



Trophies were presented to outstanding players on the girls' and boys' basketball teams at North Warren and the football team at the athletic banquet held last Wednesday night. Receiving trophies were (left to right) Morton Jones, Michael Jefferson, Stanley Hargrove,

Mary Durham, Alvernon Valentine, Vicky Holtzman, Marvin Henderson, Constance Terry, David Henderson, Dorothy Bullock and Tony Long.

[Staff Photo by Don Stith]

## Love Of Game Remains For Local Man In Hall Of Fame

By DON STITH

W. Harvey Richardson, longtime resident of Warren County and former baseball player for teams at Kittrell College and Fayetteville State University, was inducted into FSU's Baseball Hall of Fame during recent ceremonies held on the campus. The induction of the Bronco's 1922 baseball team highlighted the Alumni Day Celebration in Fayetteville.

His baseball career started at Selma High in Johnston County as a youngster during World War I. Richardson played catcher for his hometown team and did the same when he played at Kittrell College and FSU. Behind the plate has been the only position he enjoyed playing, he said.

The highlight of his career came in 1922 when he led the Broncos in batting with a .300 average.

"That same year we won the state championship over North Carolina College, (now North Carolina Central University) and that made me feel even better," Mr. Harvey, as folks around Warrenton call him, recalled.

After graduating from FSU in 1922 and playing for a couple of city league teams in Fayetteville and Goldsboro, Mr. Harvey married the late Mrs. Votsie McRea Richardson and settled down to the simple pleasures of married life. This didn't last long as Richardson saw the fun of playing baseball more enjoyable than sitting on the porch in the evening. Thus he journeyed to Pennsylvania and played for a team there for a while, later returning to North Carolina to play for the Goldsboro league team.

"My wife used to sit on the end of her seat the whole time I was playing," she



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used to tell me that I was going to get hurt trying to stop guys that were much bigger than I was (a shade over five feet) from scoring," he said. His wife's predictions came true in 1925, when he was spiked severely on his arm. The scar from the spiking is visible a half-century later.

It wasn't long after that that Richardson gave up playing baseball and established a small cleaning business in Warrenton.

Tragedy struck the Richardsons in 1927 when a gas explosion in his cleaning plant gutted the building and claimed the life of his two-year-old son.

Richardson went to work for Fashion Cleaners after the fire and still works there occasionally.

"Athletes of today deserve the pay they are getting," he commented while discussing professional sportsmen.

He was offered a coaching job with the N. C. Youth Administration in 1970 but turned it down. He coached

a team from Warrenton in 1946 and later coached a little league here. He said he has always liked to be on a winning team and dreamed of one day playing in the pros.

A Raleigh newspaper, "The Carolinian," listed him in its "Athletes That Were Born Too Soon" column as a tribute to his athletic ability.

Church duties forced Mr. Harvey to give up baseball for good when he was named steward at Oak Chapel A.M.E. Church in Warrenton. "I even gave my mitt away," he said.

The only baseball games that Mr. Harvey watches now are the ones on television and he admits that although his glove is gone, his heart is still in the game.

## Painting Is Protection Source

Repainting inside or outside your home when necessary can help protect the wood and give your house a new personality.

Delay, when painting is needed, can mean extra work and expense when you finally do the job. Old paint that blisters, cracks and peels will have to be removed before the new paint can be applied.

However, too frequent repainting builds up an excessively thick film that is more sensitive to the deteriorating effects of moisture and use, say extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

When you do decide to paint, take the time to do a good job.

Use good quality paint because it will give longer and better protection.

Prepare the surface properly for painting. Even the best paint won't last on a

## Softball Tourney Set As Memorial

A softball tournament will be held this weekend in the honor of the late William Thompson, former painting contractor and veteran baseball umpire. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards a scholarship fund that has been established in his name.

Any senior baseball player living in Warren County and attending high school here will be eligible for scholarship consideration.

Committeemen Bill Frazier, Tommy Frazier, B. L. King and Roy Pat Robertson determine the award recipient based on playing ability and academic status.

Trophies or plaques will be presented to all teams participating in this weekend's tournament. Among teams signed up for the Munn's Exxon, Renn-Currin, Coca-Cola, Old Timers and Castalia. Games will start at 1 p. m. Saturday.

## poorly prepared surface.

Apply the paint correctly. Extension specialists suggest 10 tips for successful indoor painting:

- 1) Select the paint product best suited for the job.
- 2) Follow directions on can.
- 3) Use good quality brushes or roller.
- 4) Protect floors and furniture.
- 5) Prepare the surface properly.
- 6) Paint at comfortable temperatures in a dry, well-ventilated room.
- 7) Wipe up splatter and spills immediately, before they harden.
- 8) Clean brushes, rollers and other tools as you finish using them.
- 9) Wear rubber gloves while painting and cleaning brushes or rollers to protect your hands and hasten clean-up time.

## North Warren Pays Tribute To Athletes

North Warren athletes were honored Wednesday night of last week at an athletic banquet held in the school cafeteria. The guest speaker was Odell Watson, assistant director of Division of Human Relations for the State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

Student athletes, parents, special guests and faculty members enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the lunchroom staff at North Warren.

The speaker was introduced by Ashley White, student athlete.

Watson is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and has done graduate work at A&T and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and at U.N.C.-Greensboro, where he received his masters in education. He told student athletes that most individuals wanted four things in life—love, power, recognition and variety. He also added that through total commitment one can have these four important elements of life.

After his remarks W. J. Shulenburg introduced special guests. Around 200 persons attended the banquet.

Certificates and special awards were presented to the athletes by coaches W. S. Fuller, football and boys basketball; W. J. Shulenburg, girls basketball; and Mrs. Sylvia Evans, cheerleaders.

W. L. Rose, principal, presented the speaker with a gift and gave closing remarks. In which he told his students that he was pleased with the attitudes of the athletes at North Warren this year. He closed by thanking the parents for their support and cooperation.

Vicky Holtzman, on behalf of the girls basketball team, presented Coach Shulenburg with a plaque to show their appreciation for his outstanding work.

Mrs. Evans presented special cheerleader awards to Patricia Taylor and Jackie Moss, eighth graders. Trophies were presented to the following athletes:

Football	
Most Valuable Player.....	Marvin Henderson
Best Offensive Lineman.....	Tony Long
Best Defensive.....	Morton Jones
"Team Before Self" Award.....	Alvernon Valentine
Basketball [Girls]	
Most Valuable Player.....	Dorothy Bullock
Best Offensive.....	Vicky Holtzman
Best Defensive.....	Constance Terry
"Team Before Self" Award.....	Mary Durham
Basketball [Boys]	
Most Valuable Player.....	David Henderson
Best Offensive.....	Michael Jefferson
Best Defensive.....	Stanley Hargrove
"Team Before Self" Award.....	Tony Long



Vicky Holtzman [right] presents girls basketball coach W. J. Shulenburg with a plaque on behalf of the girls team as a token of appreciation for his dedication to the team.



W. L. Rose, principal of North Warren Middle School, presents Odell Watson with a gift. Watson was the guest speaker at the school's annual athletic banquet.

## Backpacking Turns Trails Into Freeways

"Don't fall down. You'll get trampled to death," lament backpackers these days.

Popular footpaths are turning into backcountry freeways as more and more hikers seek to get away from it all on weekends and extended wilderness journeys. Some 20 million people have tried backpacking and the number grows every year, reports the National Geographic Society.

"We can no longer afford the luxury of sleeping on a bed of fresh-cut evergreen boughs, or of building up a roaring campfire after every mealtime," says a veteran outdoorsman. "Many of the cherished woodcrafter ways are passing into memory—and the sooner the better, if wilderness is to survive."

Signs Are Ignored Despite pleas for caution, wilderness areas in many parts of the country are showing wear and tear. "Carry out what you carry in," command signs at

trailheads—yet litter still mars forests, mountain paths, and meadows. The mess moves hiking clubs to organize clean-up excursions.

The rewards are still there, however, for those who love the wild backcountry, enter it humbly, take from it only memories, and leave behind only footprints.

Anyone in good health, leading a reasonably active life can hoist a nine-pound pack and embark on a modest weekend jaunt without much physical preparation.

But many a soft, unprepared city slicker has toppled to the ground before high noon on his first day out, beat a hasty retreat to the car, and finished his vacation beside a motel swimming pool.

A person of ordinary strength with a fairly heavy load may average two miles an hour on an easy trail and hike six or seven hours a day without pain, say seasoned backpackers.

To a novice, almost any prolonged climbing can seem burdensome. "The first thing that struck me about the Appalachian Trail was that it all seemed uphill," recalls one rookie.

### Hike Brings Freedom

Confirmed backpackers feel the rewards easily outweigh the discomforts. A 24-year-old woman extols the virtue of solo hikes.

"Traveling alone, I often see wild creatures that would flee from a chattering group," she explains. "On

my back I carry my shelter and food enough for the length of my stay, and a sense of freedom fills me.

"Alone I can set my own pace, relax, and enjoy the beauty of nature without

social distractions. Often I stop to thank all I see just for being there."

For beginning backpackers, however, a party of three is recommended as the smallest safe number, except on the easiest, most heavily traveled trails. A solo hiker, when injured, can only shout, wait and hope.

A pair of sturdy, well-broken-in boots is essential to all hikers regardless of experience. But even good boots couldn't help the greenhorn who tried to ease the workload on his legs by tying a cord from each ankle to each wrist so his arms could help lift his feet.

On the first trail, he jerked one foot from under him, fell off the path and rolled into a prickly alder thicket. It took the rest of his group an hour to cut him loose.

## Two Slow Pitch Matches Slated

Two slow pitch softball tournaments will be sponsored by the Norlina High School Athletic Department later this month.

The first, for women, will be held June 11-12, with an entry deadline of June 8.

The second, for men, will be held June 17-19, with an entry deadline of June 15.

Trophies for first and second place will be awarded in each tournament, which requires an entry fee of \$35. Information can be obtained from Carl Spragins at 586-4269 or Tom Evans at 456-4162.

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Novice hikers often come up with innovations that complicate the art. One backpacker, feeling it was wasteful for legs to do all the work, tied a cord from each ankle to each wrist so his arms would help lift his feet. Shortly after he hit the first trail, he jerked one foot from under him and fell into an alder thicket, learning the painful lesson that a beginner should leave the frills behind and do what comes naturally.

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