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Deer Hunting In Warren

The reaction of the town commissioners Monday night to a remark of Commissioner Anna Butler is an indication of the seriousness with which non-hunting citizens view deer hunting in Warren County. Referring to a statement of Town Manager Bill Davis before the county commissioners, she said she "was appalled by deer hunters along the highways over which she must travel. The remaining five commissioners present all expressed their concern and agreed that they should contact Chairman Pete Jones of the Warren County Board of Commissioners in regard to having a suitable law passed at the next session of the legislature which convenes in January.

Two years ago a compromise was worked out between local deer hunters and farmers and a bill was introduced in the Legislature and passed by the Senate but killed by a delegation largely composed of deer hunters from outside the county.

Chairman Jones said here Tuesday that a certain amount of deer hunting is necessary and that if this is to continue that local deer hunters should work with other citizens to have introduced and passed a law that would be for the best interest of Warren County.

It seems to us that Chairman Jones' view is a sound one and is worthy of serious consideration. We would like to have this matter discussed in our "Letters To The Editor Department," without rancor and as real contributions to solving a serious problem. Certainly

in any solution the views of hunters and farmers should be respected. The combined intellect of all groups must be used if we are to protect deer hunting in the county and reduce the deer population to a sensible level.

From comments of those with whom we were in contact it appears that our non-hunting adults are concerned with two facets of the problem, the most serious of which is hunting with high-powered rifles and hunting from the highways. We have a combination in Warren County that is dangerous. We would be willing to compromise with hunting from the road by limiting it to certain sections of the county, but would absolutely forbid the hunting of deer with high-powered rifles, for reasons that should be perfectly obvious.

Another matter that is apt to come up is hunting deer with dogs which might be a way adopted to stop roadside hunting. A few weeks ago a Warren County lady, we have been informed, was returning to her home when just as she was approaching two hunters on the side of the road a deer crossed the road and the hunters fired at it. They missed but their action caused the woman to run her car into a ditch and badly damage it.

We believe that sensible men can work out a sensible law, perhaps not totally satisfactory to any group, but sufficient to preserve good deer hunting in Warren County. If this is to be done, we agree with Chairman Jones that it is essential that local deer hunters play a leading part.

Mostly Personal

When Townships Built Roads

By BIGNALL JONES
Millions of dollars are being poured into Warren County in the form of grants from the Federal Government to provide funds for public works and labor for our people. Once this kind of capital was provided by local bond issues with no thought of furnishing jobs to the unemployed or with any idea other than providing a specific instrument for a specific purpose.

Warrenton recently installed brick sidewalks in its business section with money provided by a Federal grant and grants made possible by the building of water tanks and other developments here. Once these funds would have been provided by local bond issues and it is possible had there been more self-dependence in all the Warrentons that make up the nation there would have been less need for reliance on federal grants.

It would be interesting to know when the first bond issue was voted in Warren County, but it would take considerable research to find out. Limited investigation shows that high schools were built at Lattleton, Macon, Wise, Nolina and Warrenton with bond issues.

In my boyhood roads were built by townships and about the time of World War I many of these township roads were built with bond money upon the vote of the people who knew little about bond issues except that they offered an opportunity to obtain something at once and pay for it on the installment plan. The road bonds were not a happy experience. Automobiles were increasing in numbers and the township was too small an entirety. Worse, the bonds were issued for a period beyond the life expectancy of the issue. In Roanoke Township, I remember, taxpayers were

paying around 70¢ for roads long after roads and bond issue money were gone. The State took over the roads around 1930, but failed to assume the balance of bond issue payments. Instead of being issued as serial bonds the bond issues had a sinking fund. In several instances these sinking funds disappeared. But the bond issues were not a total loss. Warrenton Township built the Warrenton Ridgeway Road, the Airport Road, and other roads. I happen to remember the Ridgeway and Airport roads because I worked on these roads in the summer of 1913, carrying stakes for the surveyor on the Ridgeway Road and using a bush axe on a large oak thicket near the E. T. Powell homeplace.

But these were the only poor bond issues that I can recall in Warren County. When we moved to Warrenton in 1909 it was hardly more than a hamlet, and now it is a small but modern town. Its electric light plant, its paved streets, its fire engine, an ice plant and a hotel, its water systems and sewage plants, its high school were all built with bond issues. Every one of these bond issues were justified by the services they brought to the citizens of the town and none of them imposed a burden beyond the ability of the taxpayers to pay. Each, instead of taking wealth, created wealth, and when they were paid off Warrenton found itself not only a better town but a richer one.

Incidentally, North Carolina, known for years as the Rip Van Winkle State, became known as the leading state in the South after the people of the state had voted a \$50 million dollar bond issue to build a statewide system of roads.

A few days ago I was talking to Raby L. Traylor, a successful

business man of Nolina about a bond issue for a high school. He said that he had never voted against a bond issue and found out that they increased the wealth of a community. I cannot remember ever voting against a bond issue and I hope that is some testimony of the interest I have had in the progress of my town, state and county.

Legal Staff To Discuss Rights

The Franklin Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. legal department will sponsor a legal symposium "A Day of Justice" on Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p. m. in the Warren County Courthouse.

The symposium will explain legal rights, adoptions, contracts, employment, education, separations, divorces, social security, wills and other legal topics.

A film will be shown about legal aid and the poor, followed by an information and question and answer session.

Miss Gunn Wins Quilt Drawing

Miss Emma Gunn of Hunting, N. Y., was the winner of a quilt raffled by the South Warren Golden Age Club earlier this month to raise funds for the local Child Development Center.

Miss Emma Alston of Warrenton was second prize winner and received a lace cocktail apron.

Mrs. George F. Walton, club president, extended her appreciation to the public for helping make the bazaar and food sale a success.

Penguins are good swimmers.

Letters To The Editor

SUPT. PEELER WRITES TO THE EDITOR

Considerable confusion resulted last Thursday morning when parents, students and teachers apparently failed to receive information from the radio stations regarding the operation of schools for that day. Below is a copy of a letter which I sent to Board of Education members on Thursday explaining action taken by the Superintendent to notify the public. I shall appreciate your publishing this information.

J. R. PEELER
Superintendent
Warren County Schools

Mr. Ernest A. Garner,
Chairman
To: J. B. Henderson, Jr.
Mrs. Inez Odum
Mr. Henry D. Hudson, III
Mr. L. C. Traylor

Dear Board Members:
I am sure that you received information today from a number of parents regarding the operation of schools and the lack of communication with respect to same.

I am extremely disappointed that there was confusion because we never had hands on the radio. The radio tower has been lost to us. We were holding a press conference yesterday afternoon at the time a storm of rain and wind was blowing across the county and it was raining. The radio was out of order. We immediately stopped the meeting and discussed the problem. It will be used again at the afternoon session. All of the principals were present and the meeting was actually called off by the principals and the Superintendent, Mr. Peeler. It is not going to be reported in the newspaper from him. He is a man that has served us well but not completed his duty and that all of the buses would not be parked on the road. They were parked at the principals' station that lunch was interrupted and some of the smaller children would soon have their lunch period. We also mentioned the possibility that the roads might even be in a better condition in an hour or so later than they were at that particular time, especially for the travel of school buses. A decision was reached, therefore, to close the schools as soon as the afternoon had finished.

The Superintendent called the meeting and requested that the Superintendent to this effect to write. He requested that the report state that any parent who wishes to pick up his child should be free to do so.

Some of the difficulty was caused by the fact that an announcement by the parents committee at the opening of the meeting was not heard. It was decided to have a general meeting at 7:30 a. m. on the afternoon that is possible. Mr. Peeler, therefore, spent two afternoon hours on the radio talking to the officials from the Highway Dept., Highway Patrol, etc. He came to my office around 1:00 o'clock and after much discussion, we decided that we could safely operate the schools today. Calls were placed to three radio stations and to six of the eight principals. The radio stations were requested to make the announcement and two of the stations read back to the Superintendent the statement that would be made. The principals were requested to call all of their drivers and request that they drive with caution and not take any chances on roads that they know might be dangerous. The Superintendent called the remaining two principals from his home at night and gave them the same information. All principals, therefore, received the information.

I realize that some of our parents confused our announcement with one made by the Warren County School which stated that they would open at 10:00 o'clock. Some of our parents also confused the public school announcement with the Headstart announcement which also stated a late opening. I also know that one of the radio stations failed to pass the information from one announcer to another—the announcement was made at 7:00 o'clock by one announcer and then later an announcer stated that the Warren County Schools had not been heard from).

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that the Superintendent's office was not in its duty in making a decision and in attempting to

notify the public. You might be interested in knowing that I had planned to attend the Superintendent's Winter Conference in Greensboro, beginning Wednesday afternoon. I immediately cancelled plans to attend the conference in order that I might be on the job to do whatever I could to see that the schools were operating safely.

J. R. PEELER, Supt.
Warren County Schools

AN EXPLANATION TO THE EDITOR

Please publish the following letter addressed to Mr. J. R. Peeler, Supt. of Warren County Schools and all parents of Warren County school children.

Due to problems beyond our control WARR radio was not on the air at 7:15 a. m. Thursday, Dec. 9. Because of this, many parents of students in the Warren County area were not informed that there would be school that day.

Mr. J. R. Peeler, Supt. of Warren County Schools, had started WARR radio Wednesday afternoon that there would be school Thursday. Because of it not being on the air at 7:15 a. m. Thursday, many parents called Mr. Peeler to complain that they were not notified that there would be school.

Mr. Peeler was not at fault since he had notified WARR radio Wednesday afternoon that there would be school on Thursday.

WARR radio apologizes to Mr. Peeler and also to the parents of students of Warren County school children.

WARR RADIO STATION

Bill Of Rights To The Editor

December 15th 1591! How many of the readers of this column remember the significance of that day? Yet what was achieved has had a profound influence on the lives and thoughts of mankind ever since.

The American Bill of Rights in the form of the first ten amendments to the Constitution became the law of the land on that day. For the first time in history a sovereign state limited its own powers in order to protect the individual rights of its citizens.

The idea of inherent human rights developed in the 18th Century both here and abroad. But it was George Mason of

Gunston Hall, Virginia, who first formed it into the glowing phrases that were accepted as part of written constitutional law.

He wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights. It was copied by 7 of the newly formed 13 States of America. It spread to France in 1789, and finally became a part of the Constitution of the United States.

On this December 15th let us remember what it means to be a PANTHEM TWITTY
Warrenton, N. C.

Bill of Rights Day To The Editor

One of the great issues of today is whether people will continue a free society or let themselves be entangled in a yoke of bondage that denies their freedom, freedom of worship, their livelihood, their savings, making them slaves before the whims of politicians and big government mismanagement.

It was George Mason, a Virginian, more than any other individual who forged the structure of limited government powers of government as expressed in the Virginia Constitution and Bill of Rights. These are real life documents in a sense that they placed more freedom on government than any other presented in the past.

Just as the first day in God's as we understand it, the last day of the old government and government as a provider in a kind of dictatorship.

Many have forgotten and ignored the fact that the Bill of Rights is not the source of their property. These are civil rights that come from the

When one compares the thoughts of George Mason, the Founding Fathers, to the late interpretation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights with present day statements of official government spokesmen, one discovers that whereas the framers of the Constitution invoked divine inspiration as a blessing upon their efforts, today's Congressmen are prevented the use of prayer in Bible Reading in our public schools.

Christmas cards, since 1954, most joyous music of childhood are often banned in some school systems not because they are

No Basis To Reports Of Agency Merger, Says Morgan

There is no basis to a report that the Veterans Administration and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will merge, says the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert Morgan. He said the report is "unfounded" and that the two agencies are "not planning to merge."

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