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A First For Warren

In last week's issue of The Warren Record we were privileged to offer our congratulations to the Warren County High School's boys basketball team for winning the championship of the Eastern Division of the state. It remains a great honor.

This week it is our pleasure to congratulate these boys and their school for winning the state championship, something that no other Warren County school has ever accomplished.

Last week we mentioned how a championship team draws public support through its athletic abilities and how such support is essential to the proper operation of a school. The pride engendered in a school by its athletic teams may well lead to excellence in the classrooms, and certainly to a pride in one's self as one has performed well and in such performance has done his best.

Last week in beautiful Beddingfield High School in Wilson County, when the last ball had dropped through the Warren County High School basketball net, assuring a victory, there was instant communication between patrons, team and school, as Warren County persons began shouting "We are

number one," in appreciation of the fact that it is their school which had won a great victory. That Saturday night a Warren County basketball player, David Henderson, was chosen the most valuable basketball player on the court, as he was to be chosen at the Class 3-A state championship game one week later. We stood on a platform in the middle bleachers talking to a lady who had accosted me with the remark, "Mr. Jones, I am so glad that Dave won it, he is such a nice boy and a good student." We don't know him, but we are certain that he must be, as are many others who through their conduct are setting a good example to their peers.

A surprisingly large number of Warren County citizens followed the team to Greensboro where among the coaches were those from Carolina and State and no doubt many other universities. It was a rainy night and knowing the distance, Warrenton and Norlina merchants subscribed funds to buy motel rooms for the players and their coaches, and many of these same merchants later were to underwrite a testimony to the team in an advertisement in this newspaper.

Right On, Sen. Goldwater

Tom Lassiter
In The Smithfield Herald

Senator Barry Goldwater, in the opinion of The Smithfield Herald, did not always talk sense to the American people. But he does now, when he declares that numerous bills in Congress seeking to prevent federal courts from ruling on such issues as abortion, school busing, and school prayer are "radical" assaults on independence of the judicial branch of government.

Many of us called Senator Goldwater America's "Mr. Conservative" of the 1960s, an "extremist" when he ran for President against Lyndon Johnson in 1964. His views on important issues of domestic and foreign policy did, indeed, seem to be extreme, even dangerous to U. S. stability at home and U. S. security in a turbulent world.

Senator Goldwater, ever personable even if inclined toward extremism, no doubt has mellowed in the passing of decades. Perhaps his critics have, too. Whatever has happened, let it be said that he talks a great deal of sense when he warns that "we should not meet judicial excesses with legislative excesses."

Not all the controversial decisions of the federal courts in the last 30 years have been excessive interpretations of the Constitution. But passage of

proposed bills to limit court power surely would constitute legislative excesses, yielding to emotional pressure groups that would "rob our system of one of its essential checks and balances," in the words of Senator George Mitchell of Maine.

It may seem ironical that America's "Mr. Conservative" of not so long ago comes forth now to challenge North Carolina's "Mr. Conservative," Senator Jesse Helms, and his Tar Heel colleague, Senator John East, on whether to reduce the power of federal courts. But right on, Senator Goldwater. Your current moderation is quite becoming in a land prone in these times to commit abuses in the name of preventing them.

Quotes

Where else could it happen but in a country like this? To let a foreigner make peace for them, to accept a man like me — I even have a foreign accent. — Henry Kissinger.

In our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either. — Mark Twain.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

March 20, 1942
One hundred and six tires and 107 tubes have been issued to Warren county tractor, truck and automobile owners during January and February, it was learned yesterday at the office of the Tire Rationing Board.

A charming courtesy was extended Mrs. Beverly White, a recent Warrenton bride, the former Miss Margaret Loyd of near Warrenton, on Wednesday evening when Misses Nan Hawks and Edith Capps entertained at a four-course dinner at Hotel Warren.

Warren County ABC enforcement officers have been rather active during the past few days destroying stills and other bootlegging paraphernalia.

March 22, 1957
Williams Motor Sales, dealers for Dodge-Plymouth cars and Dodge trucks at Warrenton since November 1, 1935, has surrendered its dealership, will close its garage and enter small motor business.

Elizabeth Shearin, a rising senior at Greensboro College, was recently elected president of the Student Coordinating Board on campus. She is the daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Roy V. Shearin of Warrenton.

J. R. Crawford of Raleigh has been employed as manager of Hotel Warren. He assumed his duties on Saturday.

March 23, 1972
Walter Gardner, Jr. will

receive his Eagle Scout Badge at worship services at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The 16-year-old scout is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Monroe Gardner of Warrenton.

James Harris, Jr., has been named chairman of the Warren County Cattle Referendum Committee. The statewide cattle referendum will be held April 5.

The Warren County Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was represented at the District Six meeting in Smithfield on Friday by Mrs. R. B. Butler, president, Miss Panthea Anne Twitty, N. C. Division historian, and Mesdames V. T. Lamm, Frank B. Newell, W. R. Baskerville, S. D. Duke, Henry F. Twitty and Miss Rebecca Collins.

In a world in which greed and selfishness are a part of the problem, a few weeks ago I read in The Charlotte Observer an announcement of the awarding of Morehead Scholarships and the character and good works of John Motley Morehead by Roth Neil, publisher. I found his article not only interesting and informative, but an antidote. It follows:

"The Good Lord, for some reason known to Himself but utterly incomprehensible to me, saw fit and chose to route through my unworthy and incompetent hands a very considerable amount of unearned money, with the powers and the responsibilities large sums of money unquestionably carry with them. He left to my judgment and discretion its expenditure."

—John Motley Morehead in remarks to UNC Morehead Scholars graduating June, 1962

Mr. Morehead's life confounds the remark of Theognis, who said, "Even to a wicked man a divinity gives wealth, Cyrenus, but to few men comes the gift to excellence."

John Motley Morehead developed both wealth and excellence. His bequest to the University of North Carolina lengthened his shadow upon his native state that others might encourage the excellence within them. Give or take a dollar over the weekend, the fund has about \$37 million in it today.

The Morehead legacy is the creation of the Morehead Scholarships, the annual award of which was announced yesterday. Of the 77 grantees, three are from Charlotte and another two dozen from the Piedmont.

Quite A Planting
—It will be some of the most productive spring planting done in North Carolina. Look back over the roster since the first grants in 1953. The alumni are heavily involved in medicine, law, dentistry and teaching. The accompanying box lists those working in Charlotte.

What do you get when you win a Morehead Scholarship? The list of entitlements is staggering since the Morehead Foundation initiated a fully funded summer program in 1974 as part of the award. Here's what a student receives:

— A \$3,750 grant to cover all Chapel Hill expenses for the year. This is renewable each year and usually adjusted upward to reflect increased costs.

— A fully-paid trip this summer to any of the Outward Bound centers around America where students can sharpen their outdoor skills and leadership.

— Between their freshman and sophomore years, a fully paid summer internship in public safety in something like the Los Angeles Police Department.

— Between the sophomore and junior years, a fully paid internship to learn about private enterprise in major American companies.

— Between the junior and senior years, a fully paid internship in government or on some special project.

— Following graduation, a fully paid foreign travel-study project designed independently by each Morehead Scholar.

Mebane Prichett, the Lenoir native who is executive director and himself a Morehead Scholar ('57), tells why the foundation provides such an extensive summer program: "By offering meaningful experiences and insight into their organizations, the participating institutions provide a real-world balance to academic education and give the Scholars unique opportunities for self-development."

Mostly Personal

The Gift Of Excellence

How To Sign Up
Great, you're thinking, where does my child apply?

No one may apply for a Morehead Award. He or she must be nominated by his or her school's nominating committee. This provides a pool of about 1,000 students every year. By the time several successive interview eliminations have gone on, only about 70 students go to the finals in Chapel Hill. This year they joined 61 other finalists from 37 independent prep schools from about the nation.

Some British schools also participate in a separate competition and will have four Moreheads this fall.

Out-of-state winners receive extra money to make up for the tuition difference.

The Morehead name in this state goes back to John Motley's grandfather, after whom he was named, who twice served as governor, 1840-'42. The scholarship benefactor graduated from UNC in 1891 with a bachelor of science and made his fortune with what

is now the Union Carbide Co.

The Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill was a gift that preceded the scholarship establishment. How fitting it is for a man who always seemed to be reaching toward a distant star.

Since '37, 1,700 Scholars Mr. Morehead died in 1965. Or did he? More than 1,700 Scholars have entered the University of North Carolina since the first class graduated in 1957. They were chosen for their academic standing, character, leadership, ambition, evidence of physical vigor and without regard to financial need.

Congratulations to this year's Charlotte Morehead winners: Susan Kuhn of East Mecklenburg, and Marshall Mills and Jennifer Smith of Charlotte Country Day.

Mr. Morehead knew that fine professors are only one half of a great university. As a chemist, he understood raw materials. It takes an apt student to complete the excellence of the teaching equation.

Letter To The Editor

Proud Of Team Accomplishment

To The Editor:
Despite Warren County High School being in its first year of consolidation;

Despite the news media, specifically The News and Observer and the Durham Morning Herald, giving more credit to other players and teams and overlooking Warren County;

Despite all the talk about what should have been done or what should not have been done;

Despite the criticism by The Warren Record's sports writer, Lew Hege, of Warren County's basketball coach, James Howell;

Despite the talk of some people up and down the streets and on the job, and despite just plain gossip;

Despite the fact that Warren County High School has a new gymnasium, second to none, but no bleachers;

Despite criticism of Warren County's Board of Education in its selection of coaches and athletic director;

Despite all of the above stumbling blocks and perhaps many more petty gripes and idle criticism, the bottom line is that Warren County High School has won the North Carolina State High School Class 3-A Basketball Championship in its first year as a consolidated high school.

This feat has never been accomplished in the history of Warren County before, even in the many years before consolidation at a time when both John Graham and Norlina were either Class 1-A or Class 2-A.

Warren County High School's success has to be attributed to its athletic program. That is simple logic.

Congratulations are certainly in order to Coach Howell and all team members.

To you, Coach Howell and players, thank you for making history for all the people of Warren County. Everyone wants to be a champion one time in his life, and it's a tremendous feeling to be able to share this accomplishment with you.

To the die-hard critics who still remain to say the age-old phrase, "Wait till next year and that will tell the real story," I say history has a way of repeating itself.

There is an old phrase, "The eagle flies today," which means simply that it's payday. Saturday night, March 20, at Greensboro Coliseum at 8:30 p. m., payday came for the Eagles of Warren County High School. They flew to the State 3-A Basketball Championship.

John Graham didn't win, Norlina didn't win, and it's important for all of us to understand that a unified Warren County High School basketball team won.

To all people of Warren County, a giant step has been taken and there are more steps ahead. Let's take them together. The task then becomes a privilege.

TOMMY FRAZIER
Norlina

The World Of Books

In The Warren County Memorial Library

The Garden Year
By Sara Coleridge

January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes, loud and shrill,
To stir the dancing daffodil.

We've had all of the above. Come in and check out some of our gardening books.

NEW BOOKS: "The Hotel New Hampshire," Irving; "Witness to Power: The Nixon Years," Ehrlichman; "The Kennedy Imprisonment," Wills; "Journey Across Russia," National Geographic (a beautiful book); "The Woodwright's Shop," Roy Underhill — from the television series — Woodcraft of Williamsburg, etc.; "Our Fifty States," National Geographic; "Masterpieces: A Decade of Masterpiece Theatre," Cooke.

There are several new books for the Children's Room. **MEMORIALS:** For Robert D. Scott, "Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories," Funk, from Crichton Davis; "Kays Gary, Columnist," Gary, from Bignall and Grace Jones. For General Sam Martin Connell, "History of Aviation," Crown, from Norma Connell Berryhill. For Mrs. Nannie Mae Gillam, "Antique Country Furniture of North America," Shea, from Mrs. Frank Barlow. For Mrs. Irene M. Duncan, "Back Roads America," National Geographic, from Mrs. Frank Barlow and Mrs. Mavis G. Holton.

WANTED: All overdue books and magazines, please.

Letters To The Editor

Wants To Stimulate Thought

To The Editor:

Warren County farmers, when was the last time you had any help from the Warren County Agriculture Extension Department? To paraphrase Mark Anthony: I'd come neither to praise the county extension department nor to criticize it. Instead, my intent is to stimulate thought and action toward some workable results.

If 10 full-time farmers were polled today, and if you omitted the crop science department, how many would say that they have received help from the extension service in the last several years? My opinion is that you would be hard-pressed to find more than two percent to answer in the affirmative.

Some advocates of the present system would reply that the Agriculture Extension Service exists for other reasons and other people than just farmers. I have no personal problem accepting that dogma except for two little facts.

First, the farmers of Warren County produce over \$25-million dollars worth of products each year; therefore, it seems reasonable to assume that the farmers should be entitled to the needed amount of extension help that other counties our size have.

Second, why out of a county agriculture salary budget of nearly \$45,000, excluding state salaries, are Warren County farmers left without the quantity and quality help that is needed?

Are two 4H and two home economic agents needed in this county? In the past perhaps so but maybe not in the present. How much longer is our tax money going to pay for a dual system?

There are counties our size that have one agent in these departments. Is the bureaucracy or the farmers' needs the crucial issue in the execution of our budget? Granted it would be nice to have everything, but somewhere down the road we must examine our program and demand an equitable return on our taxes. How can dual systems and unqualified agents be an equitable return? I personally would rather have less help than more help for the sake of status quo and higher taxes.

Mr. Farmer, do you realize that the decisions the county commissioners will make April 5 will affect us for the next several years? We, the farmers, have two alternatives concerning the vacancy of two positions in the extension service. One, the farmers can be apathetic to this situation and let Raleigh and the county commissioners which, by the way, has only two farmers, decide the outcome for us. Two, the farmers can raise enough dust to the county commissioners that they will value and respond to the needs of the farmers in Warren County.

Mr. Farmer, now is the time to wake up and be counted. Do you want a chairperson who knows the needs of the farmers and is trained in agriculture, or one who will delegate authority from the office? Do you want a qualified livestock agent (livestock represents nearly \$4 million dollars in revenue for Warren County) or one who simply balances the political spectrum? How can we be heard unless we speak out? A voice that is silent is a voice.

Remember, call your county commissioners and be at the courthouse on April 5. If you, the farmers, do not care enough about our extension service to voice your opinion, do not complain when a railroad job is put on us again.

IRVIN D. SMITH

Election Day Help Is Needed

This is an election year. This year, voters go to the polls to vote for county commissioner, clerk of court, members of the board of education and sheriff. Many of our citizens know this, and probably there are many who do not.

In my conversations with people of this county, I have met many people who do not consider this an event that deserves consideration. Many people, especially people born in the late 40s and early 50s who are eligible to register and vote tell me that they don't believe that their vote counts or makes a difference. Consequently, they don't vote.

This country has always been a nation of politics. Many people have very little money but everyone young or old, black or white, male or female has one and only one vote. If this right is exercised, there can be no fairer way for those of small economic means to be made equal with those who are better off financially. In short, if you can't get what you want by paying for it, you can vote people in who will have your best interest at heart.

There is no better example of the importance of each person's vote than a year or two ago when a candidate lost an election by three votes. This candidate who was running for county commissioner could have won the election and helped his supporters if only three more people had voted — only three more!

What are some of the issues that affect us that the county commissioners and members of the board of education could address themselves to that would affect each of us personally? They could appropriate money for roads and other things that would be for the interest of this county. They could hire teachers and principals who would help our children.

Since there is a limited amount of money available for each of these needs, why not elect someone through our one-vote-per-person who will address our needs when there is not enough to go around?

We all know that the present administration has made many budget cuts and counties are left with the responsibility of funding many programs through taxes. Wouldn't it be better for us to vote for someone who will spend those tax dollars for our benefit?

You already know the answer to that question. You can only prove it by going out and voting on election day.

MILTON G. DAVIS
Warrenton

Pausing For A Second Wind

To The Editor:

While looking through Webster's Dictionary, it occurred to me to focus on the word "excellence."

The dictionary holds to the fact or state of excelling, superior work, a particular virtue. Does the American dream still consist of the particular virtue that has made this country the greatest social experiment the world has ever known? Are we as Americans abandoning the very excellence that has made us a great people? I think not. We are just pausing for our second wind.

New answers to our problems will flow in the future. Our past tells us that we are a people who are strong enough to come up with ideas that will work for our people. We will recover from threats of war, inflation, high interest rates, the depression, unemployment, racism, and a mediocre educational system.

Warren County citizens can start our road to recovery by registering and voting for "excellence" in the 1982 primary elections.

JAMES W. BYRD
Littleton