

News And Society Items

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Mr. and Mrs. Branch Bobbitt and sons of Madison were Easter guests of Mrs. J. B. Bobbitt and Mrs. Page Perkinson of Wise.

Visiting Mrs. Duke Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones of Raleigh.

Mrs. Robert Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott and daughters in Richmond, Va. Sunday.

Guests of Mrs. Shipp McCarroll for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jordan and daughter of Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Raiford, Patrick and Elizabeth of Rocky Mount were guests of the Bignall Joneses Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville, Jr. of South Hill, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Buck Baskerville, Miss Evelyn Baskerville of Wilson, and Miss Elizabeth Baskerville of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. Baskerville on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, III of Reidsville were Easter weekend guests of John Garrett.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Shearin and children Jennifer and Jeffrey, of Springfield, Va., Carolyn Shearin of Chapel Hill, Edward Shearin of Raleigh and Ronald Shearin and Becky Boone of Charlotte were recent guests of Mrs. Roy V. Shearin.

Mrs. Robert Elkins has returned to her home in Charleston, W. Va. after visiting the Ed Rookers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth of Greensboro were Easter guests of Mrs. J. B. Bobbitt.

Ben Howard has returned home after undergoing surgery in Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh.

The Public Record

Warren Deed Transfers

Joyce H. Clayton to Wallace B. Clayton, certain lots in Fork Township.

Norma Pittard Knight and others to Barnes Farming Corporation, certain lots in Judkins Township.

Barnes Farming Corporation to George N. Pittard and others, certain lot, Judkins Township.

Rebecca DeFreese to Rebecca DeFreese and others, 2.57 acres in Shocco Township.

Ruth Henderson and husband to Delois Greenlee, 2.09 acres in Nutbush Township.

Marie F. Kearney and others to James J. Howard and wife, 70 acre, River Township.

Colonel Webster Goode and wife to Zandra G. Spruill and others, certain lots in Sixpound Township.

Honore P. Holmes and husband to Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. certain lot in Nutbush Township.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Edward Talley, Nolina to Mary Ruth Crute, Nolina.

Leroy McCary Harrison, Henderson, to Carolyn Deloris Woodard, Nolina.

"Friends have all things in common." Plato



MRS. DAVID JEROME HARMON

David Harmon Weds In South Carolina

Sherry Demece Goins and David Jerome Harmon were united in marriage on Saturday at First Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Douglas Goins of Easley, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Odell Harmon of Greenville, South Carolina.

The Rev. Keith McManus officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white organza gown fashioned with an Alencon and Bristol lace bodice, scalloped off-shoulder neckline, empire waistline, and long, straight, lace sleeves. A full, flowing chapel train with scattered appliques was attached to the gown. The chapel length veil was held by a cap of Alencon and Bristol lace. Scattered appliques adorned the veil and the lace border encircling the train.

The maid of honor was Miss Mary Lou Brock of Durham. Bridesmaids, all of whom were from South Carolina, were Miss Janet Beachman of Greenville, Mrs. Brad Caldwell of Irmo, Mrs. Todd Freeman of Easley, Miss Kim Rollins of Greenville, Mrs. Gary Shealy of Simpsonville, Miss Nala Womack of Aiken, and Mrs. Ted Youngblood of Easley.

Lonnie Odell Harmon was his son's best man. Ushers, all of whom were from South Carolina, were Benny Campbell of Blue Ridge, John Capps of Greenville, Billy Forrest of Blue Ridge, David Forester of Greer, Doug Goins, brother of the bride, of Easley, Dennis Gowan of Greer, and Mike Stephens of Anderson.

Organ music was provided by Mrs. Jim Hoffman of Easley.

The church was decorated with potted palms, ferns, and schefflera for the candlelight ceremony.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Mr. and Mrs. William Gooding, Jr., of Greenville hosted the reception assisted by Mrs. David Foster of Greer, Mrs. Billy Forrest of Blue Ridge, Miss Allison Davis of Easley, and Ms. Marion Milton of Greenville.

Mrs. Todd Moore and Mike Corbin of Easley served at the registry.

Joe Langley of Greenville provided piano music at the reception.

Guests were served the traditional wedding cake. It featured four tiers of live flowers, cherubs, bells and a bride and groom. A fountain of colored lighting enhanced the first tier.

Tables were decorated with the attendants' bouquets and five-branch, silver candelabras.

After a wedding trip to Hilton Head Island, the couple will live in Taylors, South Carolina.

The bride is a graduate of Easley High School. She attended Mars Hill College and Anderson College and is employed at Harmon's Optician in Greenville.

The groom is a graduate of Greer High School and is owner of Harmon's Optician.

Bridesmaids Luncheon
A bridesmaids luncheon was held on the day of the wedding at the home of the bride's parents.

Special guests, in addition to the maid of honor, bridesmaids, and other attendants, were Mrs. Lonnie Harmon, mother of the groom, Mrs. Louise King, Mrs. Patti Brauer, Mrs. Debra King, and Mrs. Patsy Gray, all of Warrenton, Mrs. Alton Spencer of Greenville, and Mrs. Bertha Goins of Cherryville, grandmother of the bride.

Mrs. Jack Brock was hostess for the luncheon.

Rehearsal Buffet Dinner
On Friday evening before the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Odell Harmon, parents of the groom, hosted an after-rehearsal buffet dinner at the Colonial Court Motel in Greenville, S. C.

A delicious fruit punch was served during the social hour.

The father of the groom welcomed the wedding party and out-of-town guests.

The Rev. Keith Mc-

Warren Plaza News

By MARTHA PAGE
Well, Easter came in bright and beautiful instead of with the snow the weatherman predicted, and we were certainly glad to see the sunshine Sunday morning. Our residents were all up and dressed for church very early, and everyone really looked nice.

With the help of local church and civic organizations from both Littleton and Warrenton, most of our people had a nice Easter outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baugh were here for church services Sunday morning and James Edmonds conducted our Sunday School for us. These people are here each and every Sunday morning, and we are really glad they care enough to provide these services for us each week.

We want to say a special "thank you" to everyone who donated clothes and shoes so our people could be outfitted so nice. I wish it had been possible for everyone to have entirely new outfits and new shoes and Easter bonnets, but we did very well with what we had. We had our annual Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon and we had a young missionary group from Oak Level Church.

Many of our people went home for the weekend and some for just the day, and we had many visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Fuller and the Home Life Department of the Macon Woman's Club didn't forget us and brought goodie bags for everyone Saturday afternoon. They were much enjoyed by all.

Till next week, God bless.

I know many of you in the Warrenton area know Miss Willie Stallings and will be glad to know that she is out here with us and has just had her 95th birthday. Miss Willie is one of the most active people here. She gets around and does most things for herself with a little assistance. She is really an amazing person. She is in very good health and likes to watch television and attends church each week. She doesn't remember things as well as she used to, but loves to talk to her visitors.

We have several people here who are in their 80s and 90s and most of them enjoy fairly good health. Mrs. Claude Weymms is 96. James Bullock is also 96, and Mrs. Annie Johnston from Littleton is 94. Mrs. Annie is another very alert and active lady. She is one of the few people here who takes very little medicine and is as spry as she can be. These people in this age group are made out of really good "material" and seem to stay in better health than people many years their junior. They are very interesting to talk to because their memory is keen as to events that happened many years ago. Mrs. Johnston can remember things that happened 80 or more years ago. She remembers her childhood very well and talks about people who have been dead for almost that many years.

Till next week, God bless.

Memorial Tray Is Presented
The Class of 1935 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro has presented an antique tray to the Alumni House in memory of Heath Long Beckwith, who served as alumni class president for 25 years.

Mrs. Beckwith was a resident of Warrenton until her death in 1980.

The octagonal silver tray is English in origin. It bears a shield-like decoration in the center in which a memorial designation has been engraved.

Alice Taylor Stanley of Greensboro served as agent for her classmates in the selection of the tray, which is a beautiful and helpful addition to the Alumni House's collection of serving pieces.

Ladies Auxiliary Conducts Meeting
The Hawtree Ladies Auxiliary of the Wise Fire Department will have an auction sale in May. The exact date will be announced at a later date.

Anyone with an item to be donated or sold on commission should call 456-2839, 456-3336, or Fire Chief Bruce Perkinson at 456-3603. Pick-up service is available.

Doors will open at 5 p. m. on the day of the auction and the sale will begin at 7 p. m. Sandwiches, cakes, pies and drinks will be on sale.

Proceeds will go to the fire department.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be May 13 at 7:30 p. m. in the home of President Louise Riggan.

Revival Services Are Scheduled
Macon Baptist Church will hold revival services April 18-23 at 7:30 p. m. each night.

The Rev. Lonnie E. Watford, Jr. will be the evangelist. He is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Bishopville, S. C.

Special music will be presented each night.

The Rev. Michael S. Watford is pastor.

Manus gave the prayer.

The guests were served from the buffet of baked ham, roast beef, fried chicken, broiled mackerel, green beans almondine, potatoes au gratin, a variety of salads, hot rolls, coffee and tea. The dessert was a strawberry parfait.

The Blue Room, where the dinner was held, was tastefully decorated with spring flowers.

Chocolate
Three tablespoons of cocoa and a tablespoon of fat can be substituted for an ounce of square chocolate.

Carolina Telephone Company Is Granted Rate Increase

TARBORO — Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company was granted a \$15.9 million rate increase in an order issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission last week. The new rates will increase the utility's local service revenues by about 12.58 percent annually.

Last August the company applied for increases totaling \$47.2 million, later amending that request to \$45.8 million due to existing revenues remaining higher than earlier expected. Then, in February, the Commission approved statewide long distance rate increases giving Carolina approximately \$7.1 million and reducing its rate case request to approximately \$38.7 million. Tuesday's order reflects the effects of the \$7.1 million in long distance revenues and allows only \$15.9 million of the remaining \$38.7 million covered by the August request. The Commission's Public Staff, which represents consumers before the Commission, had recommended \$8.5 million.

The Commission's order did not specify what the increase would be for basic phone service but required the company to submit specific rates within the next ten days under guidelines established by the Commission. Rates are expected to change by the middle of this month, according to T. P. Williamson, vice president-administration for the Tarboro-based utility.

The Commission authorized a 15.75 percent return on common equity, that part of Carolina Telephone's property and investment that is represented by stockholder investment. The company had requested an 18 percent return on stockholder investment and had argued that the higher profit level was needed to attract money from investors to meet its construction requirements. The Public Staff argued that a 15.75 percent return on common equity was sufficient. The Commission partially sided with the Public Staff's arguments on how the company's capital structure was calculated as well as several other Public Staff recommendations on accounting for revenues and expenses.

"We are disappointed with this result," Williamson said. "First, the Commission's order authorizes only a 15.75 percent return on the stockholder portion of our investment in equipment and facilities. That is too low in view of other opportunities available to investors today. Secondly, we are further disappointed because we stand no chance at all of actually being able to earn even that level of stockholder return. We have more stockholder funds employed than the Commission order reflects. A shortfall is therefore inevitable."

Carolina Telephone had argued that stockholder investment totaled \$214.1 million. The Public Staff said it totaled \$166.5 million. The Commission chose a middle figure of \$189.6 million.

"As a result," Williamson said, "we believe we will have to re-evaluate our entire situation very carefully, particularly our construction plans and all of our operating and other expenses. It takes a lot of money to accomplish what we are doing throughout the 50 counties where we operate. If the revenue just isn't available, we will have to adjust accordingly."

The Commission denied the company's proposal to stop subsidizing basic local service rates with revenues from yellow pages advertising. The company contended that yellow pages advertising is

a competitive service and therefore should not be used to subsidize its regulated services to local customers.

According to Williamson, "As has been acknowledged by the Commission and the Public Staff, much of our request, as is true of requests of other telephone companies throughout the state and nation, was due to factors beyond our control. Carolina Telephone has no control over today's interest rates, inflation or the national trend to deregulate parts of the telephone industry. We are concerned that the Commission's decision does not take sufficient note of these factors which will result in inevitable increases in the rates for basic telephone service."

The Commission found

the quality of service provided by Carolina Telephone to be good. The company's earlier announced plans call for spending approximately \$104 million during 1982 for construction due to growth, changes in technology and the need to replace depleted equipment and cable facilities.

"In today's economy, no one wants their costs to increase," Williamson stated. "The facts are that the rates for telephone service have not kept pace with inflation and take a smaller portion of today's family income than ten years ago."

Carolina Telephone, the second largest of the state's telephone companies, serves about 567,000 customers in 50 counties primarily in the eastern half of the state.

Nandina Popularity Grows

Nandina, long a favorite as a foundation plant, is becoming more popular as an accent plant or specimen plant for containers. It's widely grown throughout North Carolina.

Some people call it "Heavenly Bamboo." N. C. Agricultural Extension Service specialists say that the plant is a native of China and is a member of the bayberry family.

Nandina grows as a mass of upright, unbranched stems. The leaves will range from deep green in shady locations to a light green or reddish purple in the sun. It blooms in mid-spring but has only moderately showy white flowers. The shrub is most appreciated for its bright red berries in the fall of the year.

For best results, plant Nandina in partial shade. Try to select rich soil with good drainage. Don't plant Nandina between curbs and sidewalks because the soil temperature will be excessively high.

After several years, the plant will become "leggy," and the inner canes or stems should at that time be removed near the ground level.

The extension specialists at North Carolina State University suggest that Nandina should be used more in landscaping. It makes an excellent showing when planted against a screening fence or stucco wall.

Nandina is one of the most disease and insect resistant of all evergreen shrubs.

DID YOU KNOW? *By Jarvis*

AIRPORTS

- THE U.S. HAS ABOUT 12,000 CIVILIAN AIRPORTS.
- THE WORLD'S LARGEST AIRPORT — DALLAS — IS 17,500 ACRES. IT WON'T BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE YEAR 2000.
- THE BUSIEST AIRPORT IN CHICAGO HANDLES AROUND 44 MILLION ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES ANNUALLY.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH
WAS IMPRISONED IN THE TOWER OF LONDON FOR 12 YEARS. HIS FAMILY AND SERVANTS WERE ALLOWED TO LIVE COMFORTABLY WITH HIM.

MURPHY'S 8th LAW:
IF THERE IS A 50% CHANCE OF SUCCESS, THAT MEANS THERE IS A 75% CHANCE OF FAILURE!

MARY LEAKEY FOUND A SKULL IN TANZANIA 1,750,000 YEARS OLD. SHE NAMED IT ZINJANTHROPUS.

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