

# Fate Of Warrenton Railroad Pondered

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disadvantage. With one motor operating it was possible to pull one loaded car. More than one would have to be pushed up the hill at the crossing near George Willis Shearin's, so coasting was possible to the depot. Estimates were given for repairs to the diesel and the motor for \$3,000.

It was later learned that the Naval Weapons Station at Yorktown, Va., had excess locomotives which they were trying to sell.

Upon inspection it was found they had a 1943 and 1942 General Electric diesel locomotive. A bid was placed for \$2800 for both. With the help of Congressman Fountain and Senator Ervin the bid was accepted. Through the courtesy of C&O Railroad the locomotives were delivered to Richmond, Va., and later transported free to Warrenton.

With further help of Congressman Fountain, Senator Ervin and the National Railroad Historical Society, the Warrenton Railroad was able to obtain a tool car, two box cars, two flat cars, a hopper, two gondolas and six coaches. These were from the deactivated Army transportation center at Ft. Eustis, Va.

Locomotive No. 7 has been painted in centennial and bi-centennial colors and has received some publicity for the railroad.

The Warrenton Railroad was featured on the cover of

"Short Line" magazine's Jan.-Feb., 1976 issue. It was also in "2200 South," the Locomotive Newsmagazine in the Bicentennial Feature issue.

And it should be lauded. For the Warrenton Railroad is one of only 14 North Carolina based short-line railroads. It is one of three of the shortest operating railroads in North Carolina, spanning 2,776 miles. As of 1976, it was one of only nine short line railroads in the state operating its own locomotive bearing its own corporate name.

The Warrenton Railroad is the second oldest railroad in North Carolina and probably the oldest active railroad still operating independently.

And active it is. Howard Oakley, engineer, makes runs regularly from the depot to the Warren Plains SCL tracks to bring carloads of materials to Peck Manufacturing, Cochrane Furniture, FCX, Warren Cotton & Fertilizer Co., General Box, Kerr-McGee Farm Center, and Frank Newell.

Last week a tour of the buildings surrounding the Warrenton Depot showed considerable need for repair.

A New Jersey businessman, Walter A. Martin, has requested to buy controlling interest of the railroad to set up a diesel repair station in the roundhouse at the depot.

Oakley would like to see the railroad continue to operate. Like the 1884 Warrenton Gazette, he hopes "that it is the dawn of a returning and continuing prosperity."



WORKING ON THE RAILROAD — Howard Oakley, driving force behind the Warrenton Railroad, is shown positioning a railroad tie aboard a car hooked to the diesel locomotive which now hauls freight to and from Warren Plains. Hundreds of rail ties have been replaced this year by Oakley and a railroad crew. (Staff Photo)

## Open House Is Slated At Plant

John Andrews, manager of Carolina Sportswear, announced this week that plans are under way for a third open house at the facility. The open house is scheduled for October 9 from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Andrews said the open house would give citizens a chance to see what is done at the factory and how it is done. He noted that the plant had been in operation for over 20 years and that some of the first employees are still working.

A photograph display of the second open house will also be exhibited.

Refreshments will be served following a tour of the facility. Andrews extends an invitation to the public to attend.

## Norlina Ruritans Planning Supper

The Norlina Ruritan Club will sponsor a fried chicken supper at the Norlina Woman's Clubhouse on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 8 p. m. Tickets are available from any Ruritan at \$2.50 per plate.

## In Our First Issue, RR Rated Front Page

The first issue of The Record was published November 17, 1892, and on that date train service from Warrenton to Warren Plains, where passengers could be transferred to the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad cars, was front page news.

W. J. White, president of the Warrenton Railroad, advised readers of the first issue of this newspaper that a train would depart Warrenton at 6:50 a. m., 12:50 p. m. and 6:40 p. m., connecting with all passenger trains on the Raleigh & Gaston.

An accompanying schedule of the Raleigh and Gaston showed trains moving through Warren Plains four times daily. Two of the trains were northbound, two southbound.

Leaving Weldon, en route to Raleigh, a passenger would have a chance to stop at Bolling, Gaston, Summit, Littleton, Vaughan, Macon, Warren Plains, Ridgeway, Manson, Middleburg, Greystone, Henderson, Kittrell, Franklinton, Youngsville, Wake Forest, Forestville, Wyatt, Neuse, Mill Brook and Johnston Street before arriving in Raleigh 3 hours and 55 minutes later.

## The World Of Books

In The Warren County Memorial Library

NEW BOOKS: "The Immigrants," Fast; "Nine Black Poets," Shuman; "Deep River," Dowd—historical novel of the Cape Fear Region prior to Revolution; "Fishbait," Leighton; "Starring Miss Marple," Christie; "Queen's Royal," Quigley—sequel to "King's Royal"; "Six Men," Cooke; "The Second Deadly Sin," Sanders; "The Lonely Furrow," Lofts; four Gothics.

For the Children's Room we have 17 new books for the reading enrichment program. These books are for grades K through second. Also several for pre-K through second grade, once again depending on reading level.

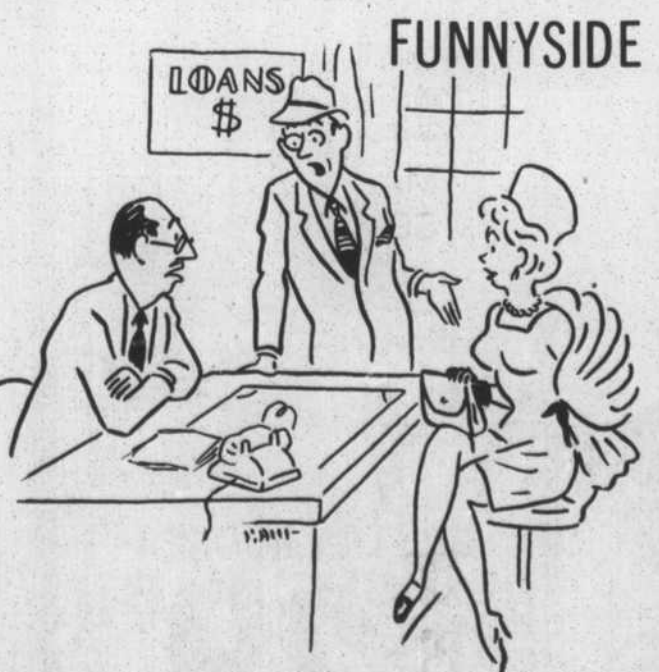
We had a most enjoyable visit from a second grade last week. We welcome these, and only ask that you make arrangements ahead of time, as this teacher did.

MEMORIALS — "Norma," Zimmer, biography for Mrs. Ruby Kidd from Mr. and Mrs. Scott Gardner; "Carolina Country Reader," Chaney, for Walter Gardner from Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberts; "North Carolina Miscellany," Walsler, for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serls, from Mrs. Charles P. Allen and Charles P. Allen, Jr.; For Walter Gardner—"The Fifties," from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banzet; "House of Christiana," Haas, for Mrs. Mary H. Hawks and "Fishless Days and Angling Nights," Hackle, for C. W. (Coon) Currin, both from J. B. Thompson; "Faith, Hope and Hilarity" (The child's eye view of religion), Dick Van Dyke, for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Weston from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Traylor; "Plants Under Lights," Kraemer for Mrs. Ruby Kidd from Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberts; "Music is My Mistress," Duke Ellington, for Robert Macon Davis, from Tom and Rosa Rodwell; and for Ellen T. Lynch—"The A to Z no-Cook Cook Book," and "Better Homes and Gardens Money Saving Dinners," from Mr. and Mrs. Claude T. Weldon.

We have several more memorials to purchase. Books should not be bought in a hasty manner. We appreciate the generosity and interest of all who give these to our Library.

We hope that more and more citizens of Warren County will make the Library one of their habits by reading more. It's yours; it's FREE; use it!

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## Chance To Broaden Education Available To Area Residents

Fridays and Saturdays may soon involve a new chance for area residents who want to work toward a college degree, but who don't have time to attend regular classes.

The College Transfer Department at Vance-Granville Community College is considering offering basic college credit courses on Friday evenings and during the day on Saturdays.

"So far, this is just an idea which could become a reality if enough people register by September 26 and 27," said Dr. Nannette Henderson, a Warrenton resident who heads the College Transfer Department.

"We don't know how many people will take advantage of this opportunity to devote their spare time toward achieving their goal of going back to college."

Dr. Henderson said the Friday and Saturday courses would be very flexible, with final plans and schedules to be completed after those who want to take college courses have registered and discussed their scheduling needs.

"If enough interest is generated, we will offer college courses this fall," Dr. Henderson said. "We will try to work around the schedules students have."

"Also, if responses show that many students are having trouble finding child care, we will make efforts to have babysitting services available."

The College Transfer Program at VGCC includes freshman and sophomore work. Students can then transfer to four-year colleges or universities to complete requirements for bachelor's degrees. VGCC's program includes the basics in these areas: Liberal Arts, Business Administration, Business Education and Primary and Secondary Education.

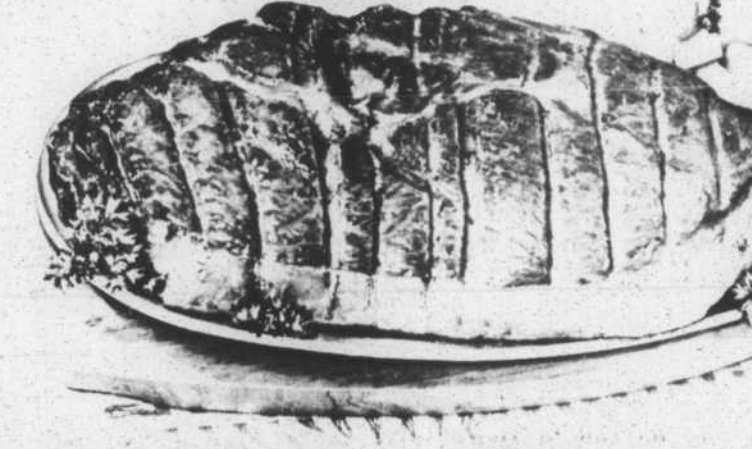
Courses offered on Fridays and Saturdays would begin in such areas as math, English composition, history, science, social sciences and humanities.

"There are many people in our community who attended college for a short time, dropping out before attaining a degree," Dr. Henderson said. "These Friday and Saturday classes would be an ideal way for them to get back to finish their first two years of college."

Dr. Henderson urged all prospective students to contact the office of Student

Affairs at 492-2061 or 693-4088 as soon as possible. Final registration is September 26 and 27 and students should begin admission procedures within the next week.

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