

The Warren Record

Just Hangin' Around



All "tired out" after a summer of use by children who frolicked in three makeshift swings, these inner tubes await the end of winter and the return of both warm weather and their active friends. This reminder of warm days passed was seen on U.S. 401 in Warren County. (Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Less Than State Rate

Warren's Population Rises By 2.9 Percent

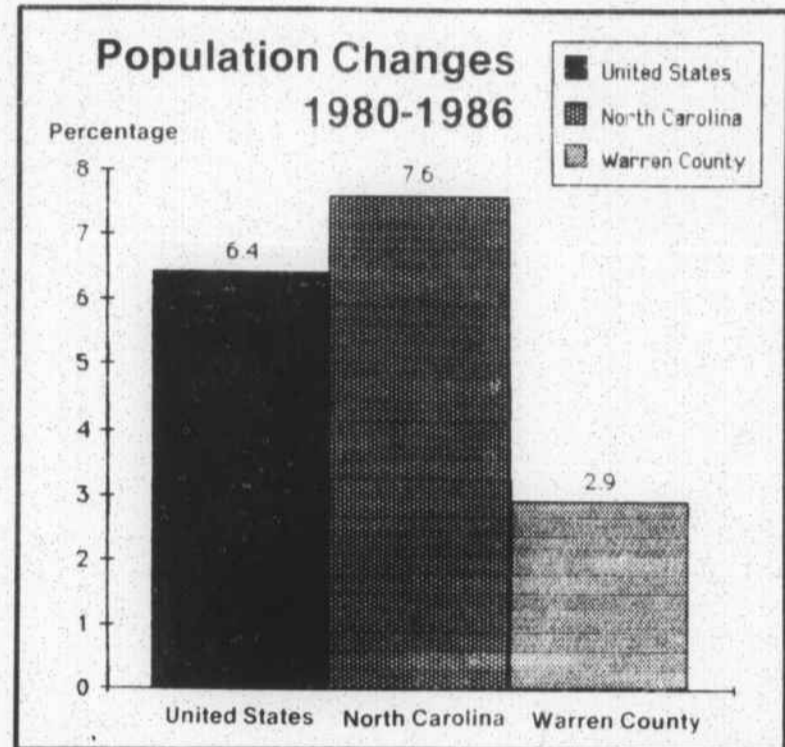
According to a report recently issued by the Census Bureau, the number of people in Warren County increased from 16,232 in 1980 to an estimated 16,700 in July of 1986 or by 2.9 percent. This same report indicated that the nation's population increased from 226,545,805 in 1980 to an estimated 241,038,000 in July of 1986 or by 6.4 percent while the population of N.C. increased by 7.6 percent or from 5,881,766 in 1980 to an estimated 6,331,000 in July of 1986.

This would indicate that the population of Warren County increased by 0.6 percent from 16,600 in 1985. The national population increased by slightly less than 1.0 percent during this time while the population of N. C. increased by 1.2 percent.

While the Census Bureau only makes a comprehensive count of the national population every ten years, it issues periodic estimates that update these totals. These estimates are important for reasons beyond their statistical significance. A number of federal agencies base grant funding for localities upon these reports. Additionally, many national corporations take these reports into consideration when planning future activities. On several occasions, interim population reports by the Census Bureau have distressed local officials so much that they have gone to court to prevent the federal government from making use of these figures for funding projections.

To obtain preliminary population figures, the Census Bureau makes use of federal tax data to determine the number of persons whose county of residence has changed. The Bureau uses data on Medicare enrollees as well as independent studies to estimate the population over 65 years of age. Additionally, the Census Bureau's data includes birth and death statistics to estimate natural (as opposed to migratory) net population changes. Other factors including resident students, military personnel, and immigration from abroad are also taken into consideration in preparing interim population reports. These reports are estimates, but it is generally agreed that these are the most reliable population estimates available.

Information released in the current population report indicates that the population of



Warren County is increasing at a less rapid pace than it increased from 1970 to 1976. During that period, the Census Bureau estimated that the population of Warren County increased by 4.4 percent. If the current rate of population increase in Warren County continues through 1990, the population of Warren County will have increased by 4.8 percent.

However, there are so many factors that affect local population changes that it is highly unusual for the rate of change for a county's population to remain constant over a ten year period. If the rate of population growth in Warren County had continued as it did from 1970 through 1976 until 1980, Warren County's population would have increased to 16,960 by 1980 or by 1.5 percent. In fact, the population of Warren County increased to 16,232 in 1980 or by 2.7 percent.

Changes in the national population as well as changes in state population also seldom remain constant over a ten year period. For example, if the national rate of population growth were to continue at its current rate, the number of persons living in the United States would increase by 10.8 percent or to 251,013,000 by 1990. Whether or not this will occur remains to be seen. From 1970 through 1976, the national population increased by five percent. If this rate had remained level throughout the decade, the country's population would have increased by 8.3 percent from

1970 through 1980. Actually, the national population increased by 11.4 percent from 1970 through 1980.

These same factors affect state population changes. If current demographic trends remain level, the population of N. C. would increase by 12.7 percent by 1990. However, from 1970 through 1976 the population of N. C. increased by 7.4 percent. If this rate of growth had been maintained, the state's population would have increased to 5,713,706 or by 12.4 percent in 1980. In fact, the population of N. C. had increased to 5,881,766 by 1980 or by 15.7 percent.

However, the population estimates for 1986 do indicate certain general demographic trends. It appears that the national rate of population growth has declined slightly. The Census Bureau had predicted that this would take place. The Census Bureau had projected that the national population would be between 245,743,000 and 254,122,000 by 1990.

Postponed

The Warren Education Fund-sponsored "Night for Public Education in Warren County," which had been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4, at the Warren County High school Theatre, has been postponed until a later date.

Accident On Thanksgiving Day Claims Life Of Littleton Man

A Littleton man died on Sunday afternoon as the result of an accident that occurred Thanksgiving Day. Other accidents were reported as well, keeping local state highway patrolmen busy over the long holiday weekend.

The first accident occurred Thanksgiving afternoon. Lawrence A. Shaw, 44, of Rt. 2, Littleton, was traveling east on State Road 1354, seven miles north of Littleton, in a 1980 Chevrolet. As he was rounding a curve, he lost control of the car, causing it to run off the left side of the road into a stone monument which was located at the entrance of a housing development.

The Warren County Rescue Squad transported Shaw to Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. He was later

transferred to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, where he died on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Trooper R. J. Hedgepeth was the investigating officer.

The second accident occurred on U. S. 158, just south of Norlina. Ron Christopher Davis, 17, of Rt. 2, Warrenton, was driving his 1976 Chrysler south on the highway at approximately 5:50 p.m.. He lost control of the car, crossed the road and hit a tree on the left-hand side of the highway.

Although Davis sustained minor injuries from the accident, he refused any medical treatment.

According to R.J. Hedgepeth, the investigating officer, damages to the car were estimated at \$1,000.

Another accident reported involved a Warren County woman and her son. Adalyne Faulkner Babb, 20, of 298 Warrenton St., Norlina, was traveling southbound on U. S. 1 with her one-year-old son, Jonathan Davis Babb on Friday evening at approximately 5:15. As she was making a left turn onto SR 1501 (Allison Cooper Road), her vehicle was struck in the rear by a 1974 AMC driven by Ronald Dale Hudgins, 18, of Rt. 2, Louisburg.

The child was taken to Maria Parham Hospital by Vance County Ambulance service for swelling around his right eye and scrapes on his forehead. He was later transferred to Duke Hospital, remained there Saturday and was released on Sunday. Hudgins was treated and released at a local facility.

Trooper L.W. Holt was the investigating officer.

Options Are Few

Leftover Grease Poses Problem For Schoolmen

By DIANE DAVIS
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Grease is the word! Those familiar words from the popular song are descriptive of the topic of discussion among Warren County School maintenance workers recently.

James Moss, maintenance supervisor for the Warren County school system, and his crew recently drained the grease trap in the cafeteria at Warren County High School.

According to Moss, this was the first time that the grease trap had been cleaned since the high school opened in 1981. He and his men removed 150 gallons of the substance.

Now Moss faces the hardest part of this project: what does

one do with 150 gallons of used grease?

The solution might be found right here in Warren County. The sanitary landfill was presented as an option, but the requirement that a sand bed be constructed and left to dry out before the grease could be disposed would have taken too long.

Luckily, another solution to the problem was discovered. Paul Gower, a sanitarian at the Warren County Health Department, gave Moss the name of a company that uses the grease as a raw material in production. That company, Consolidated Hyde, is a rendering plant located in Goldsboro.

Moss stated that he had contacted the company and left a message, but at press time, no one had returned his call.



Work is under way on Vance Granville Community College's Warren County satellite facility being built on the John Graham Middle School campus here. Warren County Commissioners appropriated \$70,000 to supplement the \$400,000 in state funds for the project. Bids

for construction of an access road to the site, funded in the amount of \$25,000 by the Department of transportation, were to have been received last month. Shown here is equipment in the lot which leads off Spring Street to the site. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)