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## Let's Not Cut Corners

With a million dollars on hand from a statewide bond issue, a recent EDA grant of \$997,000, and the securing of options on a site by the Warren County Board of Education, the building of a consolidated high school is practically assured. Adding to this assurance was a promise by the Board of County Commissioners Monday to provide funds for the purchase of the entire Connell tract which should provide needed land for future growth and development.

The decision of the Board of Education to buy the Hawks tract and a portion of the Connell property several weeks ago, assuring the minimum land for a school site, was hailed by Board Member Leigh Traylor as a great day for Warren County, and his estimate is shared by many other citizens of the county who not only appreciate the educational value of a consolidated high school but also its value in making Warren County more attractive to industry.

One of the by-products of the consolidated high school is that it should mean the end of the rivalry between Warrenton and Norlina and the beginning of a spirit of cooperation that should result in growth for both towns. As Clitty Hawks remarked a few days before the EDA grant was

announced, "A consolidated high school will mean that within a few years people driving along Highway 401 will hardly know where the limits of one town ends and limits of the other town begin."

Unfortunately, the two million dollars on hand will not be sufficient to complete the proposed high school, but will probably be enough money to complete the classrooms. Supt. of Schools J. R. Peeler in a recent interview said that work is to soon start on the building of these classrooms, and the construction of a gym and athletic field would have to be delayed. He suggested that the county commissioners make available revenue sharing to go towards completion of the school and that a \$500,000 bond issue be called.

We would suggest, in view of the other needs of the county, that a million dollar bond issue be called in order that the school be completed, without the delay and the scrimping that has often lessened the value of public building in Warren County. Let us not only build the consolidated high school, but let us build it right so that it will be a source of county pride and a drawing card for industry that the county so badly needs.

## Move is Applauded

Anyone who has spent any time as a patient in Warren General Hospital will appreciate the worth of the hospital to the county. However, the hospital not only needs more equipment but more space.

In view of this need, the suggestion of George Burwell, in a recent Letter to the Editor in this newspaper, that the Allen home on Cousin Lucy's Lane be turned over to the Board of Education as an administrative building and that the present administrative building be turned over to Warren General

Hospital makes good sense. It is our understanding that Supt. Peeler favors the change which would make for better grouping for school purposes, and because such exchange would not call for a great outlay of funds, the idea should be attractive to the Board of County Commissioners, which is plagued with a shortage of funds. We are glad to see that our commissioners on Monday were responsive to this approach, and feel that schools, hospital and the county at large will benefit from this shift in direction.

### Letter To The Editor

## When Hollister Was Booming

To The Editor:  
 I enjoyed Mr. Hugh Holt's article in The Warren Record last week about the Greenleaf-Johnson Lumber Company, but I think he had it mixed up or didn't know the facts too well.

There was another lumber company out of Vaughan about the same time. The Fosburg Lumber Company later changed to Hollister Lumber Company and is the company that had a passenger car that was pulled along with the log train to Vaughan.

It is also where the community of Hollister got its name.

It was first known as "The Camp" during World War I. Hollister began to grow and during that time it had the

largest lumber plant in the south (so it was said.)

It also had many of the small town facilities, such as a bank, a school through the 10th grade (there were only 11 grades at that time in N. C. schools) and a doctor and a drug store. The second doctor there was from Warren County and the first druggist was from Warrenton.

It first had an interdenominational church. Later the Methodist-Protestant Church, "Lee's Chapel," was moved from the country. Now it is the Hollister Methodist Church. The Baptist Church, "Harris Chapel," is near by.

There were some nice homes there for the era. The superintendent's home and grounds were kept like a

mansion. The town also had its own electric light and water system.

Hollister had some outstanding people to go for the community such as Ph.D.'s, M.D.'s, lawyers, ministers and teachers.

After all the timber was cut and the town was failing a group started surveying for railway services to Nashville but it never materialized.

Hollister, "The Camp," was started around 1908 or 1909 and I remember it.

Greenleaf-Johnson had a similar plant at what is now "Wood." I knew about that but not as much. It was approximately 10 miles west of Hollister.

DANIEL KNIGHT  
 Norlina

### Church Services

#### Are Outlined

The Rev. Robert J. Forehand, pastor of the Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church has announced the following schedule of services:

Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., Morning Worship; 7 p. m., Evening Worship.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, Family Night. A study on the "Holy Ghost" is in progress. Discussion is invited.

#### All Saints Services

All Saints Episcopal Church will be having services each Sunday at 8 a. m. under the leadership of Dr. Ray Selby, Mrs. George F. Walton, Senior Warden, has announced.

### Mostly Personal

## Larger Hospital Is Needed

By BIGNALL JONES  
 Having spent two weeks in Warren General Hospital, I extend my sincere thanks to my physician, Dr. Trivedi, to the nurses, aides and orderlies and other employees of the hospital for their fine service and unflinching courtesy. I would also like to thank my friends for visits, flowers, cards and expressions of good wishes during my illness.

Some time ago I visited my cousin, Mrs. Annie Graham, following her stay in Warren General Hospital, and she spoke of the friendliness of everyone she met while in the hospital. She was again a patient in Warren General Hospital last week, and when I visited her, I spoke of her remarks and said that I had found her remarks about doctors and nurses to be true in my case. She asked me to spread the word of what a wonderful hospital we have.

In the late forties I was a patient for an operation at McGuire's Veteran Hospital in Richmond, Va. With the exception of spending a few hours in Warren General Hospital while Dr. McLaurin put a walking cast on my leg, I had no personal experience with hospitals as a patient. As a matter of fact, it had been years since I had my blood pressure taken.

Most of my two weeks at Warren General was free of pain and my stay afforded me an opportunity to learn something of the worth and operation of a hospital. The first thing I observed was why hospital costs are so high. It requires a lot of labor to run a hospital, and high labor costs are reflected not only in salaries, but also in equipment and medicines.

Dr. Bunch died while I was in the hospital, leaving only Dr. Coffman, Dr. Patel and Dr. Trivedi to care for thousands of persons in Warren County. As I watched many patients come and go, I reflected how bad off we would be if there were no Warren General Hospital.

My wife, son and daughter visited me two and three times a day, and I noticed that friends and relatives of other patients were frequent callers. This would have been impossible had I been in any other hospital. When one is sick this is no small matter.

A few days before I went to the hospital I was searching through a 1949 issue of The Warren Record which contained plans for the building of Warren General Hospital. In that issue the late Dr. Charles Henry Peete stated that it would have been better as a matter of economics to have built a 50-bed hospital instead of a 35-bed hospital. The same sentiments were expressed in a letter to Boyd Mayfield from his brother, Dr. Frank Mayfield. Time has proven these physicians correct in their assessment. Not only is a larger hospital more able to take care of patients, not only is it able to have more equipment, but

larger hospitals are more attractive to physicians seeking a place to locate.

With its limitations, Warren General Hospital is doing a remarkable job at a cost to the patients much less than those in surrounding hospitals, but it needs more money for equipment; it needs more beds and it needs more physicians not that I observed any lack of care; but physicians are following a demanding

schedule, and hours may be too long for other personnel. Warren General Hospital, I think, needs a substantial bond issue, not only for better care of the sick, but also as a drawing card for industry. I think that Warren County people appreciate and love Warren General Hospital, and would be willing to show this love and appreciation by giving it financial support in keeping with its needs.

## The World Of Books

In The Warren County Memorial Library

NEW BOOKS—"Anna Hastings," Drury; several Gothic novels; "The Dictionary of Household Hints and Helps," Singer; "Collecting the New Antiques," Gilbert (paperback); "Police Chief," Ball, a mystery.

MEMORIALS—"Graham: A Day in Billy's Life," Strober for John H. Beddingfield from the Adult Class of Macon Baptist Church; "The Cracker Barrel," Sloane for John H. Short from Roger and Mary Louise Limer; "Away from Home, Letters to My Family," Spann and Carter, for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Weston from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rooker, Jr., and Miss Edwina Rooker; "Journey through the Holy Land," Wolf, for Mrs. Edna Harris and "Yesterday, Today and Forever," Maria Von Trapp, for Mrs. Clara Shaw, both from Macon Woman's Club; "Everyday Life in Bible Times," National Geographic, for Robert M. Davis from Clarence C. Britton; "Maria," Price, for William S. Davis from Mr. and Mrs. Whitmel S. Peoples; "American Heritage, 1920's-30's," for Elizabeth H. Weston from Mrs. John Martyn; "Last Best Hope," Tauber, for William S. Davis, "Bubbles," Sills, for Robert M. Davis and "Mary, Queen of Scots," Fraser for Elizabeth H. Weston, all from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hoskins; "Fishbait," Miller for William S. Davis from Mr. and Mrs. Selby Benton; "Lesson of History," Durant, for Dr. Charles Bunch, from Jimmy and Dorothy Roberts; "Deep River," Dowd, for Mrs. Ruth Daniel from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, Jr.; "All Things Wise and Wonderful," Herriot, for Mrs. Ruth Daniel, from Bill, Janet and Patrick Leary.

Have had several visitors from out of town recently, including Dr. Pernel Bailey. All were pleased with and surprised at our Library. Come in and find out what out-of-towners already know. It's yours, it's free, use it! Overdue books—please return all overdue books so that others may enjoy them.

## Friday Will Mark Celebration Of Guard's 341st Birthday

Friday, October 7 the 150 National Guard units in North Carolina will join with others throughout the country in celebrating the 341st birthday of the National Guard of the United States.

The National Guard has been in existence 140 years when the nation was founded in 1776.

Commenting on the birthday observance North Carolina's Adjutant General, Major General W. Emmett Ingram, noted "The North Carolina National Guard has a well deserved place in this great heritage. In 1766 the Colonial Assembly passed an act for establishing a militia in this province designed to bring coherence to the bands of armed volunteers that were meeting in the various communities of colonial North Carolina.

"Today, over 210 years later the North Carolina National Guard is still a community oriented organization." Approximately 12,000 North Carolina men and women are members of these units.

There are today 136 Army and 14 Air National Guard units in the state located in 102 communities in 74 counties.

The heritage of the National Guard is deeply ingrained in the militia system of the early colonial days. In peace and in war, over a span of more than three centuries, the Guard has proven time and again the ever present need for "Citizen Soldiers" in our country's defense.

The first militia units were organized in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636 as the North and East Regiments. These detachments of able bodied men provided the defense for their communities and were instrumental in winning and defending America's independence.

The militia first answered the call on a large scale when George Washington called for troops to fight the British in the American War for independence. Since then Guardsmen have answered the call to duty in all of America's wars. World War I saw more than 400,000 called to duty, while nearly 300,000 answered the call in World War II. Then Korea and 186,000 Army National Guardsmen and 45,000 Air National Guardsmen served on active duty during the Berlin crisis and more than 22,000 Guardsmen, both Army and Air, served in Vietnam.

Today the National Guard with nearly half a million men and women in the ranks, has attained a degree of readiness unequalled before in its history and is pledged to maintain America's independence won by the militia units in early colonial days.

### Prices Decline

#### On Local Market

Prices on the Warrenton Tobacco Market dropped slightly last week. George W. Shearin, sales supervisor, said this week that the grade of the tobacco displayed caused the drop in prices.

The sales on September 26 averaged \$133.26 on 310,552 pounds sold for \$414,142.88. Wednesday's sales averaged \$123.25 with 295,347 pounds sold bringing \$354,002.89.

Sales are scheduled for today, October 6, and on October 12 the only sale set for next week.

### Local Congregation

#### Of Witnesses Returns

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has just returned from a semi-annual circuit convention held in Fayetteville. The theme of this convention was "Endure Through Close Association."

The keynote of the convention was the main public discourse, "Maintain Your Confidence Firm to the End."

The meetings of the local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses return to their usual schedule.

## Citizen's View



## Taking The Fear Out Of Planning

by John W. Gardner

Why does the subject of national planning stir apprehension in the minds of many Americans?

Much of the apprehension stems from the fact that people envisage a small group of bureaucrats, insulated from criticism, achieving centralized power and imposing a rigid program on an unwilling electorate, destroying all private-sector freedom and market mechanisms in the process. Obviously no one who cares about our liberties could possibly relish such an outcome.

But there's nothing in the nature of planning that requires such an undemocratic solution. Proponents of planning have failed to make clear how we can and must avoid the dangers that frighten so many people.

I believe the dangers can be kept at a minimum—

- if the planning process is open from start to finish
- if there is adequate provision for public debate,
- if the final recommendations receive orderly consideration by our democratically accountable institutions of self-government.

It isn't as complicated as it sounds. We can resolve that any process we create will be compatible with freedom, and will preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the widely-dispersed initiative and creativity we care so much about. Ideological critics who think of planning as "totalitarian" seem to forget that no program will go forward unless the duly-elected and democratically accountable representatives of the people want it to go forward.

A large part of the value in spelling out "alternatives for the future" is that it forces all of us to face painful choices we might normally ignore or postpone. Typically, our options diminish as a crisis draws near. Clearly it is in the interest of citizens to be alerted sooner rather than later, so that we may choose among many rather than few options.

If citizens have no awareness of the problems, we will have little interest in bearing the cost of possible solutions. And if citizens aren't interested, politicians won't be either—or sensing the absence of public concern, politicians may feel free to respond to the pleadings of special interests that stand to profit.

It has been suggested that one way to stir public debate would be for the President to ask the networks to give prime time to a nationwide explanation of the various choices for the future. Regional and local hearings might be desirable. Other new techniques for enhancing the liveliness of public debate can easily be imagined.

It would be foolishly optimistic to suppose that public debate will automatically lead to a consensus. No doubt in many instances every proposed solution will have vigorous opponents. The general public may find all of the solutions unpalatable to a degree. Social change rarely occurs without hardship, and the hardship is rarely distributed equitably. It has not been the habit of the public to adopt painful measures today to avert disaster ten years from today; nor are political careers built on the espousal of discomfort now to insure well-being later.

But the difficulty is unavoidable. We must deal with the question of whether there are hazards to our freedom in planning. But it must be paired with a second question: "Are the hazards of planning greater than the hazard of doing nothing?"

If we proceed with care, learn as we go and build accountability into the system, planning may be considerably less hazardous than drifting blindly into a dangerous future.

A former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, John Gardner is the Founding Chairman of Common Cause.

## September Had Broad Range Of Temperature

October is fulfilling its goal as the transitional month between fall and winter as it began on a cold note. But Clarence Skillman, weather observer for Warren County, said this week that the first day of fall, September 21, was temperate with a high reading of 86 degrees and a low of 63.

September had a high reading of 93 degrees on the first and fifth and a low reading of 50 degrees on the

30th. Skillman said September had six days with temperatures over 90 but after the seventh of September no readings reached 90.

He measured rainfall for the month at 4.44 with 2.94 falling on September 9. He said six days had a "measurable amount" and two days had "only a trace."

Skillman also reported three days with thunderstorms.