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Every Seat Was Taken As Commissioners Heard Deer Hunters Arguments

Restaurant Will Open Here Soon

The first step in the development of what was formerly known as the Warrenton Recreation Club will be the conversion of the club house into a family restaurant.

The club property was recently purchased from the Farmers Home Administration by Sol Fleming and John Thomas Harris and will be operated by these two men and their wives.

In a joint meeting of Harris and Fleming and their wives Tuesday afternoon it was disclosed that the first step in the development of the property would be the establishment of a restaurant.

Just how the recreational facilities will be used has not yet been determined.

The restaurant, to be known as "The Rafter's Steak House," will be managed by Mr. and Mrs. Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have successfully managed a restaurant for the past 20 years in Colonial Heights, Va., where they still own a restaurant.

The name "Rafter's" was suggested by the open beams of what will be the dining room.

Mrs. Fleming said that she wanted to stress that the "Rafter's Steak House" will be a family restaurant with children's plates. "We want to have entire families patronize our restaurant, and adult prices for all makes this hard to accomplish," she said.

Hearing Slated On Elderly Plan

Citizens views on programs for the elderly will be sought at a public hearing to be held at the Warren County Court House at 10 a. m. on February 28.

Steve Norwood of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Government's Area Agency on Aging, said the meeting is designed to increase opportunities for interested citizens to have input in plans being made for the 1978 fiscal year.

Noted Author Will Appear At Friday Night Art Series

Reynolds Price will be guest speaker at "Friday Night at the Depot" this Friday night beginning at 7:30 p. m. This series is sponsored by the Warrenton Arts Commission and is part of the local celebration of National Art Month.

Mr. Price will entertain with a short reading and talk. Several books have been published to his credit including "A Long and Happy Life," "A Generous Man" and his most recent, "Surface of the Earth."

The New York Times hailed this last book as "monumentally and tragically heroic." The Chicago Tribune cited Mr. Price as "a powerful writer and craftsman... as Faulkner before him. One of the finest story tellers we are likely to encounter in our lifetime."

The Warren County native has received national recognition for his writing which began at an early age under Crichton Davis, a school teacher in Warrenton. She recognized his gift for letters and encouraged it.

Born in 1933 Price attended Duke University. Later as a Rhodes Scholar he studied at Merton College in Oxford, England. In 1958 he returned to Duke University where he teaches one term each year. There he began and completed "A Long and Happy Life," published in 1962.

For this book he won the most notable First Novel award from the Faulkner Foundation. This coveted award is given each year for an exemplary first novel by an American author.

The last "Friday Night at the Depot" was cancelled due to the sudden snowfall on Friday. Stan Bumgarner and wife, Sylvia, were to be featured guests and the event will be rescheduled for a later date.

The free Sunday afternoon film this week will be "Drums Along the Mohawk." It will be shown at 3 p. m. at the Parish House of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Main

Street in Warrenton. This film is free to the public. The story involves a young society bride, Claudette Colbert, who travels to the American wilderness with her husband, Henry Fonda. Before they have been there long, Ward Bond joins them pioneering this new country. In the midst of adjusting to the rugged life of pioneering there is an Indian uprising incited by French Canadians.

This exciting story of love and war is suitable for all ages. Made in 1938 it is light on violence and broken by comedy scenes. A classic film for all to enjoy, this Sunday film series is sponsored by the Warrenton Arts Commission.



PRICE

Break-Ins Numerous At Gaston Lake Sites

Break-ins at cottages and trailers at Wildwood Point on Lake Gaston were extensive during the weekend, according to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Clarence Davis said on Tuesday that at least 15 or more places were broken into but only five televisions were reported missing. He added that Deputy Floyd Newsom was continuing the investigation. No arrests have been made.

Davis also said that patrolling operations of Lake Gaston had continued in a search for the body of Cleveland Wilson. He said that Thomas K. Collie with the Department of Human Resources had agreed to have five rescue units at the lake to assist the Sheriff's Department during the weekend. The sheriff said that if weather is permissible, the squads will cover "the whole thing" in hopes that the body can be recovered.

Frida's snowstorm caused the lake to freeze again but the

search resumed on Saturday and Sunday.

Wilson is believed to have been thrown into the lake following a beating by two local men, Joe Hampton and McLean Davis, on Jan. 21. The men are in the Warren County jail without privilege of bond awaiting trial on charges that they murdered Wilson.

CETA Director To Leave Post

Glenn Pierce, administrative assistant to the county manager since September, 1976, has announced his resignation effective March 31. Pierce has headed the C.E.T.A. program for Warren County.

He will be moving to Elkin. Pierce said that he is considering several opportunities in that area.

His wife, Sandy, a physician's assistant at Dr. D. R. Coffman's medical facilities in Norlina, will be working for Dr. Hal Stewart in Elkin. Dr. Stewart is a family practitioner with specialties in obstetrics.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are graduates of Wake Forest University.

Four Are Charged Following Thefts

Three men were placed in Warren County jail Tuesday and charged with two break-ins of the Golden Skillet at Warrenton and larceny of money. A fourth man implicated in the crime was already in jail held on a charge of murder in the death of Cleveland Wilson, whose body is being sought in Gaston Lake. He is William McKinley Davis.

Other teenagers charged are Ronnie Edward Talley, 18, David Jr. Watkins, 18 and Vinson McKinley White, 17.

The arrests were made by Deputies Dorsey Capps and Leon Paynter who had been investigating the break-ins for several weeks. Capps said that Donald Watson was an employee of the Golden Skillet, and that White was a former employee who had been

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More Enforcement Is Called For

Turnout Is Heavy As Deer Law Aired

By BIGNALL JONES
No new laws but enforcement of present laws is needed in Warren County, deer hunters told the Board of County Commissioners at a public meeting here on Tuesday night.

More than 200 persons, most of them members of gun clubs, filled the auditorium of the court house when Board Chairman W. P. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., stated the purpose of the meeting, and asked for comments from those present.

Every seat in the auditorium of the court house was filled and many persons were standing around the back walls, reminiscent of famous criminal trials of other days. Opponents of hunting from the highways and hunting with high velocity rifles were in a distinct minority, as were protesting landowners.

For an hour and a half, arguments pro and con, mostly repetitious, were heard, before a vote was taken between the two groups. The motion, duly seconded and passed, asked that the commissioners take no action to have the Legislature change present laws concerning deer hunting in Warren County, that present laws be enforced by law enforcement officers, highway patrolmen and game wardens, and that the State be asked to provide more game wardens for Warren County. It was further asked that the courts punish those found guilty of violating the game laws. The vote was overwhelming in favor of the motion.

A show of hands earlier in the meetings in answer to a question by Town Manager Bill Davis, revealed that practically all the deer hunters present were citizens of Warren County and that most of them were land owners.

The board of commissioners, all of whom were present, with County Manager Charles Hayes, had called the public meeting following a number of complaints about hunting from the highways and hunting with "high powered" rifles.

Chairman Jones, in stating the purpose of the meeting, said that it was necessary that deer hunting be carried on in 'the county, and he hoped that gun clubs might correct many abuses by disciplining their own members. Several spokesmen for the deer hunters agreed that there were some abuses by Warren County hunters, and agreed that many of these could be and should be controlled by the gun clubs.

Chairman Jones said that he did not have time to hunt, but in past years when he did hunt he hunted on other people's land. He said that he did not have a great deal of land, but none of his land is posted. He said he only asked that deer hunters not tear up his land with their trucks.

Charles Hayes told the group that there had been cases where land owners, one a woman, had been abused with foul language when they refused to permit hunters to hunt deer on their land.

Bill Davis said that he had rented his land to a gun club,

and found himself unable to keep non-members from using this land. Without permission to hunt this land, they hunt from the highway, sending their dogs onto his property and killing the animals when they are chased to the highway.

He said he held this to be trespassing.

Van Davis said that deer hunting was new to Warren County, but it was old in many other counties of the state, who had framed their laws to enable the landowners to obtain

revenue with which to pay their taxes. He said that this should be done in Warren County.

It was at this point that some unidentified person in the audience remarked: "None of

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A wrecker pulls the wreckage of an automobile from a Highway 401 bridge over Fishing Creek two miles south of Warrenton on Tuesday afternoon. The car and a transfer truck were involved in the wreck. (Staff Photo)

Wrecks Plentiful In County As Snowstorm Draws Blame

A car and truck collided on the Fishing Creek bridge Tuesday afternoon, causing considerable damage to the automobile but only minor injury to the driver.

Hurt in the mid-afternoon smashup was Glenda Parker, 23, who was taken to Warren General Hospital for treatment and subsequently released.

The accident is under investigation by Trooper V. R. Vaughan of Warrenton, who was unavailable for a report at press time Wednesday.

Frida's snow precipitated a rash of accidents throughout the county. Highway patrolmen, local police and sheriff's deputies responded to numerous calls.

Slippery pavement caused George N. Edwards of Rose Street in Henderson and Claude Edwards of Franklin Street in Warrenton to side-swipe each other on the Henderson-Warrenton road at approximately 12:50 p. m. Claude Edwards then slid left and hit a vehicle driven by Mrs. Emma Limer of Rt. 2, Warrenton.

No one was injured in the mishap and damages were reported to be \$300 to the Claude Edwards vehicle, \$175 to the other Edwards truck and \$200 to the Limer auto.

While traffic was backed up due to the accident Fannie Deloris Wilson of Rt. 2, Norlina, slid into the rear of an auto stopped in the line occupied by John Jasper Shearin of Rt. 2, Warrenton. Shearin's wife, a passenger in the auto, was injured in the accident and carried to Warren

General Hospital. Damages to Wilson's 1976 Buick were estimated at \$400 with damages to the Shearin auto set at \$500.

Kenneth L. Roach of Seafood, Dela., skidded off Interstate I-85 and ran onto the median about 3:40 p. m. Damages to his 1967 Chevrolet were set at \$200.

Ellen Thigpen of Warrenton skidded off the right side of the road and overturned around 1:10 p. m. when she hit ice on Hudgins Hill. Miss Thigpen was not injured but damages to her 1971 Oldsmobile were estimated at \$800.

Deputy Dorsey Capps investigated an accident near One where a tractor-trailer rig owned by Glover Trucking Company of Warrenton had jack-knifed and the cab hit a tree. William P. Ellis of Rt. 2, Macon, was driving the rig and was taken to Warren General Hospital for injuries sustained

in the accident. Considerable damage was reported to the tractor-trailer.

Trooper Mike Miller reported that a car driven by Glenard Ivey, 21, of Roanoke Rapids travelling west on U.S. 158 two miles west of Littleton went out of control on a snowy road and hit a ditch embankment and overturned. Damage was listed at \$1,000 in the Friday afternoon mishap.

A Friday night accident on Highway 1001, seven miles west of Warrenton, was also blamed on the weather. Trooper Miller said a car driven by Thomas E. Carroll, Jr., 18, of Henderson went out of control on ice in a curve and rammed a tree. Damages were listed at \$1,800. Miller said there was no injury in either accident.

Damages totalling \$600 were the result of a Sunday afternoon crash at Drewry

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Vandalism Rampage Costly To Church

A Hollister youth, charged with malicious damage to property in both Warren and Halifax counties on Wednesday night of last week, is being held in Halifax County awaiting trial for damage to a Negro church at Hollister. Following a hearing at Halifax he will be brought to Warrenton for a hearing in District Court for damages to the Haliwa School in Warren County.

Chief Deputy Dorsey Capps who investigated the break-in at the Haliwa School, said this week that he and Halifax County Deputy Horace Hedgepeth arrested Tony Dean Anstead, 18, last Thursday morning and charged him with the crimes.

Damage to the school building in Warren County and its contents was estimated at \$2500. Capps said the front door was broken down with a

2x4 board. Almost all the windows were broken out; typing equipment and desks were knocked over; and many window sashes were ruined.

The Negro church at Hollister damaged on Wednesday night of last week is across the highway from Shearin's Store. Capps said, Anstead is charged with breaking the bulletin board in front of the church and 13 church windows. In addition he is charged with breaking the public address system, the pulpit and a light above the pulpit.

Capps said that Anstead, who has no prior police record, cut himself badly on his leg during the night. He is being held under \$2200 bond at Halifax and \$600 bond in Warrenton. Sheriff Davis said that the \$600 bond was the maximum that Magistrate J. Ed Rooker could give him.



The snowman fashioned from Friday's surprise snowfall proved to be larger than his two builders, Keith Johnson, left, and Reginald Burchette, both of Bute Street in Warrenton. The snowstorm dumped about two inches of snow Friday afternoon, forcing an early closing of school. Warmer weekend temperatures forced a quick disappearance of the snow blanket, as well as the Bute Street snowman. (Staff Photo)

No Change For Individuals

In last week's Warren Record the article relating to the meeting of the Town Board concerning Branch Banking & Trust Company lowering its interest rate on savings for public depositors to four and one-half percent, refers only to the rate paid on funds deposited by governmental bodies such as the deposits of the state, county and town and their agencies.

The rate for regular savings depositors is and will continue to be 5 percent.