

News and Events of Interest To Norlina Readers

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Mrs. W. L. Noneman of Edenton and Mrs. Fred Hicks of Charlotte are visiting their mother, Mrs. Martha Draffin, for several weeks. Mrs. Draffin recently returned home from Maria Parham Hospital where she was a patient.

Visitors of Mrs. Myrtle Fleming recently were Mrs. Ruth Gettings of Chester, Va., Mrs. Ada Flippin of Colonial Heights, Va., Mrs. Eva Woodfin of Fairfax, Va., and Mrs. Elna Baugh of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gettings of Chester, Va. were visitors of her mother, Mrs. Fleming on Saturday.

Frank Weaver of Greensboro spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Weaver.

Mrs. Thelma Aycock and Mrs. Ruby King of Norlina, Joe Stallings, Jr. of Goldsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Rowlett Shaw of Macon attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Grace Butler, in Portsmouth, Va. on Saturday.

Miss Oza Gooch returned home Thursday after visiting Mr.

Dropping Auto Over Sea Cliff Seems Practical In Gibraltar

By JOY ASCHENBACH
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News Service

GIBRALTAR — More than 10,000 motor vehicles are jammed onto the Rock of Gibraltar. For at least 15 years, they've had no place to go but up and

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James Blaylock of Lillington announce the birth of a daughter, Crystal Gray, born Jan. 8. The infant weighed seven pounds four ounces. They have another daughter, Lauren Ann.

Mrs. Blaylock is the former Cindy King of Norlina. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy King of Norlina and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Johnson of Lillington.

and Mrs. Mark Logan in Wintergreen, Va. Mrs. Logan and Virginia brought her home.

down and around its 26 miles of road.

All that should change on Feb. 5, when the large gates at Gibraltar's only border, closed since mid-1969, are thrown open once again. Driving back and forth across the narrow, sandy isthmus to the Spanish mainland may seem like one of the smaller consequences of this political decision, but it should be significant in bringing tourists to the British colony, especially from Spain's popular Costa del Sol, and in reviving its economy.

One of the limestone peninsula's little inconveniences that may be improved by the open frontier is the disposal of automobiles that cannot be repaired.

Cars Stop For Planes

After all, there is not enough room on "Gib," as Gibraltar is called here, for a junkyard or "cementerio de coches" like those across the border in Spain. Gibraltar is only about three miles long and three quarters of a mile wide—a fortress of rock cliffs rising straight out of the sea. Even the airport runway is intersected by a road, on which cars have to stop and wait during takeoffs and landings.

What do they do with the cars that break down? They take them to the top of a cliff and drop them into the Mediterranean Sea. What else?

It may seem a bit primitive, but "it's the only way to get rid of them," explains Charles Rosado of the Gibraltar government.

Each year, officials send about 300 cars over the edge. They drop 200 feet to the sea, down the Public Works Department's car chute. A stone wall with a wide gate marks the spot. The stripped cars fall onto an underwater ledge at a depth of about 40 to 50 feet, later to be washed to the bottom by storms, Rosado says.

They make a big splash, but no environmental impact, he insists. Their final resting place is 3,000 to 4,000 feet down.

If there is a ready market in Spain for old cars, the system will be abandoned. Otherwise it will have to continue. At times in the past, some commercial contractors have boated the cars away from scrap, but such ventures didn't prove profitable.

Since Spain com-

pletely closed off Gibraltar's only landward link in 1969 as part of its campaign to regain the strategic peninsula that Britain took in 1704, Gibraltar has led an island-like existence. Travelers from around the world have been forced to reach the Rock by roundabout air and sea routes, generally via Morocco or Britain, never directly from Spain.

The new Spanish Socialist government opened the gates a crack in late 1982, but not enough to help Gibraltar's economy. Access was restricted to pedestrian traffic by residents of Spain or Gibraltar. And the Spaniards who set foot on the Rock cannot bring back Gibraltar goods.

Cut off from the European continent for more than 15 years, Gibraltar, despite its imposing position at the western entrance of the Mediterranean, lost most of the tourists who made up one of its two major industries. Without them, hotels and restaurants have gone into a decline.

Gibraltar's other big asset, the Royal Naval Dockyard, has been shut down because of budget cuts in Britain. The Gibraltar government plans to convert it into a ship repair operation that it hopes will restore lost jobs by the end of 1985.

More than 30,000 people live on the Rock. They suffer from shortages of water, and use any methods to get it: catching raindrops on 75 acres of corrugated iron sheets anchored to the Rock's rainier side and channeling them into huge reservoirs, making sea water potable at distillation plants, and even importing water from Britain and Holland on tankers.

Border Opening Set
British and Spanish leaders meet every few months to continue talks about Gibraltar's future. As part of their November 1984 agreement, Spain said it would open the border by Feb. 15, 1985, and Britain for the first time said it was willing to discuss the question of "sovereignty" over the peninsula.

The permanent solution may defy the legend that the Rock will remain British as long as the famed Barbary apes roam its heights. Actually tailless monkeys, the animals number about 40 today. Some take candy from strangers and are mischievous around motorists, breaking off windshield wipers, radio antennas, and side-view mirrors.

But they hardly do enough damage to be blamed for the deep-sinking of hundreds of cars in the Mediterranean, and they are likely to be around for some time.

Dry herbs upside down in a dry, well-ventilated area in a paper bag that has holes punched all around the sides. The bag will catch any falling leaves and keeps dust off.



Newly elected officers of the Warren County Shrine Club were installed on Wednesday night of last week at a banquet held at The Rafter's Steakhouse. Shown above, left to right are Joe Egerton,

president; W. A. Pulley, vice president; E. O. Holler, treasurer; and William L. Harrell, Sr., secretary. Officers were installed for a one-year term. (Staff Photo)

Henderson Mall's

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Mall Wide Clearance — Some stores will not open until noon in order to prepare for this special sale. Sale will not begin until 12:00 Noon. Take advantage of the free parking — plan to spend the day and shop in our safe, comfortable environment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NORLINA

The citizens of the Town of Norlina are hereby informed that the Town intends to apply to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In an effort to involve the citizens of Norlina in the planning of the Town's Community Development Program, a public hearing will be held at Town Hall, on February 4, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to explain the Small Cities CDGB Program and to allow the citizens of Norlina to express their views concerning community development needs and priorities.

Mae Gums
Town Clerk

NORLINA SAVINGS

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CLOVER FARM

PRICES EFFECTIVE: JAN. 24, 25, 26, 1985

LEG QUARTERS 45¢ LB.		CHUCK ROAST 1.09 LB.	
SLICED LEAN & TENDER PORK CHOPS 99¢ END CUTS	HEAVY WESTERN STEER CENTER CUT CHUCK ROAST 1.19	HEAVY WESTERN STEER BONE-IN SHOULDER ROAST 1.29	
HEAVY WESTERN STEER GROUND BEEF 99¢ LB.	HEAVY WESTERN STEER STEW BEEF 1.69 LB.	SMITHFIELD BACON 1.49 16 OZ. PKG.	
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PINE POWER DISINFECTANT CLEANER 15 OZ. Bot. 1.19	CLOVER FARM BREAD 2 1 1/2 Lb. Loaves 99¢	DULANY TURNIP GREEN WITH ROOTS 10 Oz. Pkg. 49¢	FOODLAND ICE MILK 1/2 Gallon 1.29
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