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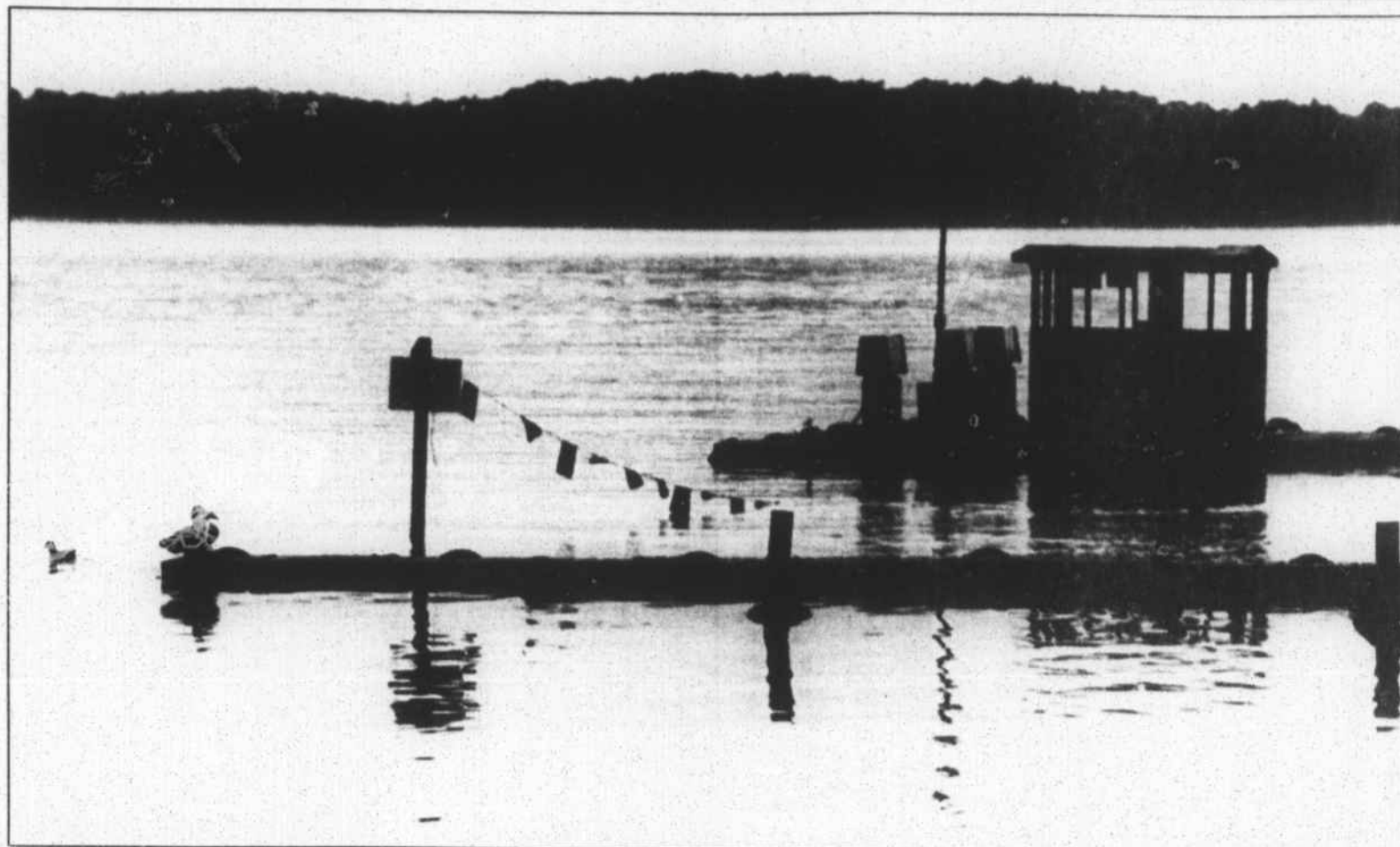
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The picture of calm which has been the norm at the Eaton's Ferry Marina since last summer's end is shifting to one of bustling activity

as the weather warms and schools close, inviting numbers of boaters to the waters of Lake Gaston. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Man Jailed For Murder

A man charged with the first-degree murder of a Vance County cab driver has been brought back from Philadelphia to face charges in Warren County.

Willie Eugene Jones, 23, was brought back on Friday by Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton and S.B.I. Agent Rick Sims. He is being held without bond in the Warren County Jail.

Jones faces charges in the murder of William Thomas "Litt" Davis whose body was found in January in the Lickskillet community here. Davis had been shot once in his right shoulder and back with a small-caliber gun. Robbery was believed to have been the motive for the crime.

According to Det. R. C. Daniel of Henderson, Jones faces pending charges of kidnapping there.

His first court appearance has been scheduled in Warren County for June 24 in Warren District Court.

Olympic Torch Carriers Coming

The torch carriers for the U.S. Olympics Festival '87 are scheduled to arrive in Warrenton at 3:10 p.m. on June 30, according to information received recently by Economic Development Director Cathy A. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson said plans for a celebration are under way and she invited businesses and individuals in the area to volunteer any services to welcome the runners to Warrenton.

Some 30 runners, many of them local volunteers, will be engaged in the portion of the torch run from Roanoke Rapids to Henderson. The runners are expected to arrive at the Warren County line about 1:10 p.m., according to Chuck Carpenter in the U.S. Olympics Festival office. The torch carriers will proceed through Littleton, Vaughan and Macon before arriving in Warrenton shortly after 3 p.m.

Detailed plans for the celebration will be announced later by Mrs. Wilson.

Peoples Dies

James Peoples, a resident of Hazelwood Drive in Warrenton and a retired member of the North Carolina National Guard, died Tuesday night at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Visit Beach

Mr. and Mrs. George (Pepi) Perkinson and children, Grant and Anna Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boyd and son Rux spent the weekend at Kill Devil Hills.

New Factory To Begin Operation On July 6

July 6 has been set as the target date for putting the wheels in motion at Gilbert Manufacturing Company's Warrenton plant, according to Mike Garrett, general manager of the local operation.

Garrett, who has been with the company since June 1, said applications are being received through the Employment Security Commission and employment is expected to total 30-35 persons by Christmas.

Free Distribution Of Foods Planned

The National Guard Armory will be the distribution point for summer quarterly distribution of USDA surplus foods on Wednesday, June 24, Charles P. Haywood, Social Services director stated this week.

The distribution will include six food items: rice, flour, cheese, milk, corn meal and honey.

All active food stamp households have received a computer printed authorization card that will serve as the application and certification. This card must be presented at the armory by food stamp households who plan to participate in the commodity program.

Low income families who wish to participate in the distribution with income at or below the following gross income levels will qualify: family of one, \$581; family of two, \$785; family of three, \$988; family of four, \$1,192; family of five, \$1,396.

Distribution will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

To receive food for an invalid or household individual, a signed statement from that person that states the income and grants approval for receipt of food must be turned in by the person requesting food distribution.

Food stamp households needing someone to pick up food for them will need to print the name of the person to pick up the food on the back of the card and sign on the back right hand side of the card before giving the card to the person who is to receive the food.

Grant Is Received

A matching grant of \$2,410 has been received by the Warren Education Fund.

The grant received recently from the Southern Education Foundation, Inc. represents a match of funds raised by the local committee. It is the second installment received by the Warren Education Fund. The first grant of \$2,500 was to be used for start-up money.

The local plant, which is the second location of the company headquartered in Long Island City, N.Y., will manufacture Christmas tree light strings for large indoor and outdoor bulbs. No bulbs will be manufactured here, Garrett said. A future possibility for the local operation is the manufacture of candles which are frequently used in windows at Christmas, he said.

Garrett, a Warren County native, was formerly employed for four and one-half years by Burkart Carolina, Inc. of Henderson. He is a graduate of Vance Senior High School and East Carolina University.

A resident of the Vicksboro community, Garrett is married to the former Pam King of Henderson. They have three children, Michelle, seven; Nicholas, six; and Jessica, four.

Quarterly Dinner Is Planned By Warrenton Merchants Body

A quarterly dinner is scheduled for Monday, June 29, by the Warrenton Merchants Association, according to Economic Development Director Cathy A. Wilson, who serves the association as secretary.

Attendance at the dinner, to be held at the Warrenton Lions Den, is open to representatives of businesses in Warrenton and any other interested persons, Mrs. Ayscue said, with the intent of "improving relations among

\$50,000 Bond Ordered Here

A Norlina man facing two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflict injury has been housed in the Warren County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Henry Allen Wilson is reported to have fired a shotgun Sunday at two trespassers, striking one of them with pellets.

According to Deputy Clarence Adcock, the incident took place just outside Norlina near the old pump pond. Wilson is reported to have asked the two trespassers to leave. They did not leave the premises, but continued to expose themselves.

Named in the matter are Robert Crossion, 21, and Carl Crossion, 27, both of Norlina. The two men have not been arrested, but warrants have been drawn on both charging indecent exposure in the presence of persons of the opposite sex.

Wilson's court date is July 1.



Lion Jack Groves, left, receives the Lion of the Year Award from Roy Pat Robertson, president of the Warrenton Lions Club, during the club's regular meeting with wives present Friday evening at the Lions Den. Groves, a member of the local Lions club for seven years, was selected by vote of the members to receive the award.

Five Injured In Wreck

Two From Norlina Killed In Accident Near Middleburg

Two Norlina women were killed Tuesday night when the cars they were driving collided broadside on a straight, rain-swept section of U. S. Highway 1 a mile north of Middleburg in Vance County.

The Highway Patrol identified the two victims as Mrs. Cynthia Wheeler Harvey, 24, of Division Street, Norlina and Mrs. Peggy Lynch Newell, 36, of Rt. 1, Norlina. Both were apparently killed instantly.

Mrs. Wheeler, wife of Jesse Harvey, lived with her father, Robert T. Wheeler, manager of the Warrenton A&P. Mrs. Newell, wife of John B. Newell, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Lynch, Sr. of Rt. 1, Norlina.

Trooper R. J. Hedgepeth indicated that weather was apparently responsible for the crash which occurred when Mrs. Newell's car crossed the centerline and was struck by Mrs. Harvey's car. Both vehicles were demolished.

Mrs. Harvey, who was reported to be expecting a child in August, was en route to Henderson. Mrs. Newell, accompanied by her two sons, was reported to be returning home after having a family portrait made in Henderson. The accident occurred two-tenths of a mile from the Vance-Warrenton line.

One of Mrs. Newell's children, 15-year-old John Briley Newell, Jr., was reported in grave condition at Duke Medical Center. He was a passenger in the right front seat of his mother's car. His brother, Harold L. Newell, 13, suffered a broken leg and pelvis. He was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Also injured were Jessica Lynn Harvey, 25, of Norlina, a passenger in the front seat of Mrs. Harvey's car. She suffered a broken arm and rib injuries. She was holding nine-year-old Robin Harvey, who along with Mrs. Harvey's six-year-old daughter, Stephanie Lynn Wheeler, a passenger in the back seat, was taken to Maria Parham Hospital.

Break-Ins Occupy Time Of Sheriff's Deputies

Two break-ins in the surrounding area have claimed the investigative time of county officers, Sheriff Theodore Williams reported this week.

Scott T. Johnson, a Nashville resident employed by Camp Willow Run, reported Friday, June 12, that he was awakened at 3 a.m. by two individuals who were inside his room at the camp.

The prowlers removed a set of car keys from Johnson's trousers and left taking a vehicle owned by Camp Willow Run.

Four juveniles, ages 15 and 16, are believed to have been involved in the theft.

One of the juveniles, age 15, and the 1983 silver Toyota station wagon were found at 3 a.m. Sunday in Wilmington. A juvenile petition has been filed charging theft and the youth, detained now in a Juvenile Detention Center, has admitted to being the driver of the vehicle.

The youth will be returned to Warren County to face charges under juvenile law.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison was the investigating officer.

In an unrelated matter, a break-in Monday night was reported Tuesday morning at Stevenson's Grocery in Afton. Thieves entered by removing the plate glass from the front door of the building.

Receive Funds

Four Warren County fire departments have qualified for a portion of the \$68,930 appropriated recently for volunteer fire departments, according to an announcement made recently by Gov. James Martin.

Receiving amounts of \$470 each were the Inez, Arcola Rural, Macon and Hawtree departments.

The grants, awarded to a total of 128 volunteer departments, were made as a part of the Rural Community Fire Protection Program. Only one Vance County department, Hicksboro, received a grant.

Volunteer fire departments were required to file an application with the Division of Forest Resources.

Taken were several cases of beer, several cartons of cigarettes, several quarts of motor oil and a battery from a vehicle housed in the shop awaiting repairs. The value of the missing items is estimated at \$600.

Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton and Deputy Clarence Adcock are the investigating officers.

Drug Cache Found By Law Officers

Warren County sheriff's officials have confiscated cocaine and marijuana with an estimated street value of \$3,500 during a weekend siege, Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton reported this week.

Also confiscated was the vehicle in which the drugs were found. The automobile had been parked at Roseland, a private club housed in the old telephone building near Norlina.

According to Chief Deputy Bolton, investigating officer, no arrests have been made.

Assisting in the investigation are Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, and Norlina law officials Chief Charlie Galantis, Lt. James Champion and Officer Gary Hawkins.

\$90,000 Is Given

For Improvements

Warren County has been awarded in excess of \$90,000 for highway improvement.

Contracts totaling \$90,466 have been awarded by the state Transportation Board during its June 12 meeting in Fayetteville.

The award will be used for bituminous surface treatment of 15 miles of county roadways. Route numbers of Warren roads planned for treatment are: S.R. 1332, 1131, 1234, 1360, 1342, 1513 and 1613.

The Warren County projects are a part of projects funded by the board which will resurface or widen more than 635 miles of state secondary and primary highways in 25 counties.