. Occasionally breakfast might consist of waffles and chicken or turkey hash; and there was always good country butter and milk.

Families were large and dinners were heavy. The menu many times would consist of two kinds of meat, a variety of vegetables, butter milk - real buttermilk with flecks of butter - sweet milk, pickles, jams and jellies and desserts; sometimes two kinds of pie and/or cake. Hot rolls or hot biscuits were always served for supper with a meat course. Even the poorer families had cooks, mostly overworked and underpaid, and many a husband had never washed a dish, and wives knew nothing of this task, except on the one Sunday a month when the cook was given a day off, or happened to be sick.

Iran, derived from the Aryan, is the correct name for the country long referred to as Persia.

Mobile Telephones May Be Provided

HENDERSON - Howard T. Pitts, local manager, announced yesterday that Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company is interested in providing improved Mobile Telephone Service (IMTS) for the Henderson and surrounding towns if there is sufficient interest to justify it.

IMTS is designed to provide for "vehicles" telephone service comparable to that provided in homes and offices. Local and long distance calls can be dialed direct from your vehicle and calls can be received without operator assistance. The radio range of the mobile unit would be about 25 miles from the center of town.

If there is enough expressed interest for IMTS, and upon approval from the Federal Communications Commission for Carolina Telephone to provide this service, it would take about 12 months to order and install the necessary equipment. Anyone interested should contact their local Telephone Business office.

No Longer A Gadget

RALEIGH - The can opener is no longer considered a gadget; it's a necessity. For the average homemaker opens about two cans of food each day.

According to Iola Pritchard, extension specialist in food conservation and marketing, North Carolina state University, canned goods, one of the first convenience foods, is still one of the most popular. Today there are over 500 different canned food items on the market, not counting the various brands or can sizes. For consumers wishing to get the best value for the money they spend, Miss Pritchard offers these shopping suggestions:

Read the label. It should tell the name of the product, net weight or volume, ingredients, and name and address of the processor. Other information such as type of pack, grade and directions for use may be included, although these are optional.

Notice the price, the specialist advises. Canned foods may be priced singly or in units. They are packed in different size or weight cans. Also, since they are packed under different brand names, the budget-

Extension Bulletin Board

Monday, March 9: Macon Homemakers will meet at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Virgie Moss. Liberia Homemakers will meet at 7:00 p. m. as scheduled. Tuesday, March 10: Burdette Homemakers will meet at 1:00 p. m. as scheduled. The Arcola Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 2:00 p. m. at the Arcola Clubhouse. Mrs. W. T. Robertson will be

hostess. Snow Hill Homemakers will meet at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Melvin Tunstall. Wednesday, March 11: The Inez Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 2:00 p. m. at Inez clubhouse. The Warren County 4-H Council will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Warren County Courthouse. Thursday, March 12: Hecks Grove Homemakers will meet at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. Cora Watson. The Enterprise Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. C. Reid, Sr. The Extension Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Warren County Agricultural Building. Friday, March 13: Mayflower Homemakers will meet at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Elnora Mann.

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Letter To Editor

PROUD OF TEAM

To The Editor: As I read the February 26 edition of The Warren Record, I saw, as did all readers of the Record, a photograph of the Norlina High School Girl's Basketball Team, winners of this year's Roanoke Conference Championship and Roanoke Conference Tournament Champions for the second consecutive year.

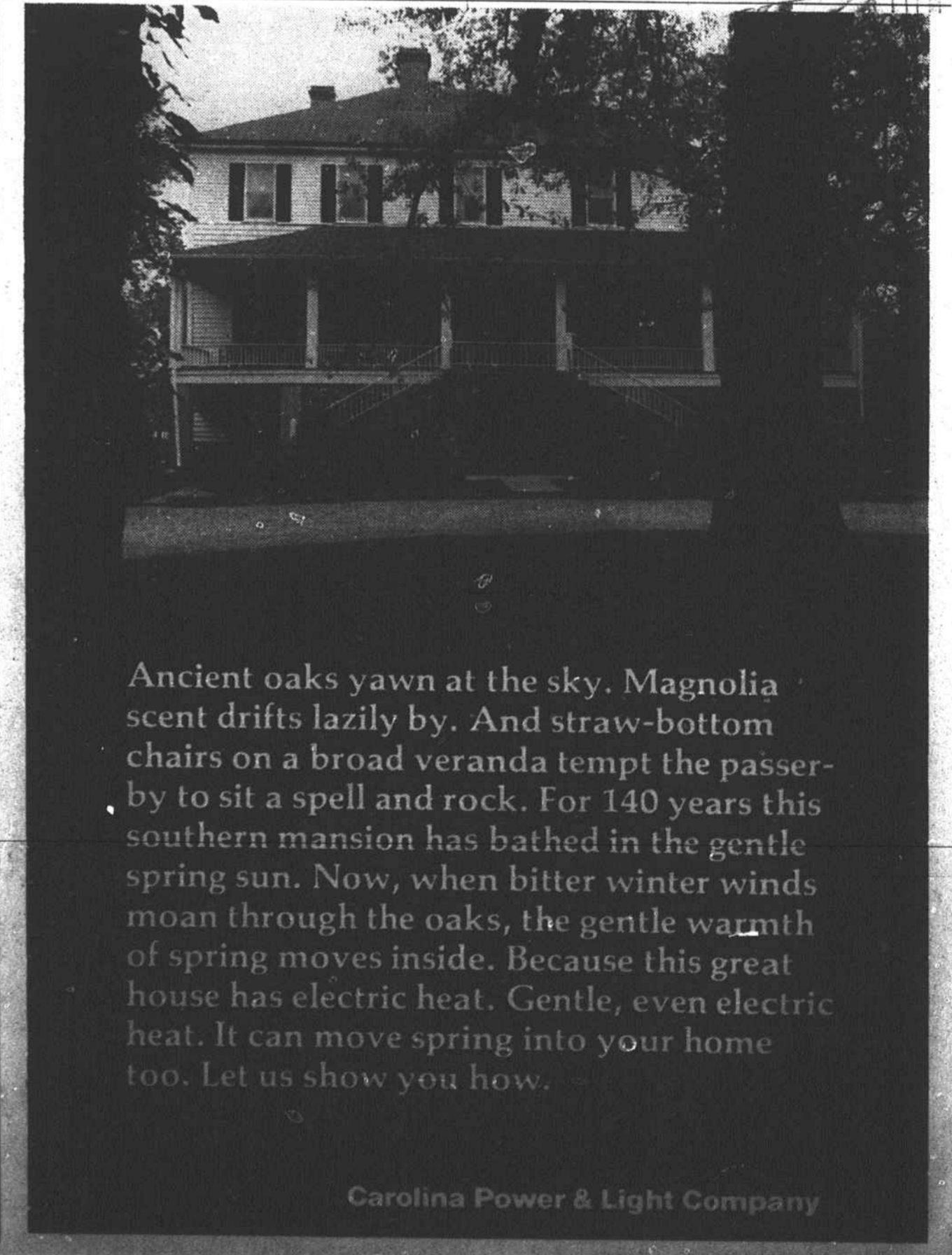
While looking at the photograph, I thought of all the hard work, time, energy, patience, fellowship, and above all, teamwork that made this such a successful season for Coach Bob Price and his staff and his highly successful Girls Basketball Team. One cannot help but be proud of such an accomplishment.

I am sure that all the fans, supporters and competitors of the Norlina Blue Waves would join me in saying, "Congratulations for a job well done." TOMMY FRAZIER, President, Norlina High School Athletic Association.

on the over the county market. During the discussion period several interested citizens spoke of the need for industry for the county and how Warrenton must not miss the great opportunity facing it. Jim Limer, County Attorney, asked several questions about the policy of surcharges in other counties, particularly in Rockingham. The questions were directed to Bruce Strickland, who said that it was unusual, and that many counties were erecting water tanks and paying for them through taxes levied on industry.

Bill Coley of CP&L asked that he be permitted to reply. He said that he was not familiar with all the counties about which Limer spoke, but that he is familiar with Rockingham. He said that Rockingham County levied a surcharge on water to pay for a line run to an airport, and that Ashe County owned its own water system.

Following the discussion, the town and county boards reached an agreement after deliberations between the boards and their attorneys for nearly two hours.



Ancient oaks yawn at the sky. Magnolia scent drifts lazily by. And straw-bottom chairs on a broad veranda tempt the passerby to sit a spell and rock. For 140 years this southern mansion has bathed in the gentle spring sun. Now, when bitter winter winds moan through the oaks, the gentle warmth of spring moves inside. Because this great house has electric heat. Gentle, even electric heat. It can move spring into your home too. Let us show you how.

Carolina Power & Light Company

Industry

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olina. He said that these companies want to go east far enough to obtain labor, but no farther from the Piedmont than is necessary. "I don't know of any place better situated for this purpose than is Warrenton," he said.

"What you do here tonight," he said, "will determine Warrenton's future for years to come." He said that C&D had worked closely with Warrenton in its efforts to attract industry, "but if you show us that you are unable to provide necessary water for this plant, you have probably seen the last of us for a long time."

Bell said that he had been familiar with Cochran for years and that Warrenton is fortunate in having them come here. It is a fine company, with a fine reputation, he said.

Bruce Strickland, C&D financial consultant, told of the contribution that an industry can make to a town and county. He said that Lincolnton, home office of Cochran Furniture Company, was a fine example of how ample water can encourage a community's growth, but after erecting a 500,000-gallon water tank, the town attracted as many industries as it could handle. "There comes a time when a county is either growing or it is dying, and so one can say which," he said that he believes that Warrenton is on the threshold of its greatest development.

The beauty of the Town of Warrenton was a factor in Cochran's selection of the town as a site for a branch of its company, Jerry Cochran, president of Cochran Furniture Company, said. He said that he not only wanted to have a factory here, but wants to feel that he is a part of the community.

Before commenting on the selection of Warrenton as a factory site, Cochran read a letter in which both the County of Warren and the Town of Warrenton assured him that if he would choose Warrenton as a site they would assure him of ample water. He said that he hopes to be in operation here on a limited scale by May, but that until he can get enough water to operate a sprinkler system, that the insurance companies would not permit his company to do refinishing and would limit the amount of stock on the company's yard.

Cochran said that his company at first planned to build a \$800,000 plant here, but increased its investment to \$1,200,000. Taxes on this present investment, he said, are expected to be from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.

Forty acres of land is not needed for a furniture factory the site of the one being built at Warrenton, Cochran said, but his company bought this amount of acreage in order to be prepared for future expansion.

Cochran said that he recently attended a meeting of the Furniture Manufacturers' Convention where he found much interest in expansion to the east and where he was questioned about his plans at Warrenton. He said that he knew it to be a fact that another furniture manufacturer had been in Warren County within the past three

weeks. A part of the \$1,200,000 his company plans to spend at Warrenton, Cochran said, will be \$100,000 for an anti-pollution system, which will result in no smoke from the plant's operation.

Cochran closed his remarks by stating that he had met wonderful people here and had been attracted to the community, but asked that his company be furnished water as quickly as possible.

Amos L. Capps, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, said that while he did not believe that at present enough labor is in the county and available for Cochran's needs, but he had been assured that many persons would return to the county if work is provided. He said that a report that he was opposed to industrial development was not true.

Warrenton Mayor W. A. Miles told the group that Warrenton is anxious to obtain industries, and that the town particularly welcomed Cochran Furniture Plant. He said that he was confident that ample water would be supplied the company.

Before opening the meeting for a general discussion, Monroe Gardner pointed out that Warren County was not advancing a penny of its money to erect a water tank here, that this is being provided by the Citizens Bank, to be repaid by the county with taxes collected from Cochran Furniture Plant, and that requests from other towns could be handled in a similar manner. He also said that he had learned that many Warrenton citizens have invested in Cochran Company stock which is now listed