

Victims Of Crime In Warren Will Receive New Services

Masons Hold Annual Ladies Night Thursday

Warren is one of 28 counties in which crime victims will receive new services, thanks to a federal grant.

The Council on the Status of Women has received a \$235,320 Justice Assistance Grant from the Governor's Crime Commission. The council will use the funds to provide services to crime victims in 28 counties. Those services include 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling, medical treatment referrals and other assistance from trained volunteers.

The Council on the Status of Women has

supported programs for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence since 1977.

"Our primary objective is to increase the range and availability of services to sexual assault victims," according to Betty Budd, executive director of the council. "We also want to expand the victim's opportunity to participate in the criminal justice process. Victims need coordinated services in their communities. We are pleased to take the lead in this program."

The grant is part of a \$1.3 million Justice Assistance Grant ad-

ministered by the Crime Commission. Crime victim assistance was a top priority, according to the commission's executive director, Michelle Rippon.

"We are happy to combine these funds with the knowledge of the council and the skills of the trained volunteers in the counties. This combination will serve the most important people in our criminal justice system, the victims of crime."

For more information about the council's program, contact Betty Budd at (919)733-2455.

The Johnston-Caswell Lodge Number 10 A.F. & A.M. held the annual Ladies Night last Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Rafter's Steak House. Sam Groves, worshipful master, presided over the dinner and program.

Special guests in addition to the Masons' wives were seven Masonic widows: Mrs. Belle Bright, Mrs. Pattie Robertson, Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. Nannie Margaret Hurst, Mrs. Evelyn Wood and Mrs. Helen Farmer.

Following greetings by Pete Vaughan and Jack Groves and the invocation by Clarence Thompson, a buffet dinner was enjoyed.

Entertainment was offered by the Rev. Jon Strother, who sang and accompanied himself on the guitar. Strother was introduced by Bernard Thompson.

Closing remarks were given by Sam Groves and the parting prayer by Clarence Thompson.

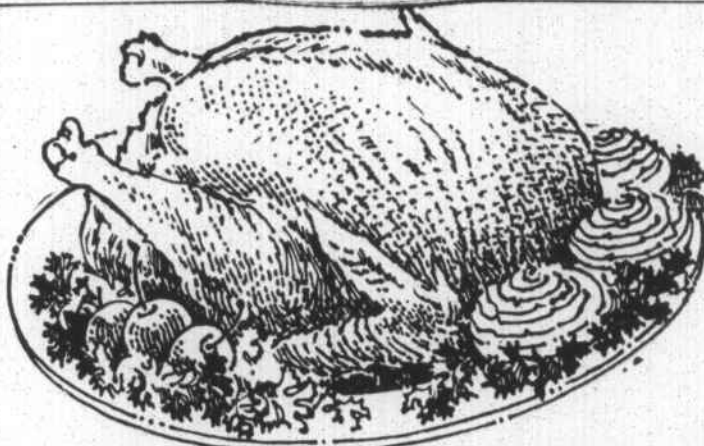
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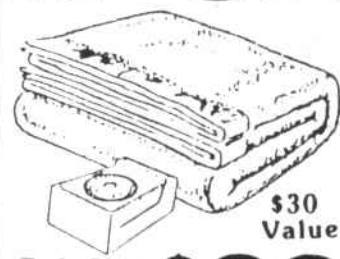
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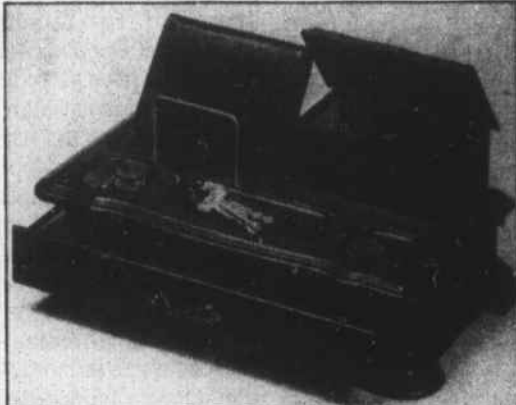
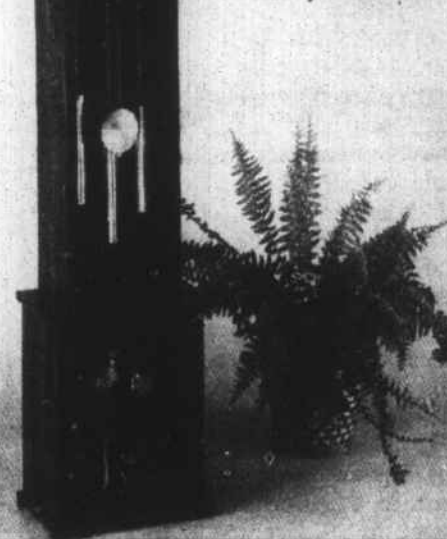
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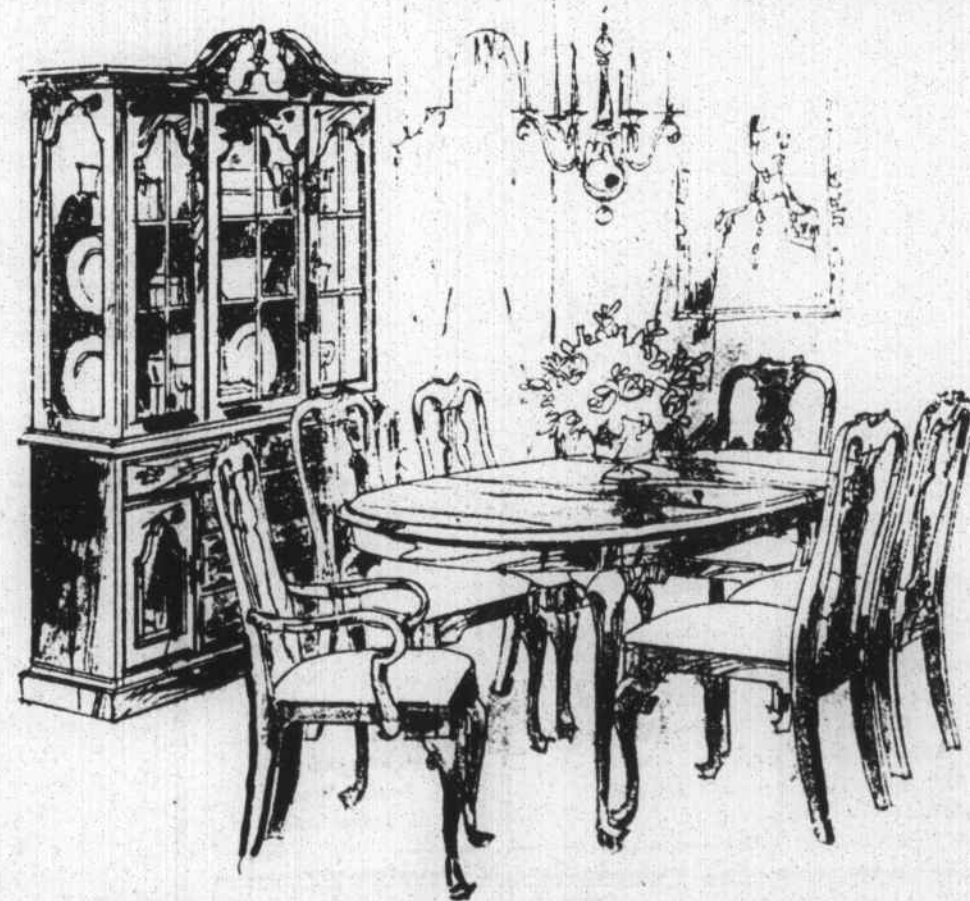
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