

At Last Count, Almost 1,400 Veterans Lived In Warren

Today residents of Warren County and Americans across the nation are observing Veterans Day. More than 38 million Americans have served in the nation's armed forces during wartime since the Revolutionary War. About 90% of these served during the Twentieth Century. It is estimated that there are approximately 28 million living American veterans today.

The Census Bureau did not begin compiling information regarding veteran status until the 1960 Census. At that time, there were 23,100,847 male veterans. Male veterans were 12.9% of the total population and 37.1% of the total national male population over 14 years of age. Female veterans were not tabulated in the 1960 Census.

Some 1,135 male veterans lived in Warren County in 1960 accounting for 5.8% of the county's total population and 18.6% of all males in the

county over 14 years of age. A total of 205 or 18.1% of these veterans had served during World War I, 611 or 53.8% during World War II, 140 or 12.3% during the Korean War, 20 or 1.8% during both the Korean War and World War II, and 159 or 14% at other times.

Nationally, 2,606,275 or 11.3% of these veterans had served during World War I, 13,069,860 or 56.6% during World War II, 4,062,051 or 17.6% during the Korean War, 811,238 or 3.5% during both the Korean War and World War II, and 2,459,023 or 10.6% at other times.

The 1980 Census provides the most recent comprehensive information regarding the characteristics of veterans on both a national and a local basis. During the 1980 Census, statistics concerning both male and female veterans were compiled. At that time, there were 1,321 male veterans and 63 female veterans living in Warren

County. 23.2% of all males over 16 years old and 1% of all females over 16 years old in Warren County were veterans. 11.4% of Warren County's population over 16 years of age and 8.5% of the county's total population were veterans in 1980.

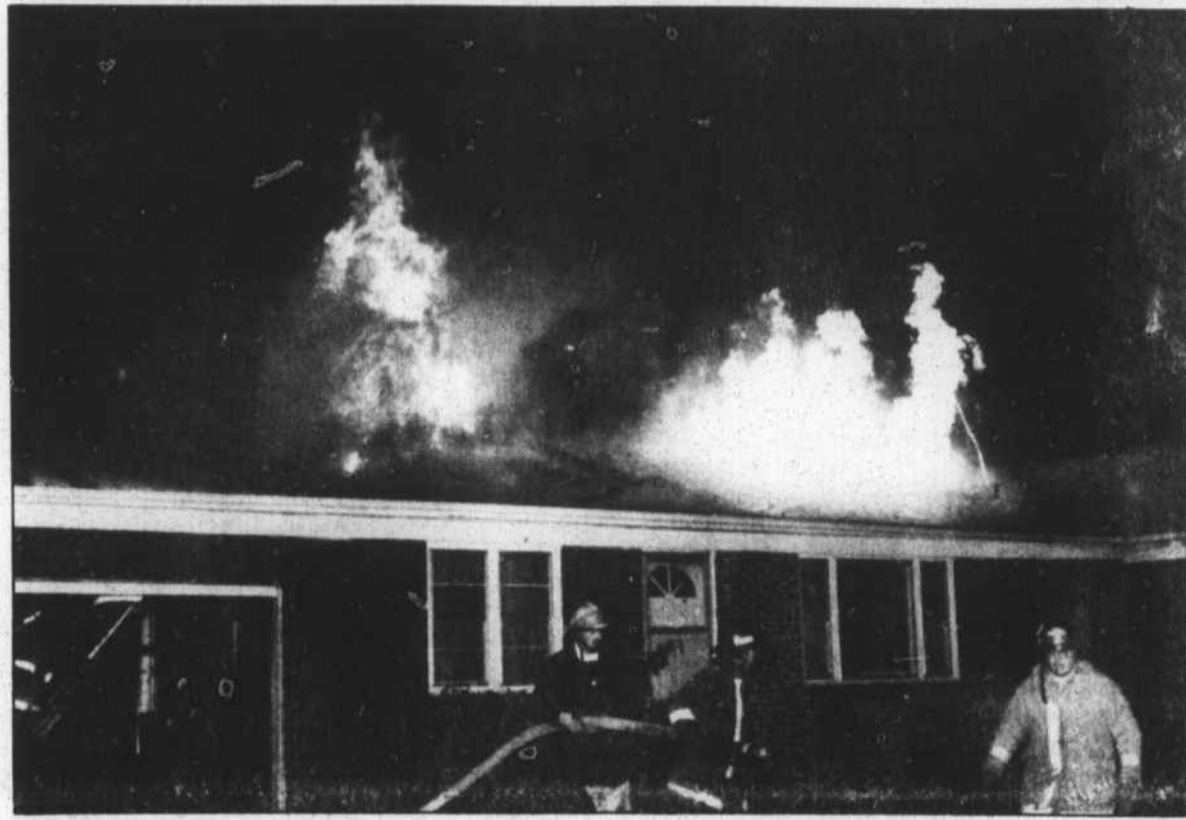
Nationally, there were 27,406,299 male veterans and 1,108,245 female veterans in 1980. 34.2% of all American males over 16 years old and 1.2% of all American females over 16 years old were veterans at that time. 16.8% of the national population over 16 years of age and 12.6% of the total national population were veterans in 1980.

Characteristics of veteran terms of service in Warren County had changed significantly from 1960 to 1980. By 1980, 14 or 1% of local veterans had served in World War I, 657 or 47.5% in World War II, 176 or 12.7% in the Korean Conflict, 25 or 1.8% in both World War II and the Korean Con-

flikt, 95 or 6.9% from February, 1955 to July, 1964 only, 293 or 21.2% during the Viet Nam era, and 26 or 1.9% during both the Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam era. Another 104 or 7.5% of veterans in Warren County had served at other times.

Characteristics of the national veteran population had also changed significantly from 1960 to 1980. By 1980, 491,453 or 1.7% of American veterans had served in World War I, 10,696,714 or 37.5% in World War II, 3,964,613 or 13.9% in the Korean Conflict, 788,652 or 2.8% in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, 3,077,097 or 10.8% from February, 1955 to July, 1964 only, 7,374,663 or 25.9% during the Viet Nam era, and 662,267 or 2.3% during both the Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam era.

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When members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department arrived Monday at the N.C. 58 residence of Henry Davis, flames had burst through the attic and had begun to light the early morning sky. An estimate of \$60,000 in damages to the structure has been reported, as well as a loss of about \$1,000 for stolen items. SBI Agent Steve Jones of Raleigh investigated the site on Monday. Sgt. Lawrence

Harrison of the Warren County Sheriff's Department is the local investigating officer. Arson is suspected, and the fire is believed to have been started by persons who had attempted to disguise a break-in and theft. A door at the residence was found open, and is believed to have been the means of entry. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Arson Suspected In Morning Fire Which Damages Warren Residence

With incidents ranging from a residential fire resulting in damages estimated at \$60,000 and investigations of suspected arson, to a grass fire caused by a shorted electrical transformer, to cases of trash-fires out of control, to a case of feminine intuition, firefighters of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department have had little time to rest in the last week.

Arson is suspected in the early Monday morning fire which resulted in an estimated \$60,000 in damages to the brick residence of Henry Davis, and SBI agents have joined with local law enforcement officials in an investigation.

No suspects have been identified.

The fire, reported at 1:42 a.m. Monday, is believed to have been started by persons in an attempt to camouflage a break-in and theft at the Davis residence, which is located on N.C. 58, across from Kearney's Garage. The owner of the home had been out of town on business.

Thieves entered through the back door of the residence, spokesperson Kenny Clayton reported, and removed a television, jewelry, cuff links and a painting.

According to Clayton, persons set the fire in a hallway, at the base of a pull-down attic ladder. Flames appeared to have jumped up the ladder and into the attic, where the entire loft area was gutted.

Fortunately, Clayton reported, damage to the interior on the main floor was minimal and was limited to smoke and water damage. All contents were saved.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 4, Ms. Cathleen Andrews was burning trash near her Snow Hill-area residence on RPR 1109. According to Clayton, the flames "got away from her" and ignited about one acre of brush. No damages were reported.

The following day, Thursday, Nov. 5, brought with it four calls.

Beginning at 11:50 a.m., a case of feminine intuition while en route on a day-trip to Rocky Mount, caused Mrs. Nancy

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Karen Harris Is Named Morehead Award Nominee

Karen L. Harris, a senior at Warren County High School, has been selected by the Warren County Morehead Selection Committee to represent Warren County in the District IV competition to be held in Raleigh in early December. Julius Banzet, III, selection committee chairman, announced this week.

The selection committee, which also included Alpheus Jones, Jr., Richard E. Hunter, Jr., and Palmer Wood King, Jr., based its decision on a number of criteria, among them moral force of character, capacity to lead and motivate students, scholastic ability, and extra curricular and physical vigor.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Harris, Jr. of Warrenton. She is a N.C. Scholar, an honor student at Warren County High School and a member of the National Honor Society, for which she serves as vice president. Other current activities include membership in the senior council and Quiz Bowl, a position of copy editor for the annual staff, and an office of assistant secretary of the Youth

Interaction Club. Other involvements outside of the school setting include bicycling, playing the piano, stamp collecting, presidency of a church youth group, and membership in the church choir and Acteens.

Miss Harris attended Girls' State last summer. She also served as chief marshal for the

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MISS HARRIS

Employee Morale Items Addressed By Educators

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Yule Parade Slated Here

By DIANE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming to town! The children's favorite will ride his sleigh in the annual Christmas parade to be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, beginning at 3 p.m.

The parade route will begin at Mariam Boyd Elementary School and end at the Warren County Fairgrounds. The town's decorations, sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association, will be in place by Nov. 29.

The event will be sponsored by the Warren County Jaycees. Prizes will be awarded for floats entered in one of two categories: religious or commercial themes.

According to Walter Gardner, parade co-chairman, entries are due by Tuesday, Dec. 1. "Vehicles must be decorated with a Christmas theme," he said, "and we encourage businesses to develop a float of some type." There will be no entry fee.

First-prize winners will receive \$50, and second-prize winners will receive \$35, Gardner explained.

Businesses and organizations that have already entered the parade are: the Warren County Bicentennial Commission, Cochran Furniture, Reeves Towing and Wrecker Service, the Warren County Jaycees and two Girl Scout troops.

Persons wishing to enter a float into the parade should contact either Walter Gardner at 257-3104 or Woody King at 257-3449, co-chairmen of the parade.



McMILLAN

Extension Post Filled Locally

A West Virginia native with 15 years of extension service experience has been employed by the Warren County Extension Service as an extension agent with 4-H responsibilities.

Philip M. McMillan, 40, began work here Monday, according to an announcement by Extension Service director Russell King. McMillan replaces Glenn Woolard, who was named extension director in Chatham County earlier this year.

McMillan received a degree in animal science from West Virginia University, and later did graduate work at West Virginia University and Ohio State University.

He and his wife, the former Sheila Bowyer of West Virginia, plan to make their home in Warren County. They have three children: Matthew 17, Michael 15, and Martin 10.

Salary Hike Is Discussed

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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Items with impact on employee morale were high on the agenda to be dealt with by the Warren County Board of Education in their meeting Monday night.

Salary levels for non-certified employees, the issue of release time for those teachers enrolled in graduate study, and the addition of monetary incentive awards to the Teacher of the Year program were among those items discussed.

"I'm not here with answers, but rather to raise questions," Superintendent Mike Williams began, as the topic of salaries for non-certified employees was raised.

Williams indicated that all salaries for certified positions were controlled by the state, with legislated percentage increases and automatic step increases. Local governing bodies have no authority over salaries for certified personnel.

For non-certified positions, paid from state funds, both legislated increases apply. Local systems do, however, have some control over salaries for non-certified positions that are not paid from state funds.

Williams asked the board to consider a means to allow movement on the salary-scale based on length of service. According to Williams, there is little difference between the salaries of some employees with service records of 10 years and those of persons very new to the system. He also asked that the board consider

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Efforts To Preserve Cherry Hill Win Dual Honors For Inez Resident

A Warren County resident has been selected as a recipient of two awards, both in recognition of his efforts to preserve historic Cherry Hill, a plantation home located in Inez.

Edgar F. Thorne, former owner of Cherry Hill in Warrenton, has been the driving force behind the orchestration of art, musical and educational programs at the home since the Cherry Hill Historical Foundation, Inc. was formed in 1982.

The Inez resident received the Hardee-Rives Cup on Saturday. Awarded by the N.C. Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, the award was given to Thorne for preserving and providing recreation at his ancestral home, Cherry Hill.

Thorne will also receive the Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit from the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina in a ceremony to be held Nov. 14 at the foundation's annual meeting in Raleigh.

With Thorne's dedication, the foundation's purpose of restoring and preserving the 19th century plantation home has been accomplished for the service of the arts and education for the benefit of persons in the county as well as the state. Through activities ranging from quilt shows and Easter egg hunts, to outdoor concerts and wedding receptions, hundreds of persons continue to enjoy Cherry Hill throughout the year.

Gertrude S. Carraway Awards of Merit are presented annually by the Historic Preservation Foundation to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to promoting historic preservation. They are named in honor of Dr. Gertrude S. Carraway, a charter member of the foundation and a noted New Bern historian and preservationist. A generous grant from the Kellenberger Foundation has made the awards program possible.

The Historic Preservation Foundation is North Carolina's only statewide nonprofit preservation organization. The foundation provides educational opportunities and public recognition to

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