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Is Play Necessary?

In the article about a 15¢ increase in the Warrenton tentative budget in this newspaper last week, it was mentioned that only one increase in the town budget had been made in the past seven years.

In an editorial in *The Wake Weekly* of June 17, headed "Is Play Necessary?" it was pointed out that there had been no tax increase made in *Wake Forest* in the past four years, and operational deficits in all three operational funds last year will have a familiar ring to Warrenton commissioners.

However, unlike *Wake Forest*, and many other towns of the state, Warrenton has no recreational program—and is not likely to promote one under present conditions. But the quality of life in any community is enhanced by a good recreational program, and seldom is money devoted to such programs wasted, as is pointed out in the exceptionally well-written editorial in the *Wake Forest* paper. We believe many of our readers will appreciate its relevancy. It follows:

Is Play Necessary?

Is recreation an essential town service? There certainly seems to be some question in the mind of at least one *Wake Forest* commissioner, while in neighboring *Rolesville* the town board is about to undertake the first town-sponsored recreation program.

For the people who call this newspaper with both questions and problems about recreation, their concern is having more and improved programs. Swimming teams and tennis lessons are just two recent suggestions.

Commissioner Fred Chandley, during the only full-scale budget discussion held yet, kept comparing the proposed 18-cent tax rate increase to the recreation funds the town is budgeted to spend. But he didn't explore the real reasons for a tax increase of some size: no tax increase for four years, deficits in all three operating funds last year, no reserves for emergencies, rising costs for many items and a recent heavy dependence on the electric fund.

When he presented his part of the budget, Recreation Director Robert Barefoot requested an assistant to give him more time to plan improved programs and urged equipment and funds to maintain the present recreation facilities. The town has acquired parks and pools at reduced or no cost, and it needs to keep them in good condition.

Although town boards do have to look at the dollars and cents, for most town residents the bottom line in recreation is the activities and facilities they can enjoy. And they do enjoy what is offered now, as a night at the ball games or an afternoon at the swimming pools can prove. Most people, we believe, would pay a few dollars more a year in taxes to have accessible, well-managed programs for themselves and their children.

Wake Forest has some facilities other towns can only envy, and we have a solid base of programs. To begin to talk about cutting back, at a time when more people are enjoying activities closer to home because of economic hard times, seems not only shortsighted but also wasteful of what has been spent for those facilities.

Wake Forest's recreation programs are not the reason for the proposed tax increase. Chandley can find that reason much closer to home.

Barbecue Madness

The Greensboro Daily News

It's not enough to worry about milk price supports and sugar quotas. Meddlesome out of all proportion, the people who run the U. S. Department of Agriculture are on the verge of making horrid fools of themselves.

That venerable bureaucracy is considering changing the definition of barbecue.

Federal standards often don't mean much. But just by chance, there is a federal standard for barbecue that happens to be correct: Barbecue is meat prepared with dry heat over hardwood coals.

Isn't that simple? And can't every mother's son from *Bat Cave* to *Coinjock* understand it? You bet your hush puppies they can.

But an outfit from *Boley, Okla.* is trying to alter the balance of nature. *Smokarama, Inc.* says the standard is too narrow and should be expanded to allow pressure-cooked meat, done over

moist heat in its special cookers, of course, to be labeled barbecue.

Such absurdity has not been witnessed in *Washington* since debate raged over how much air you could pump into ice cream and still call it ice cream.

That's another story. But this barbecue business is serious stuff. Defining barbecue any other way than meat cooked over hardwood coals is downright dishonest. It's like calling a tax increase a revenue enhancement.

You just can't fool folks on either one.

Quotes

Progress might have been all right once, but it's gone on too long. — Ogdon Nash.

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always exceeded the demand. — Josh Billings.

News Of 10, 25 and 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

June 19, 1942

C. W. Bussee, citizen of Henderson and native of South Carolina, will enter on July 1 the employ of the Town of Warrenton as tax collector, clerk to the Water Company and secretary-treasurer of the Warrenton Railroad Company, replacing Howard Daniel who resigns to re-enter the employ of Citizens Bank.

Dean Robert House of the University of North Carolina, Mrs. House and Miss Caroline House will be guests of the Reading Club on Friday. The club is giving a dinner at Hotel Warren honoring House, its guest speaker for the evening.

Advisability of laying their farm plans for a long war was urged today upon small farmers who are

Farm Security Administration borrowers by John E. Piland, FSA county supervisor in Warrenton County.

June 21, 1957

William W. Taylor, Jr., Warrenton attorney, was installed as president of the North Carolina Bar Association at its 59th annual meeting at *Blowing Rock* Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Peete, Jr., of *Duke Hospital*, Durham, announce the birth of a son, Charles Henry Peete, III, in *Duke Hospital* on Tuesday, June 18, at 9 p. m.

Mrs. W. L. Wood of Warrenton was elected State Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary at the state convention held at *Durham* on June 13-14.

June 22, 1972

The *Snow Hill Water De-*

velopment Association, a local community organization seeking to obtain city water from Warrenton, met on Tuesday night, June 13 and elected new officers for the coming year.

Average family income was \$4,997 in Warrenton County in 1969, compared with \$7,764 for the state, according to a report on the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Mrs. L. O. Robertson, Jr. of the *Norlina Junior Woman's Club*, was one of 17 delegates from the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. attending the General Federation of Women's Clubs 81st Annual Convention in *Denver, Colorado* last week.

By BIGNALL JONES

During a month-long and successful effort to remove many pounds of unwanted weight from the family, we have relied greatly on what I have learned may be called baboon feed, as we were to learn Sunday when Grace, Howard, Ann and I visited the North Carolina Zoological Gardens near *Asheboro*. Here we learned from a notice posted on an enclosure containing a number of baboons that their food in the wild state consisted of fruits, vegetables and small animals. In captivity the small animals are omitted. A large part of our diet has consisted and continues to consist of fruits and vegetables. Definitely, the diet works.

Ann's birthday falls on the first day of summer, which was Monday this year. Asked last week where she would like to go on her birthday, she answered the North Carolina Zoo. Since work would interfere on Monday, we decided to celebrate on Sunday. Since Sunday was Father's Day, the others decided that the event should be jointly observed.

We ate a light breakfast in *Louisburg* and arrived at the Zoological Gardens around 11:30 a. m. During the morning a threatening rain had passed, and a hot sun beamed down as we walked over several miles of hilly trails covering the *Africa* section of the zoo.

Thousands of tourists were on hand to view landscape and animal. Usually, I notice the license plates on cars to see from what section of the country the motorists came, but this time I forgot to do that. Many of them must have been from outside the state, but many were from inside the state, as two men to whom I talked said they were from *Durham*, and four of us were from Warrenton, which would indicate on a sampling basis that many of those present were from inside the state. But whether they were from inside or outside the state each one left considerable money for the support of the zoo and from the improvement of the economy as they spent money at gas stations, snack bars, restaurants, and motels, providing jobs for a large variety of people.

The first section of the zoo we visited was inhabited by zebras and ostriches. I was amazed at the size of the ostriches, which were much larger than any that I had previously seen. The zebras were of a familiar size. On the other hand, when we went to "Elephant Country," we found the elephants much smaller than those we had usually seen in circuses, and in motion pictures and on television. The hippopotamuses we saw on an adjoining field, were almost the size of the elephants, and offered an unusually broad expanse of hips.

One of the amazing sights to be seen are the large number of "rocks" of tremendous size depicting an African landscape. I was to learn that they all were artificial, made of cement and painted to resemble rocks. Ostriches were perched on several of these rocks, and in another scene *Lions* were shown lying in the shade of others of these rocks. Grace said this was one of the biggest disappointments of the day, as she wanted to see them walking around. Taking me back to my boyhood days when we hunted *bullfrogs* with rifles from a boat we rowed around the edges of "Fleming's Pond," was the croaking of a pair of frogs from a nearby marshy spot. That was years before I hunted them with flashlight, rifle, and sometimes a gig.

Mostly Personal

Visiting The State Zoo

Prior to going to "Lions Country," we visited a large area reserved for the baboons, where we watched their antics with interest. Missing however were the trees usually associated with baboons. While there were a few trees their trunks were shielded against climbing to prevent the escape of the animals.

As we walked the last of the trails, we watched the trams running over the trails of the reservations, and we wondered why we had not boarded them, particularly as we noticed the cost was only \$1.00 per passenger. But we reflected that as we were still on our diet, that perhaps walking was the best.

We visited the zoo two or three years ago, but did not re-visit the parts we then covered. Where we did go, we saw evidence of more building, and were sorry to learn that a large variety of birds would not be displayed until August. We did not mind missing the display of snakes in a building as we were leaving; having climbed the last series of stairs with the backs of my legs aching, and finally reaching our car which had been parked in the sun for a couple of hours. We decided that we would probably come back, but

perhaps in the fall.

By the time we reached *Asheboro*, the car had cooled to the extent that it was bearable. We decided to go back home by *Greensboro*, and due to an appetite increased by much walking, we looked almost constantly for an eating place with a good salad bar, but failed to find one until we passed a *Shoney's* in *Greensboro*. We turned around and went back where we found an excellent salad bar, and while I am not overly fond of tossed salad, one appealed to me, and the others. I am very fond of all kinds of soups, and vegetable and potato soups were available. Grace and I tried the potato soup, which was piping hot and delicious. I had helped myself too bountifully with salad ingredients and had a hard time finishing the dish. In spite of this, I went back and got a half bowl of potato soup. Grace, had already gone back for a second helping. Ann said the vegetable soup was delicious. Howard is not a soup eater, but he went back to the salad bar, unusual for him.

We reached *Durham* around 4 p. m., and stopped for a few minutes to buy gas, and in spite of this stop, reached home at 5:05 p. m. — all within the 55 mph limit.

House Finally Passes

A Budget Resolution

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. — After long and arduous debate, after compromise and adjustment, and after the eight preceding budget options had been voted down, the House of Representatives passed a first budget resolution by a vote of 219 to 206.

To be sure, first budget resolutions are not necessarily binding; but, it was vitally important for the House to pass a working document with which it could go to conference with the Senate. And while the budget which passed the House is far from perfect, failure to adopt a budget could have resulted in a budgetary nightmare—a nightmare with at least a \$180 billion deficit.

Of the nine budget options which were presented, three received my support, including the budget which passed the House. This proposal recommends a budget authority in excess of \$800 billion for fiscal 1983 and a deficit under \$100 billion, assuming the estimated figures are right (and nobody seems to really know).

While there are cuts in some areas and the House budget resolution does slow the rate of growth of government spending, it does not cut overall spending.

For instance, the 1983 budget authority in the House plan is \$21 billion more than in fiscal 1982. And the actual outlays (federal spending) increase by nearly \$36 billion in 1983 over 1982.

A look at the proposed spending levels in some of the key areas of the House resolution may serve to further illustrate some of the common sense savings measures adopted.

Clearly, there is a pressing need for the United States to provide its citizens with a superior system of national defense. Money alone, however, will not provide the security our nation needs. Prudent trimming of the President's original defense budget was therefore in order.

Consequently, the House has recommended budget outlays (spending) for defense of about \$214 billion in fiscal 1983, nearly \$8 billion less than the President's earlier defense

request. And over the three-year period from fiscal 1983 through 1985, the House plan calls for defense belt-tightening measures of \$28.45 billion. Again, these are not cuts but reductions in increases.

In other important areas, the House has recommended more savings through a one percent reduction in the federal employee work force and \$800 million more in cuts in foreign aid.

Health-related costs have skyrocketed in recent years, and the House has called for reasonable savings in certain programs in this area — savings targeted on medical and hospital costs.

Even with these savings proposals, however, Medicare expenditures will continue to rise at an annual rate of 15.4 percent from 1982 to 1985. And this represents a tremendous increase — from an estimated \$42.4 billion in 1981 to about \$70.0 billion in 1985.

In educational matters, the House has proposed better levels of funding for various education programs. For example, in handicapped and vocational education about \$1.85 billion in 1983 outlays was proposed, nearly half a billion dollars more than the President originally requested.

And general education, training, and employment programs are provided a budget authority of over \$26.8 billion for fiscal 1983.

Finally, to help get the unacceptably high deficit under control, the House has recommended revenue increases of about \$20 billion. Ultimately, the manner in which these increases are achieved will be recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee. And hopefully, responsible proposals will soon be forthcoming.

As of this writing, it appears that the House and Senate conferees are about ready to compromise on a first budget resolution containing a deficit of \$103.9 billion.

Again, it is important to remember that this first budget resolution is but a first step in a complex process which will end to no one's complete satisfaction.

Letters To The Editor

Don't Sit Idly By

To The Editor:

When the Warren County Commissioners dropped the PCB lawsuit, I was deeply concerned. Although I have not been actively involved in the fight, I do not want a PCB landfill or toxic waste dump in Warren County.

In an effort to determine my own direction regarding the PCB landfill, I talked with several Warren County citizens about the current PCB landfill situation. Some feel the Warren County Commissioners "sold us out" but, it appears to me they did what they thought was best.

However, after talking with physicians and attorneys and fellow citizens, I realize the PCB toxic waste dump must be stopped. Dr. James Grabill, M.D., of Warren County, stated that, "The toxicity of PCB's is well documented as a carcinogenic (cancer causing) and mutagenic (genetic change causing) substance." He also said, "I am extremely discomfited by the fact that the dump is moving ahead." In discussions with Dr. Kirt Trivedi, M.D., of Warren County, Dr. Trivedi stated, "There is already a high incidence of cancer in Warren County and we have become the sacrificial goat." He further stated, "I expect to see changes (due to PCB dumping) in infants in 2 to 3 years and changes in adults in 3 to 5 years."

We cannot afford to sit idly by and let others fight. We must join together now to stop the PCB dump. A group of Warren County citizens has retained an attorney to continue this fight. This group needs the moral, emotional and financial support of Warren County citizens. We must act now and we can start by giving what we can afford to: Warren County Citizens, Concerned About PCB's, Legal Defense Fund, P. O. Box 487, Warrenton, N. C. 27589.

JIM WARD

Did Child Pass Or Not?

To The Editor:

Just recently students received their first report cards from the new county high school. The excitement of my son that he had his card quickly diminished. His grades were average to above average, but no promotion was noted on the card. Maybe it was a simple mistake.

Upon calling the school it was found that none of the cards mailed showed if the student was promoted or retained. The lady answering the phone said this was done intentionally. Why? It was said that there were just too many cards to be completed. Also, if a child or parent was interested in knowing if the child had passed, they could call the school, and that there weren't too many parents or children who really cared. What poor excuses for a school or teacher.

Maybe there are parents and children who don't care. But, there are some who do care. My son cares and so do I! And even if no one cared, it seems that part of the responsibility of the teachers was to complete whether a child passed or not. The fact that school had been closed a week before the card was mailed makes you wonder what they did all this time. What a waste to pay postage to mail something and say nothing. Maybe the students should have stayed there for that week and completed the cards; at least that way we wouldn't have paid them.

R. J. RICHARDSON
Macon

A Dead Cat In The Street

To The Editor:

What do people of a community have to do to get community employees to perform their job? It is obvious that registering a complaint with the town clerk and police does not work in *Norlina*.

A cat was killed on *Rose Street* on Saturday, June 12. It was reported on Monday, June 14, to the town clerk. The clerk said she would report it and that it would be removed. Wednesday, June 16, the cat still had not been removed, so it was reported again, this time to the town police.

By then the odor was so foul that local residents could not leave their houses.

Further attempts were made to contact the mayor and town clerk, but they could not be reached.

The town finally took action on Friday, June 18, by spreading a little sand over what remained of the cat, which by then was a little patch of hair and skin.

BRITT CAULDER
Norlina

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- June 24, 1954—*Colorado Springs, Colo.*, chosen as site of new Air Force Academy.
- June 25, 1950—Communist North Korea invades Republic of South Korea.
- June 26, 1963—President John F. Kennedy in West Berlin, within sight of the Berlin Wall, declares "Ich bin ein Berliner."
- June 27, 1947—Ford Motor Co. announces first worker's pension provisions in automotive history.
- June 28, 1902—Richard Rodgers, composer of such Broadway musicals as *Oklahoma* and *South Pacific*, born.
- June 29, 1858—George W. Goethals, engineer-builder of the Panama Canal, born Brooklyn.
- June 30, 1859—Emile Blondin of France crosses *Niagara Falls* on a tightrope in five minutes.

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