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(William H. Warren, Christiansburg, VA – August 27, 2012)**

In 1952, Bill Warren graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in science. Ten days after completing his studies, he was drafted for service in the military.



Bill served aboard the Navy's anti-submarine destroyer, "U.S.S. Keppler" for 3-1/2 years during the Korean War, cruising in many areas along the east coast of the U.S. in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Mediterranean, North and Adriatic Seas. He has fond memories of those days in service to the country.

In September 1956, Bill was honorably discharged and returned to North Brookfield where he worked as hatchery manager and production manager on the family's farms. The work was demanding, and everyone in the family worked hard with a great sense of purpose and responsibility.

The highlight of his days in North Brookfield was in 1957 when his father received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Ten Great Living Americans Award in Washington, D.C. A gold-plated cage was constructed for the hen that set the World Record for egg laying. This hen, in its golden cage, was on display at the entrance to the Chamber of Commerce Building where the recognition program took place. Arthur Godfrey covered the event on his radio show. After the event, the hen was allowed to retire on Mr. Godfrey's farm in Virginia. (A return to the henhouse could have exposed other hens to disease.) "My father was truly honored to be recognized. He gave an emotional acceptance speech. It was a tremendous experience for him and for us," recalls Bill. By that time J.J. Warren (Sr.) was quite ill; he passed away the following year.

WARREN EQUIPMENT, INC.

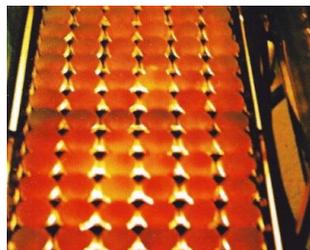
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In 1966, Bill established his own company, Warren Equipment, Inc. on the East Brookfield Road, adjacent to Stella's Pizza at that time. Warren Equipment specialized in egg loading systems and plastic egg transporting trays. *The company's literature boasted systems "completely American made" with special care taken to use readily available parts and components.*

Warren Equipment was sold in 1970. Bill subsequently joined the Machine Division of Henningsen Foods, a major national supplier of liquid and dried egg products, with facilities in White Plains, New York and Omaha, Nebraska. Bill and his family moved to Omaha where machine design and manufacturing was centered. Several of Henningsen's egg processing plants were located in Nebraska which provided great testing facilities for the new machines. Bill's position with the company involved the design and construction of a new generation of high speed egg breaking and separating systems, including egg washing/candling machines and transfer machines to automatically transfer eggs from 30-egg filler flats to the washer infeed. Egg transfer machines did not exist in egg breaking and separating plants prior to his inventions. Bill designed and built this generation of high-speed machines that were considered cutting edge in the egg breaking and separating industry. This high speed egg breaking system could separate yolks from whites at a rate of 18,000 to 20,000 eggs per hour.



Transfer Machine



Washer/Candler



Separator

Bill accumulated patents in his name for these new production machines, a total of 23 over the course of his machine design and manufacturing career.



William H. Warren Patent Collection

At the completion of his work at Henningsen Foods, Bill and his family moved to Cape Cod for a short time. In 1978, he moved to Naples, Florida, where he participated in real estate activity for 22 years. He and his wife, Ann, have since moved to Christiansburg, VA.

About 15 years ago, the Naples Rotary Club asked Bill to talk about his career and success . . . "Although many people think that creative imagination is a natural gift, I believe it can be a learned process that can be achieved with study, effort and determination. It is a process that I believe could make a difference in the development and success of our young people today. It should be promoted by educational institutions and professionals."

In summary, Bill is very thankful to his father, J.J. Warren (Sr.) for his daily display of what creativity and hard work could achieve.