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Other Forms Of Energy

According to an UPI dispatch from Boone in Saturday's Raleigh Times, the world's largest wind-driven electrical generator is one step closer to completion now that two 100-foot blades, weighing nine tons each has arrived in Boone from Seattle, Wash.

Installation of the blades, said the dispatch, was scheduled to begin immediately after their arrival Thursday but completion depends on wind conditions atop 4,420-foot Howard's Knob. The blades will be attached to a generator capable of supplying the electrical needs of 300 to 500 homes.

Another news story, possibly from The Raleigh Times, recounts that a former North Carolina moonshiner has invented a solar still with which he claims that he can make alcohol at a cost of 10¢ a gallon. It seems to us that he starts his car with regular gasoline and then switches to alcohol after the engine becomes hot, at any rate it has been established that alcohol can take the place of 10 percent of the gasoline. No doubt this figure in the course of time can be greatly raised.

A Warren County man, Macey

Paynter, sought in vain a few months ago to obtain a permit to distill alcohol from grain after he had demonstrated that tractors on his farm could be operated with alcohol. Extraction of the alcohol, he said, does not diminish the value of the used grain as a livestock food.

Recently we published extracts from an article in The National Geographic about the recycling of solid waste, in which it was shown that aluminum cans could be restructured into new cans at a cost of 5 percent that of making cans from ore. It was further revealed that after aluminum, steel, glass and paper had been removed from solid waste by a re-claiming machine, that the residue was ground up and used for furnace fuel, where it showed that two pounds of the residue was worth one pound of coal.

On its face, it would appear that more of energy research money should be applied to new methods of producing energy. It might cost more, but indications are that our people can still ride in future years, as scientists tap the sun, water, and items that may be produced on our farms.

Mostly Personal Photo Brings Back Memories

By BIGNALL JONES

Accompanying Mrs. Jack Scott's interesting article in another part of this newspaper was a photograph of the John Early Boyd family taken by the late J. Willie White, talented Warrenton citizen who had been telegraph operator, insurance salesman and amateur photographer. To his other talents was the ability to write a beautiful hand. He was the father of the late Walter White, for many years a partner with Alpheus Jones in Hunter Drug Company. Although Mr. White was an amateur photographer, the Boyd picture would have done credit to a professional. Many other pictures of people and events in old Warrenton were taken by Mr. White.

The members of the Boyd family in the photograph, although not listed in order, included: William Jones Boyd, Henry Armistead Boyd, John Early Boyd, Walter Blair Boyd, J. Edwin Boyd, Panthea Boyd Massenburg, Mollie Boyd Ware, sons and daughters of John Early Boyd and Ann Bignall Jones Boyd, and grandchildren of Alexander the elder.

The Ann Bignall Jones referred to was my grandfather's sister, and first cousin to my father, aunts and uncles. Therefore I had some knowledge of all of them and knew most of them fairly well not only because of kinship but because of their accomplishment. I knew William Jones (Cousin Will) Boyd only slightly and because he was the father of Hattie Boyd Scott and Lucy Boyd Scott. I didn't know John Early or J.

Edwin, who was a South Hill, Va., business man who helped build the steel toll bridge over the Roanoke River. Neither did I know Mrs. Mollie Ware, although I often heard my Aunt Mary Mercer and other aunts and uncles talking about her.

I remember Cousin Henry Boyd well. He was the father of the late Norwood Boyd, who was connected with his Uncle Walter Boyd in the warehouse and automobile dealership business in Warrenton and daughters Miss Marian and Cousin Anne Graham.

In Fairview Cemetery there is a rather large and pretty tombstone honoring the memory of Walter Boyd, with the inscription reading son of John Early and Ann Bignall Jones Boyd. I got a start when I first read the inscription as I and Bignall Jones.

Mr. Boyd I don't remember that I ever called him Cousin Walter, was a very successful business man and at one time president of the Citizens Bank and operator of Boyd Warehouse off Market Street, and with investments in other local business enterprises. He had the first Ford agency in Warrenton. I well remember when he built the palatial home, now the residence of Mrs. John Kerr Jr.

Always we called Mr. Walter Boyd's sister, Mrs. Pannie Boyd Massenburg, "Cousin Pannie." Occasionally as children we visited her. When the Mercer girls, Ruth and Lenoir (Chunk) visited our home they always left their Edgecomb home with instructions to "Be sure and visit your Cousin Pannie Massenburg,

and amid the round of festivities in which the young girls engaged they always visited their "Cousin Pannie" before they returned home.

Children did a great deal of that kind of courtesy calling when I was growing up. I will remember how my mother would instruct us to call on "Cousin Hannah Arrington" and wish her a happy birthday, and how we would march up on the porch, ring the bell and convey our message.

I had another rather nebulous relation with Cousin Pannie. Her husband was the uncle of Katherine Alston, through the Kings, and Katherine a wonderful and beautiful girl, was my sweetheart in the puppy love days.

The first time I ever remember seeing Hattie Scott, a very pretty girl, was at Cousin Hannah Davis's home next to our home. Walter Davis was either trying to flirt or make love with Hattie but I think at that time she was probably engaged to Jack Scott, who was later to distinguish himself as pitcher for the New York Giants.

Cousin Henry Boyd had a law office on the courthouse square where later B. B. Williams was to practice law as an individual and later with Julius Banzet. That office was only taken down in recent years. Cousin Henry was a kindly man and a very gentle person whom I remember with pleasure.

The picture brought in by Hattie Scott brought all these people of earlier days to mind, and it has been a pleasure to recall them as inhabitants of a less strenuous age.

CALENDAR

Car Exhibit Set In Oxford

An Antique and Special Interest Car Exhibit will be held at the Planters National Bank Drive-In between Hillsboro and Spring Streets in Oxford from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., Saturday, May 12, during the Earl of Granville Festival.

Persons who view the exhibit will vote on their favorite pre- and post-World War II cars. Those awards will be presented at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in the Garden Club Memorial Park on Spring Street.

Ruritans To Hold Variety Show

The Old Barn Variety Show, sponsored by the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club will be held May 5 at 7:30 p. m. at the Old Wise School. Admission is \$1.

Class To Have Bake Sale

The Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Adult Sunday School Class No. 3 will sponsor a bake sale Friday, May 4, at the AAA Gas Company beginning at 8:30. Stew will also be sold at \$2.25 per quart and will be ready by 11:30. For advance orders, call 257-4453 or 257-4353.

Ushers To Present Pageant

The senior and junior ushers of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Wise will present a pageant, "Challenge of the Cross," on Sunday, May 6 at 7 p. m. The choir will render songs pertaining to the pageant. Sterling Cheston, president of the usher board, will direct the pageant. The Rev. A. L. Daye invites the public to attend.

Firemen To Fry Chicken

The Drewry Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a fried chicken supper Saturday, May 5, from 4 p. m. until 8 p. m. at the firehouse. The supper will sell for \$2.50 per plate and take-out orders will be available.

Revival Services Slated

Revival services are scheduled at Shocco United Methodist Church in the Vicksboro community beginning Sunday, May 6, through May 10. The Rev. Dennis Levin, pastor of the church, will bring the message and special music will be provided each night. The services will begin at 8 p. m. nightly. The public is invited.

Choral Program Scheduled

The Simmons Memorial Baptist Church Male Chorus of Baltimore, Md., one of the East Coast's outstanding choral groups, will render gospel and spiritual music on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p. m. at Greenwood Baptist Church. The public is invited and proceeds from the performance will be used for the building fund.

Business Notes

Increased Earnings Reported

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company reported increased earnings for the first quarter of 1979 compared to the same quarter of the preceding year.

First quarter income before securities transactions totaled \$2,517,000, compared to \$1,412,000 for the first quarter of 1978.

Net income after securities transactions for the quarter ending March 31, 1979 was \$1,138,000, compared with a loss of \$189,000 for the same quarter in 1978.

Per share income before securities transactions totaled \$25.05, up from \$14.00 per share. Net per share income amounted to \$11.26 compared with a loss of \$2.01.

First quarter deposits for First-Citizens were \$1,101,000, an increase of \$43 million over the first quarter of 1978.

Growth Shown At Cochrane

Cochrane Furniture Company's earnings were up 66 percent for the 39 weeks' report ended March 3, 1979.

Net income, after taxes, was \$403,478 compared to \$242,082 for the 39 weeks' period ended February 25, 1978. Unaudited figures show a rise in net sales from \$10,425,576 to \$13,248,850 for the earlier reporting period.

Earnings per share reached 63-cents relative to 37-cents per share, based on a weighted average of 642,329 shares outstanding at March 3, 1979 and 649,475 shares outstanding at February 25, 1978.

Branch Bank Lists Earnings

The shareholders of Branch Corporation, the parent holding company of Branch Banking and Trust Company, held their annual meeting at the home office in Wilson on April 17.

Thorne Gregory, chairman and chief executive officer said, "By any measure, 1978 was a good year for Branch Corporation."

"A 10 percent stock dividend was declared in December and cash dividends paid topped the \$2 million mark for the first time. Total dividend payout was \$2,122,050 or \$94 per share. This represented a cash payout of 36.5 percent of net earnings, and this compares very favorably with other major financial institutions in North Carolina."

Gregory reported that net earnings increased 21.6 percent and totaled \$5.8 million; deposits increased 9.1 percent on a monthly average basis; loan demand continued to be strong during the year and increased 11.7 percent by year end.

mate, the cathedrals of Florence and Milan, St. Peter's Basilica, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral could all fit in the base of the Great Pyramid.

Cheops, like other kings of his time, believed his death would be the beginning of eternal life in another world. Because life on earth was relatively short, houses in those times were built of mud, but tombs were made of stone in hopes that they would last for eternity. Cheops built the grandest tomb of all, designing his stepped pyramid to be a "staircase to heaven."

But not everyone believes the pyramids were tombs. It has been suggested that they were observatories, grain stores, refuges from floods, or even giant "make-work" projects.

Ginseng May Be Hazardous!

The Whitesville News Reporter

Up in the North Carolina mountains, ginseng or "sang" has been gathered and sold as a medicinal tonic for years.

Now, says a University of California study, prolonged use of the herb may be hazardous to health.

Ginseng is used by millions of Americans and, through the centuries, by billions of Chinese as a tonic and healing agent.

Our mountain men find it growing wild, transplant it and when it's ready,

ship it to avid buyers.

Now, it seems, it falls into the same category as sassafras and tobacco.

The thing about warnings is that they are usually ignored. We are certain there are a lot of sassafras-tea swillers among us today, as well as ginseng users.

As for tobacco, the Surgeon General's warning may as well not be on the package for all the effect it has had.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

May 1, 1969

Boyd W. Mayfield, Norlina farmer and long-time member of the Warren County Board of Education, was named chairman of the board at an organizational meeting here last week.

Mayfield and the four other members of the new board took the oath of office before Mrs. Lanie Hayes, Clerk of Court.

Other members of the board taking the oath of office were Robert Gupton of Arcola, Dr. Charles Bunch of Warrenton, Ben C. Harris of Inez and Roger Moore of Littleton.

April 30, 1954

Bids for the construction

of a filter plant in South Warrenton and sewer expansion in North Warrenton will be opened at 2 p. m. on May 14.

The two projects are expected not to exceed \$40,000 with the difference between the amount raised by the bond issue and the cost of the projects to be taken from the General Fund.

Due to a change in train schedule, Postmaster Leonard Daniel said yesterday, that mail would be dispatched from the Warrenton postoffice at 12:45 p. m. Mail must be in the office by noon, he said.

Miss Patsy Ann White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. White of Wise, was among 32 graduating from the Johnson-Willis School of Nursing in Richmond, Va., on Friday night, April 23.

Elizabeth Gordon Taylor, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Taylor, Jr., was christened during the morning service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday. The godfather was Gordon W. Poindexter,

great-uncle of the child and godmothers were Miss Elizabeth Gordon Taylor, aunt, and Mrs. A. A. Williams of Durham.

Edwin Gill, state treasurer, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club held at Hotel Warren on Friday night. Gill devoted his talk chiefly to the financial affairs of the state and touched on the qualifications that should be required of a man seeking public office.

May 5, 1939

Jerman Walker, who for six years has been connected with the county agent's office as chief clerk, has been appointed mail carrier on a rural route served by the Norlina post office. He has been replaced in Mr. Bright's office by Clyde M. Coleman of Macon.

Freakish weather descended on Warren County Tuesday, causing citizens to shiver and complain as they paddled about in a cold rain which at one time during the day was replaced by snow and hail.

Pyramids A Challenge Even For The Japanese

Building an authentic pyramid may not be easy, even for the Japanese. The ancient Egyptians did it without using iron tools, the wheel, or horses.

Following as many old methods as possible, the Japanese are directing construction of a junior pyramid in Egypt just a few miles from the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza. About 10,000 Egyptians are laboring with stone axes on the pyramid, which is to be about 65 feet high with a 96-foot base—about one-seventh the size of the Great Pyramid.

By doing it themselves, Japanese archeologists hope to find out how the Egyptians built their pyramids almost 5,000 years ago.

Age-old Questions Remain

"If they use the old methods, I think the project could answer some lingering questions about how the pyramids were built," said Edward Brovanski, an Egyptologist at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

One nagging question, he said, is how the huge stones were moved up ramps and put into place as the pyramid rose higher and higher.

The Japanese are bowing to a few technological advances. Cranes and trucks will take the place of manpower in some phases of construction, reports the National Geographic Society.

"If we used only manpower, it would take 25 years to build the pyramid," explained Yojo Shiratori of a Japanese television network that is sponsoring the \$1-million project. They hope to finish in three months.

If the project doesn't solve time-honored riddles about how the monuments went up, it will give the world an idea of how to take down a



Photo by Winfield Parks - National Geographic Society

ATOP the sturdy stones of the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza, a guide pauses and looks toward the pyramid of Chephren. Now the Japanese are building a pyramid—on a smaller scale—alongside the ancient Egyptian ones on the west bank of the Nile River near Cairo.

pyramid. Egypt has ordered that the Japanese-made pyramid be dismantled after completion so as not to compete with the genuine articles.

Most Egyptologists believe it took at least 20 years to build each of the original pyramids, depending on how many men were employed. Estimates range from 2,500 to 400,000 laborers per pyramid.

Egyptians quarried limestone with copper and wooden tools, and, when the Nile River was at its annual peak, floated the stone on barges to the construction

site. Once on land, the stone blocks, which weighed as much as 15 tons each, were hauled on sledges atop rollers made of logs.

Egyptians Thought Big

The Japanese model will be dwarfed by the Great Pyramid, built by the pharaoh Cheops about 2500 B.C. during Egypt's zenith of pyramid building. One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramid is 480 feet tall with a base of 756 feet. The 2.3 million stones used in its construction weigh an average of two and one-half tons each.

According to one esti-