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This is the Eaton Avenue home of Col. and Mrs. John Jenkins. It has been recently restored and is a fine example of historic preservation. The Warrenton home was built about 1800 by another colonel, William Johnston.

(Staff Photo)

Mostly Personal

Eaton Home Is Refurbished

By BIGNALL JONES

I have been familiar with the old William Eaton home south of Eaton Avenue in Warrenton for nearly 75 years. It is now the home of Colonel and Mrs. John Jenkins. He is a recently retired commander of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. When I first saw the place it was the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ellington, parents of Vance, Eddie, Miss Effie, Alfred and Willard Green Ellington, whom we knew as "Greek" Ellington.

Around 1914 the home was bought by the Burroughs family, which consisted of William and Stephen, Mary Russell and Sue Burroughs, all good friends.

At the time that I first knew it, and until very recently, the home was just as it had been described by Mrs. Lizzie Wilson Montgomery in her "Sketches of Old Warrenton, North Carolina," published in 1924. She wrote:

"About 1830, upon the marriage of William Eaton, Jr., with Miss Rosa Gilmore of Virginia, his father bought the Johnston Place and gave it to his son as a home. It was an unpretentious house but well proportioned, with large rooms built in the story-and-a-half style. If it was not picturesque it was at least a very attractive and pretty home."

The home had been built by Col. William Johnston around 1800. Mrs. Montgomery said "until recent years the place consisted of twenty or thirty acres, was shaded, except the garden and a small field, by beautiful oak growth."

Following the deaths of various members of the Burroughs family, I had not visited the place, but had ridden by it from time to time, when I saw only the north and western part of the house. On May 26 I rode with Howard to the Jenkins home where Howard took a picture of Monk Harrington, candidate for re-election to the North Carolina Senate where he has served for the past 22 years. Also present were a number of local Harrington supporters, some of whom were in the picture published in the July 4 issue of The Warren Record.

We drove to the east side of the building when I was astonished to find a beautiful deck had been completed as part of the renovation of the home. When I mentioned this to Colonel Jenkins, he seemed pleased and kindly invited me to return and see other changes they had made. This invitation was accepted

by my wife and me on the afternoon of July 4. We found that what had been the back porch of the home had been made a part of the kitchen containing a large fireplace and that the kitchen had been further enlarged by including space on the east that had been used for other purposes. The kitchen is cooled by a ceiling fan, and furnished with attractive antiques.

From the kitchen we passed into the older part of the home which had also been attractively renovated and furnished. When we entered the home we were presented to Mrs. Jenkins, and a guest, a Mrs. Davis, the widow of a highway patrolman fatally shot when checking a culprit. The exterior of the home has been painted a beautiful yellow.

To me one of the most pleasant things in life is learning to know persons. I had liked Colonel Jenkins since the first time I met him when he was in Warrenton either on matters concerned with PCB disturbances or business connected with the purchase of his home. After about an hour's conversation with Colonel Jenkins I felt that I was beginning

to know him, and that Warrenton is indeed fortunate in having Colonel and Mrs. Jenkins as citizens. They are a handsome couple, and gracious host and hostess, and interested in the welfare of town and county.

There are many happy memories associated with the former inhabitants of that home. Greek Ellington and I were the same age, and he spent much of his spare time at the Davis and Jones homes playing with Robert and me. His sister, Miss Effie, ran a store on West Macon Street and among other things sold books for boys, and Greek furnished me with several books about the Alger heroes, Tom Swift, the Rover Boys, and others. There were many escapades with Greek and Alfred with his goats, and goat wagon. For several years Miss Mary Russell Burroughs shared an office in the Dameron building with us, and we bought groceries from Burroughs Grocery Company as long as there was such a company operated by William and Stephen Burroughs.

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

July 14, 1944

William J. F. Hecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hecht of Norlina, has graduated from the Midshipman's School of Columbia University, N. Y. as Ensign USNR and was home on leave last week before reporting to Flint, Mich. Deisel School.

Harry R. Riggan has the distinction of being the first Warrenton man to enter the City of Rome, it was learned here this week upon receipt of a letter from him by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Herman Riggan. Riggan is serving with General Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

On Sunday, July 2, in a private ceremony performed in the home of Rabbi Pabik in Baltimore, Md., Miss Ruth Perman of Warrenton became the bride of Pvt. Hy Diamond of Camp Holibird, Md., son of Mrs. Sadie Diamond of New York and the late Mr. Diamond.

July 10, 1959

Warren County's tax rate for the fiscal year of 1959-60 will be \$1.90 on the \$100 valuation under a tentative budget approved by the board of county commissioners on Monday.

Mrs. Joseph S. Jones, public nurse in Warren County for the past 30 years, has resigned effective July 1.

Roy Dixon, Peck Manufacturing Company superintendent, was installed as president of the Warrenton Rotary Club at a meeting held at Hotel Warren on Tuesday night.

July 11, 1974

One of Warrenton's oldest businesses changed hands July 1 when Odom's Flower Shop was sold to Macon and Gladys Wemyss, who also own a florist shop in Norlina.

Attorney General Robert Morgan has warned that bogus Chanel No. 5 perfume has filtered into North Carolina from a suspected northern manufacture and distribution point.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fair spent several days in Emerald Isle and attended a jewelry show in Charlotte last week.

Alliance Could Aid Warren

The successful alliance of historical preservation and economic development in communities throughout North Carolina is good news for Warren County.

Two preservationists with Warren County ties, William S. Price, Jr., director of Archives and History for the state Department of Cultural Resources, and J. Myrick Howard, executive director of the Historical Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., told county commissioners last week that the prospects are bright for our county transforming its rich though often overlooked history into dollars and cents.

They cited small towns that have undertaken multi-million dollar preservation projects with funds from private foundations and have turned their history into a valuable economic resource.

Abandoned eyesores have once again become viable residential property thus increasing the local tax base. Restored homes and other buildings have been opened to the public attracting tourists who in turn patronize local establishments. In some instances, county and municipal governments have utilized historic properties for office space and welcome centers.

The efforts of these towns have

proven that change need not be a blight of steel and concrete where trees and grass used to grow.

A new era is underway in Warren County that promises an improved quality of life with more industry, more jobs, and more people with varied talents and gifts in our midst.

What better time to send out the word that while welcoming the benefits of change, our citizens also want to preserve what Price termed the "still magnificent, visible manifestations" of our past? Many of these sites will not survive another decade of neglect.

We concur with those who feel preservation for its own sake should not be a priority over the human needs so visible in our community. But preservation with an eye toward the long-term economic and cultural boost it could bring should be explored.

We encourage county officials to take the lead in such a movement and to draw on the expertise of those in the county who have already undertaken restoration and preservation projects. Both Price and Howard have pledged their assistance.

We would be ill-advised to naysay the possibilities involved without first tapping the resources that have been offered to us.

Parents Could Do Plenty

In The Wilson Times

A special Gallup poll on North Carolina's public schools shows the greatest concern to be lack of discipline, followed closely by problems in attracting good teachers.

But the 14 percent figure on disciplinary problems in N. C. schools is below the national figure of 25 percent.

But with discipline such a major problem in our schools, this should be enough to cause every parent of a school-age child to do some real soul-searching on the subject. Something is wrong with the home environment if discipline is out of hand to the extent it is considered the greatest problem in schools.

If a child has been properly trained in deportment at home, it will reflect positively in the schoolroom. Could it be that many parents are blinded by love to the extent they are unable to see the imperfections in their own children?

Students are under the supervision of school officials during the school day, and the teachers and principals are obligated to try to keep order among the students, but it isn't the responsibility of the schools to try to shape the habits of students.

Most education news emanates from the top levels of the field, but if teachers were able to tell the story of school discipline without fear of retribution, we might be able to see the problem from an entirely different point of view. And teachers might be able to give the leaders in the field of education some other pointers also.

The teachers know what is going on in the schoolrooms. They know which students are the trouble-makers. But we are never given the picture as teachers see it.

It is a poor reflection on parental supervision when we are told over and over that discipline is the major problem in schools. But we do not feel that parents just simply don't care. It is perhaps an oversight on their part and they may feel that the problem isn't caused by their child or children.

Maybe it's time for all parents to take a closer look at their offsprings and see them as others may see them.

Something certainly needs to be done to bring order to the schoolroom as well as attracting good teachers to the profession.

Screwed Up Thinking

In The Southern Pines Pilot

The Republican-controlled U. S. Senate, which has approved a \$291 billion defense budget for the coming year, is now considering cutting the Medicare budget by \$9 billion as part of a belated effort to try and reduce an expected deficit of \$200 billion.

It's an insult and an outrage to the American people, and it's difficult to understand how the thinking of supposedly responsible people could get so screwed up.

The deficit is not caused by Medicare or food stamps or other things which help people, but because of wasteful and unnecessary spending on so-called defense. That defense budget has jumped from \$29 billion

in 1979 to \$250 billion in 1984.

The Senate is proposing to cut the Medicare budget by \$9 billion, while increasing defense spending by nearly \$50 billion in the year beginning next Oct. 1. How the U. S. Senators can justify this is beyond rational thinking. A civilized society cannot understand or justify such action.

It is outrageous to deny the poor and elderly the medical treatment they need in order to build such things as MX missiles which are not only unneeded but are in themselves an additional threat to world peace.

It's time the Senate stopped jumping through the Pentagon hoop all the time.

Letter To The Editor

Time To Speak Out

To The Editor:

I was born in Warren County and enjoyed an early childhood in Warren County. I've always respected what Warren represented. I haven't always understood everything that has gone on, such as the PCB and a few other issues, but for the past year or so I've been very impressed concerning the political happenings.

On Wednesday, July 4, an article concerning child molestation appeared on the front page of your paper. I was shocked by the bonds that were set by our local magistrates. An article also appeared concerning a 1971 Volkswagen that had been stolen. Bonds were set at \$1,000 for the man charged in a molestation case of a 14-year-old girl, and \$500.00 for the man charged with the assault against a five-year-old girl. For stealing a 1971 Volkswagen, bond was set at \$1,200.00.

I am a counselor for the Friends of Youth organization. I give freely of my time, hoping that some young persons may receive strength where they are weak, hope when they are discouraged. On May 10, I received the Governor Hunt Award for my efforts. To hold my peace concerning this serious issue would be a slap in the face to my children, your children, and the Friends of Youth organization.

Cars or kids, Warren County? That's my question. To law enforcement officers, magistrates, sheriff, local citizens, and to whom it may concern, I take this time to speak in behalf of all females and others I've talked with, that if we are ever going to speak out for or against anything at all, let it be against child molestation.

We watch it on television and read about it in books that we say we would like to have banned from book counters. It's moving closer to home and bonds are being set for those charged as if they had simply used profanity or indecent exposure on a public street.

Should we neglect to speak now concerning issues such as this, if the Briley brothers decide to visit Warren County again, we should say, "Welcome Home!"

THE REV. MARY E. EVANS
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Saturday — July 14, 1984

Place: Lions Club Bldg., Warrenton, N. C. (Next to Hardees)
Time: 9:30 a. m.

Place: Lanford Motel, Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, N. C.
Time: 2:00 p. m.

Those wishing to attend bring writing pencils or pen

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