

Warming Devices Become Hot Sales Items As Mercury Dips

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"It's Cold in Them Them Hills" was a comical play presented by students at John Graham High School about 15 years ago, but it isn't very comical that its plain cold in Warren County this week, as temperatures dropped below zero and haven't risen above the freezing mark since Sunday.

While the Arctic Freeze has plagued all of the eastern part of the country, people in Warren County have pressed the panic button trying to bundle up and buckle down for Jack Frost.

One person said, "Jack Frost came and brought his relatives for a reunion." And Monday you may have thought Jack Frost had decided to move into the area.

However, some good has come out of the cold snap. Warrenton and Norlina merchants who sell antifreeze, batteries and "anything to cover a pipe" have been selling out.

Aaron Allen, manager of Warren Auto Parts, reported that he had the largest battery sales in one day than in eight years. He said that his "antifreeze and battery sales tripled" on Monday and that his stock of these items was almost depleted.

Mr. Allen stated that he normally stocks about 50 to 70 batteries of all kinds and that "if the cold weather stays until about Thursday" he will run out of stock.

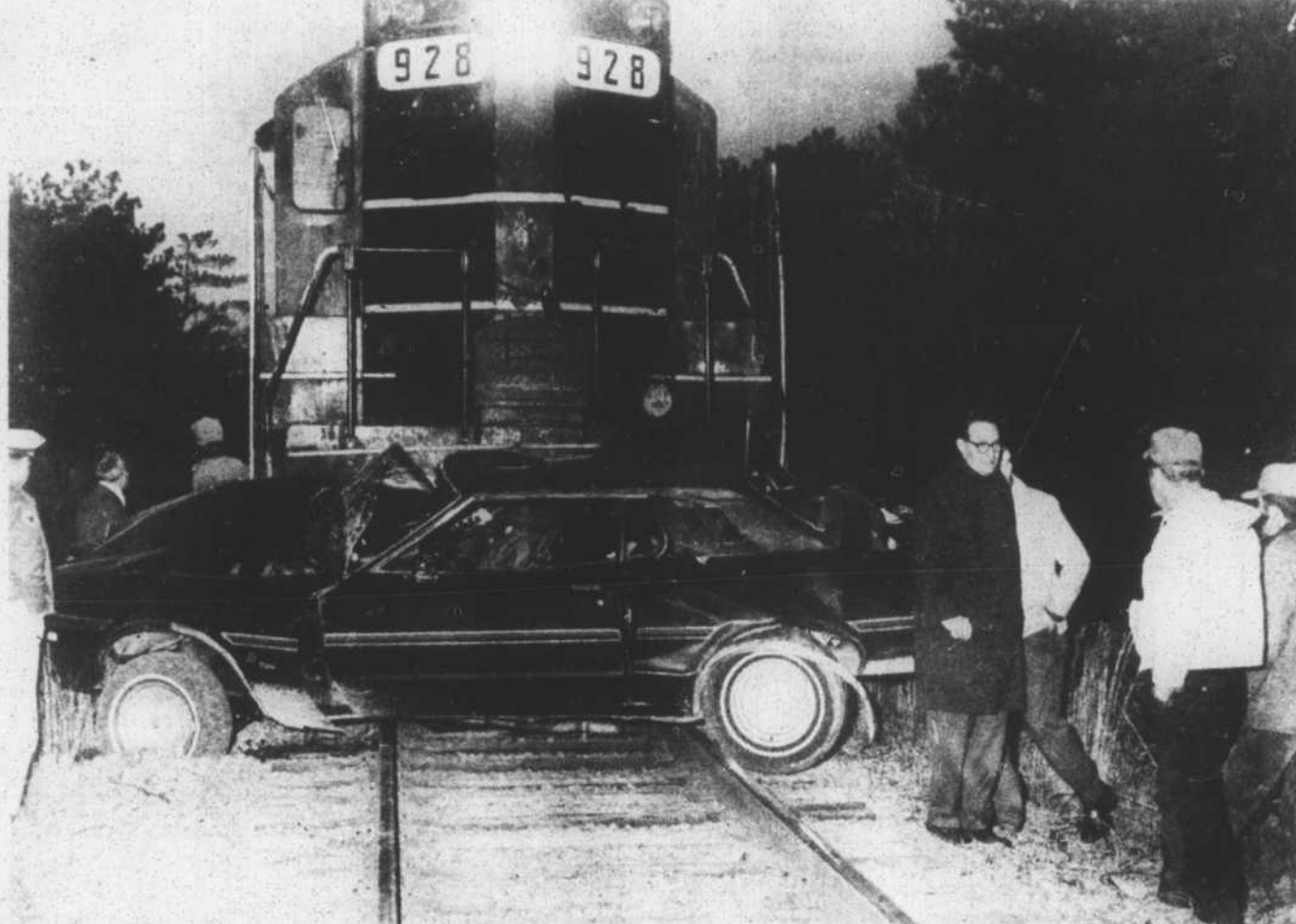
If you call most of the businesses who normally sell propane torches they will quickly tell you they are out. Many people have hurried to town to buy a torch to thaw out pipes.

Traylor's Hardware, Standard Motor Parts, Warrenton Supply Company and Warren Auto Parts had runs on propane torches on Monday. And after pipes were thawed, people hurried to buy insulation for the pipes before the night cold froze everything again.

Four Are Killed In Train Wreck, One-Car Crash

Warren County fatalities in auto accidents matched last year's mark on Wednesday of last week as four persons met violent death within a three-mile radius.

On Wednesday afternoon around 1:35 p. m. a car driven by Jacob Wallace Jiggetts of Norlina ran off the left side of the road near the Oakville community after passing another vehicle in a curve. The vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed according to witnesses and ran off the road hitting a tree.



This ill-fated car was the last of five automobiles which attempted to cross the tracks a mile east of Macon before the arrival of a freight train. The vehicle was slammed broadside, killing the three occupants. The accident, and a one-car fatality three miles away on Wednesday of last week, raised Warren County's road death toll for the year to five. (Staff Photo by Don Stith)

Willie Jiggetts, 15, a passenger in the automobile, was pronounced dead on arrival at Warren General Hospital. Jacob Jiggetts was later transferred to Duke Medical Center with extensive leg injuries.

Keith Williams of Rt. 2, Norlina, was charged with failure to see safe movement and slick tires after he backed from the parking area of the Starlight Palace into the path of a car driven by Lemuel Eley of Henderson on Wednesday night around 9:40 p. m.

Town Gets Grant For House

The Town of Warrenton has received notice from the National Parks Service Historical Preservation that a grant-in-aid for \$10,000 has been allocated for the restoration of the Jacob Holt house.

This house is on the corner of East Franklin and Bragg Streets. Bill Davis, town manager, reported that the grant had been sought for some time.

He stated that the town will have to match the grant on a 50-50 basis. However, Town Commissioner Anna Butler owns the house and lot and has agreed to deed the property to the town to be used as matching funds.

Davis said that Lewis Hafermahl, grants administrator for the North Carolina Historical Association, will come to Warrenton within the next few weeks to discuss requirements for the restoration.

Highway Patrolman Michael Miller reported that the motor was disengaged from the vehicle upon impact and the car was declared a total loss. He states that charges were pending and investigation was continuing.

Around 8:30 a. m. a car driven by Bessie R. Bourgarde of York, Pa., went out of control on the icy road just north of the Oine exit and overturned on an embankment.

Wise Resident Is Injured When Train Strikes Auto

A Wise resident, Mrs. Alva Phillips, is in Warren General Hospital in satisfactory condition after her car was struck by a Seaboard train in the Wise community around 9:35 a. m. on Monday.

Mrs. Phillips was alone at the time. L. E. Alexander, engineer of the train, said that he was travelling about 43 miles per hour when he struck the Phillips car. Mrs. Phillips pulled out in front of the train at a private drive.

The car was knocked about 30 yards down the track; however, only the front of the car was on the tracks. The impact spun the car around about three times according to officials.

Trooper Miller stated that the vehicle was pushed down the tracks about seven-tenths of a mile upon impact. Dr. Charles Bunch, Warren County Medical Examiner, pronounced all three occupants of the vehicle dead at the scene.

The brakesman on the train reported that the car slowed down at the crossing, came to almost a complete stop and then lunged into the path of the train. The train was estimated to be travelling about 50 miles per hour at the time of impact.

Speed Appointed To Assembly Posts

Senator James D. Speed of Franklin County announced committee appointments in the North Carolina General Assembly as follows: Chairman of Natural and Economic Resources; Vice Chairman, Agricultural; member of Committee on Education; member of Committee on Ways and Means; member of Committee on Finance; member of Committee on Crime and Law Enforcement; member of Committee on Election Laws; and member of Committee on Welfare.

Senator Speed has been assigned to Office No. 9 His telephone number is 829-5877.



Views Of Jacob Holt House



A 15-year-old Warren County youth, Willie Jiggetts, was fatally injured in the wreckage of this automobile which went out of control and struck the tree in the background on Wednesday of last week. The victim was an eighth grade student at Northside School. (Staff Photo)

Caution Urged, No Crisis Seen In School Heat

Although the allocation of fuel oil to schools throughout the state has been cut 20 percent, Superintendent J. R. Peeler foresees no interruption in the operation of Warren County's schools.

Peeler said that during the current cold spell attendance has been off as much as 30 percent in some county schools.

Superintendent Peeler said Tuesday afternoon that he had been notified of the reduction in fuel oil supplies by the Division of Plant Operation of the State Board of Education.

Recreation Club Is Sold
The Warrenton Recreation Club, located one mile east of Warrenton on the Golf Club Road, was sold under sealed bid Friday to John Thomas Harris and Sol Fleming of Warrenton.

The superintendent said that his reduction poses no immediate serious threat to the schools of the county and that a crisis can be avoided by careful conservation measures by the schools of the county which use fuel oil for heating purposes.

Fleming has recently moved into the former Horne home on Front Street. John Thomas Harris is an earth-moving contractor. Harris said this week that he and his partner had not definitely decided what use they would make of the property.

All units in Warren County are heated by oil with the exception of Marjiam Boyd Elementary School and the carpentry shop at John Graham, both heated electrically. Schools were converted from coal to oil several years ago.

The recreation club was formed by a group of Warrenton business men in 1967, and was largely financed by the Farmers Home Administration. For several years annual payments were made by the group, but for the past few years public support failed and the government foreclosed on the property.

Peeler said he had urged principals to use all reasonable steps to conserve heating oil and for the schools to restrict the heating of buildings to the fullest extent feasible for school purposes during the fuel oil shortage.

The 43.6 acre recreational facility sold for \$116,000 and contained, the following: 2750 square feet brick veneer club with full basement, Olympic swimming pool, riding ring, ball field, tennis court, basketball courts. Area surrounding swimming pool and club house is fenced.

The Superintendent reported that the Division of Plant Operation had recently completed a random survey of schools in the state which use No. 2 fuel oil for heating purposes.

Extradition Is Being Contested
A former Warren County man wanted by FBI agents in California will fight extradition, according to Warren County Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps.

The report, according to Peeler, showed that the price of fuel oil had increased 10 percent since July 1, that consumption has increased 67.5 percent, and that there has been a 94 percent increase in purchases during the first six months of the current fiscal year.

Willie Campbell, 37, spotted and arrested Friday by Warren Deputies Dorsey Capps and Danny Bartholomew on a fugitive warrant, was given a hearing before Judge Ben U. Allen in Henderson Monday. Judge Allen reduced his bond to \$20,000 on drug charges.

New opportunities for farm income will be the topic at Warren County's Rural Development Panel meeting on Monday morning, Jan. 24, at 9 a. m. in the Grand Jury Room of the Warren County Courthouse according to L. C. Cooper, agricultural extension agent and chairman of the Rural Development Panel.

Campbell has been away from Warren County for 12 years, and was living in Fayetteville prior to his arrest. Dance Planned
The Warren Academy P.T.O. will sponsor a dance on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 to 1 at the Warrenton Armory. Music will be provided by Peace of Mind from Henderson. Tickets may be obtained at \$10 per couple from any parent or at the school.

Ticket Sales Reported Good

Ticket sales were reported good this week as members of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce pushed plans for their annual installation banquet Monday night at Marjiam Boyd School.

Chamber President Randy Garrett said only 150 tickets were put on sale and that a survey of chamber directors Tuesday showed that sales were brisk.