



Ed Garland of Raleigh shakes hands with President Bill Fleming at a meeting of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Looking on is Lucious Jones, past president of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Directors Gather To Hear Out-Of-Town Port

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday evening at the Rafter's where a dutch supper was served from the menu to directors and a number of members attending because of special speakers.

President Bill Fleming presided over the meeting which was featured by informal talks by Ed Garland, a member of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and Lucious Jones, past president of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

Gordon Greene pronounced the invocation and Randy Garrett read the minutes of the last meeting.

President Fleming presented Ed Garland of the Raleigh Club, who later introduced Lucious Jones. Garland is executive director of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and also president of the North Carolina Chamber Executives.

In a brief talk Garland discussed the purpose and work of a chamber of commerce and suggested a few ways in which the members might reach their goal. A chamber is today exactly what it was when it was first founded in a number of American cities 200 years ago, a place of business for the promotion of trade, Garland said. To paraphrase a quotation from a former head of General Motors, Garland said that he believes and a chamber should believe that what is good for business is good for Warrenton

and Warren County. Its purpose is to bring dollars into the community through the promotion of industry, trade, tourism and to increase the attractiveness of town and countryside.

Every dollar brought into a community turns over from three to five times, Garland said, but used the multiplication by three in his illustrations. If the Warrenton Tobacco Market sells \$10,000,000 worth of tobacco this means that there results \$30,000,000 worth of trade. Income from the cucumber market and from other farm markets should be multiplied by three to measure its trade value before the money leaves the community. It is the function, he stressed, to work to increase the flow of work to increase the flow of these dollars into Warren County.

Garland stressed the need for chamber members to visit other chambers and issued an invitation to the members to visit the Raleigh Club and other Wake County Clubs, and particularly the Wendell Chamber, whose members were to make a bus trip to Laurinburg on the following night (Tuesday) to try and find out how Laurinburg has become the most successful small town in the state in attracting industries. In introducing Jones he said that the Wendell chamber is one of the most progressive chambers in the state and its program should be an inspira-

tion to all North Carolina chambers.

Jones, who was president of the Wendell Chamber in 1976, recounted the way in which Wendell renovated its business section, how it built its own building, and employed a part-time secretary, who has been of tremendous value in the chamber's promotion, including its newsletter and other promotional literature, as well as the chamber's distribution of literature and dissemination of information to visitors.

A successful project is the operation of the Chamber's Welcome Wagon which welcomed some 40 newcomers to the town last year, Jones said. As soon as a newcomer moves to town he or she receives favors from participating merchants as well as a warm welcome and invitation to their stores. His two pieces of advice were to employ a secretary and to select worthwhile projects. He commended the local chamber for its letter and said that the Wendell Chamber had found their letter very helpful.

Richard Greene gave a report on enrollment and membership. He said that the club has 58 paid members and that one member had joined during the past month.

Mrs. McCarrall Alston, beautification chairman, gave a report on beautification.

During the discussion of a new design for a chamber decal, it was first suggested that a prize of \$10 be given to the person submitting the best design. This was amended to make the prize \$25 and was approved.

President Fleming told the members that a county brochure has been prepared by the Warren County Industrial Commission and asked what amount the Chamber would like to make. It was suggested that the amount of the donation should be determined. The matter was tabled until a later meeting.

There was a short discussion of merchants giving discount to Senior Citizens on their purchases. Hy Diamond led the discussion during which it was reported that a canvas of merchants by Howard Oakley revealed that many merchants of the town were willing to cooperate. Further discussion is to follow as to how many merchants would cooperate and if definitely approved how long before it would be initiated in Warren County stores.

Two Tomato Lines Showing Good Resistance

There is a wide selection of tomato varieties to plant in Tar Heel gardens, but that selection will be narrowed if the soil is harboring the Granville wilt organism.

This bacterial disease is fairly widespread in North Carolina and might be suspected if tomatoes in past years have wilted and died.

If you suspect Granville wilt is a problem in your garden, North Carolina State University extension specialist suggest planting either Venus or Saturn varieties. These were developed at NCSU and are resistant to Granville wilt.

These may not produce a tomato that is quite as large as those of favorites such as Better Boy Hybrid, Manapal or Marion, but they should allow you to produce tomatoes in wilt-prone gardens.

Annual Run Of Rockfish Drawing Anglers To Roanoke

By JIM DEAN

The annual rockfish run has been a tradition in the Roanoke River for as long as anyone can remember. Evidence of this is supported by the fact that the Weldon Rockfish hatchery has been in seasonal operation almost continuously since 1872.

The rockfish (striped bass) climb the Roanoke each spring out of Albemarle Sound and the Atlantic Ocean and spawn. Much of the spawning takes place in that stretch of the river at Weldon, and although the peak of the fishing varies from year to year because of water levels and temperature, it usually hits its stride in late April or early May.

Fishing pressure is always heavy, and that's nothing new. When I was a kid growing up in Halifax County, it was not uncommon to see businesses close during the height of the run. The river would be lined with boats. My grandfather and father and I would use an old 16-foot wooden river boat which was moored on a long line connected to a steel cable that stretched across the river. Back then, the river flooded more frequently and it was impossible to keep a boat at a dock year-round, even a floating dock.

We'd get a pail of blood worms or cut bait and anchor at a likely looking spot along the muddy bank. The fish rarely reached as much as four pounds, and the average was more like two pounds. Also, the river was always thick with mud. "You could stick your finger in it and when you took it out, it would leave a hole," one old-timer used to tell me. Mud was not the only problem. The river was heavily polluted with everything from pulp mill waste to raw sewage.

It's not the same anymore, and for that we can all be thankful. The river has been cleaned up drastically in recent

years. Albemarle Paper has put in extensive pulp waste control facilities, and many of the other pollutants are also largely gone. Now, instead of running red, the river usually has a pleasant green color. Likewise, the slime and foam is also gone. There was a time—not too long ago—when your line collected so much slime that it was unpleasant to fish. (That slime, by the way, was a bacteria that grew in the waste, not wood pulp as many of us thought). The river smells better now, though you can still smell the paper mill when the wind is right.

As for the rockfish, they seem to be doing well. Indeed, over the years, there seem to be more larger ones taken than there were years ago. Whereas a 10-pounder might take the annual prize when I was a kid, fish that size and larger seem more common now.

The Weldon hatchery still operates each year, and in addition to working to improve the fishing in the Roanoke, excess striper fry are also used to stock other rivers and lakes in North Carolina.

If you've never fished the Roanoke during the spring run, or if you stopped fishing it years ago because of the pollution, you might want to give it another try this year. There's N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission free boating access area just above the hatchery at Weldon. Bait is available at several local spots nearby, or you can use artificials which have grown in popularity in recent years. Fishing is also good downstream from Weldon (there's a ramp at Hamilton).

Timing is very important, and for that reason it's a good idea to try to go with someone familiar with the fishery. Even then, it's sometimes difficult to predict the best time.

Gardens And Lawns Can Hold Dangers For Grower

From The American Medical Association

With the advent of the spring season of 1977 most of us are beginning to get out of doors again. There are gardens and lawns that need work and outdoor chores of all sorts that have accumulated during the

Garden Club Plans Busch Gardens Tour

A major portion of the Town 'N Country Garden Club meeting held at the home of Mrs. L. G. Hawkins was devoted to finalizing plans for the spring tour to Busch Gardens. On April 28, the senior members, along with the Junior Garden Club, are sponsoring a trip to the Gardens. Members were asked to invite other interested persons to participate in this tour. The cost of the trip is \$5.50 per person for transportation plus admission. The bus will depart from the Warrenton Courthouse at 8 a. m.

Members were also reminded to attend the annual Garden Club worship services together at the Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church on Sunday May 1.

The Scrapbook Committee reported that they had begun compiling the material that would be needed for the book. Mrs. L. G. Hawkins was appointed as typist for the committee. The committee also planned to ask Mrs. C. R. Greene to design a new cover for the book.

It was further decided to have Mrs. E. W. Harris to meet with the Budding Roses at their next meeting to demonstrate making terrariums.

After the business session, Mrs. A. M. Alston led the club in an informal discussion on anti-litter. Members were asked to suggest ways to curb litter and keep the streets clean. Everyone was urged to join in the anti-litter campaign.

At the end of the discussion, the meeting adjourned with each member naming a flower that began with any part of her name.

During the social hour the hostess served a supper buffet which consisted of a cheese ball, deviled eggs, a lettuce and tomato salad and other assorted cold cuts and relishes.

Other members present were Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. S. H. Brown, Mrs. G. J. Exum, Mrs. E. W. Harris, Mrs. S. L. Hawkins, and Mrs. M. M. Jordan.



Ray Shearin [center] is given the president's oath of office for the Warren County Jaycees by Gus Tullis, past president of the N. C. Jaycees, during installation ceremonies at the Lions Den Thursday night. Shearin's wife, Sarah, looks on.

Changes Keep Clothing Costs Lower

Clothing costs won't rise as much as other goods during 1977, but not because inflation isn't affecting them also.

In order to keep costs down, manufacturers are making cuts in several areas to compensate for their higher costs, say extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

There will not be as many garments with trims, embroidery or elaborate handwork on the market. Clothing is expected to become simpler in construction, with fewer styles, colors and smaller assortments from which to choose.

Anyone warning hard-to-find sizes may have even more difficulty finding clothes to fit this year.

Last year, consumers spent about \$345 on clothing and shoes and that amount is expected to increase by about 5% this year.

Half of that increase can be attributed to higher prices, but the other half is due to increased level of buying by consumers.

The natural looks of cotton and wool are expected to be popular throughout the year, but prices for these products will be much higher. At the present time, the demand for both far exceeds existing

supplies. Cotton prices are now about 50 percent higher than prices for manmade fibers, and the use of cotton was up about 20

percent last year. Mills are expected to switch to using higher percentages of polyester in many polyester/cotton fabrics in the next year.

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