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Let The Sun Shine In

If reaction from private citizens is any accurate indicator, there seems to be a greater groundswell for more openness in government than we have seen in recent years.

Perhaps the timing is good, because there is a movement afoot in the General Assembly to expand on the state's Open Meeting Law.

A recent editorial published in the Kenly News reviews what is going on in this regard. The editorial reads as follows:

"Two significant pieces of legislation are progressing through North Carolina's General Assembly that will aid in the cause of better government in the state. Both pieces deal with making government more open and accountable to the voters.

"Senate Bill 456 has passed the senate and is expected to be on the floor of the House soon. It will do away with a broad exemption now given the legislature in the state's Open Meeting Law.

"Senate Bill 486, which has passed the Senate and is now in the House, would prevent public agencies from keeping secret settlements in lawsuits.

"Both bills are giant steps toward letting the public know how lawmakers work and how public funds are spent. For instance, under the current Open Meetings Law, the General Assembly can exempt itself from the law for something as minor as 'embarrassment of the members.' That certainly does not give the public any confidence that its lawmakers are serious about being open about government.

"The bill would more narrowly limit the scope of legislative exemptions in the Open Meetings Law. Under this amendment to the Open Meetings Law, legislators could close meetings only to receive privileged information, to discuss legal action against the state or to deal with property acquisition—about the same exemptions that local governments must now abide by.

"State legislators should be setting the example for open government and with the speedy passage of this amendment, it will let voters know they are serious about it.

"The other bill—with one exception—will now let the public know how much tax money is spent on settling lawsuits out of court. Heretofore governmental agencies could, and did, request that such settlements be sealed so the public could not learn how much money was paid or the terms of the settlement.

"This bill will prevent that for all public agencies except public hospitals, which are exempt in lawsuits involving medical malpractice. North Carolina Press Association attorney High Stevens Jr. said he feels the law will allow the public to make better judgments about the competency and performance of their public officials.

"If public officials have squandered tax funds in settling trivial lawsuits the public will now know when this new law becomes effective.

"Both pieces of legislation are needed and are in the public's good."

The Warren County Scene



The sight of poppies growing wild alongside Interstate 85 in Warren County greets motorists to North Carolina and makes driving along the dual highway a pleasant occurrence for local motorists.
(Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

Here and There

Howard Jones

The Men Of Company B

Later this week, on the court house square, barely 100 feet from where this is being written, American Legionnaires will place small white crosses at the foot of a granite marker on which are inscribed the names of Warren's war dead. It is something our Legionnaires do before each Memorial Day.

Today, at my desk a short distance away from where this annual ritual takes place, I am looking over a copy of "The Longest Year," a book about the exploits of the men of Company B of the 120th Infantry of the 30th Division who engaged in five campaigns in Europe in 1944-45. Its author is Capt. Murray S. Pulver, one of a long list of competent commanders of this company which Warren County regards as its own.

(Among the other commanders of Company B were Capt. Harold Skillman, afterwards water superintendent for the Town of Warrenton for many years; and Capt. Andrew J. Hundley, who, then with another outfit, lost his life in a glider assault when Allied forces invaded France in June, 1944.)

The book I am thumbing through was autographed by Captain Pulver for members of the Major Andrew Jackson Hundley VFW Post 4096 of Norlina. Some of its members spent much of World War II with Company B, both training in the States and fighting across Europe.

One such veteran is George Harris of Macon. He was one of the Warren County men who left here in 1940, following mobilization of the unit on September 16 of that year. Members of Company B went to Fort Jackson, S. C., where they trained until the fall of 1942, when the 120th was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla. There Harris and others underwent Ranger training.

In July 1943, it was on the road again for Company B soldiers, who this time went to Camp Forrest for the Tennessee maneuvers. Next came Camp Attaboro, Ind.; then in January, 1944 the unit was transferred to Camp Miles Standish, Mass. A month later the company was part of a convoy headed for England.

Harris remembers the beautiful English homes along the Cliffs of Dover, where whole families had moved out to let the troops of the 30th Division have their homes prior to the invasion.

On June 12, 1944—six days after D-Day—Company B's men left England, landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy and relieving the 29th Division.

The first member of Company B to fall to enemy fire was Howard Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weaver of Weaver's Crossroads near Macon. He was hit by a single bullet fired by a German sniper. Harris was 20 or 30 feet away when Weaver was mortally wounded. Other Company B men were soon to become casualties. (One I am particularly fond of is Willie King of Wise, who was wounded before Captain Pulver took command.)

On July 12, men of Company B pushed off on the great St. Lo offensive. The drive was not long-lived for Harris. A German 88 shell exploded directly above his position, sending shrapnel tearing into his right foot. Harris, then a staff sergeant, was luckier than two sergeants hit by that same 88 shrapnel. A Sergeant Haislip of Pennsylvania and a Sergeant Fisher of Michigan were killed outright, and two others were wounded.

For Harris, the war was over. While the men of Company B pushed on through Mortain, Northern France, Belgium, Holland and beyond the great Siegfried Line, Harris was sent home to recover. In February, 1945—barely three months before Nazi Germany capitulated—he was discharged from Moore General Hospital in Swannanoa.

Next month, Harris and a number of other veterans from the Norlina VFW Post are planning on attending Company B's second reunion, this to be held in Tampa, Fla.

They are looking forward to it. Captain Pulver is scheduled to be there, as are comrades in arms who haven't seen one another in 45 years.

A few Warren County men of Company B won't be making the trip for reasons not of their own choosing. Their names are carved on the granite monument next door.

...
Captain Murray Pulver's parents must have experienced the hellish side of war that only parents can know as their only surviving son commanded an infantry company slugging it out with the Germans across much of Europe.

Their anxiety must have been particularly intense since one of Captain Pulver's brothers was killed while sledding near their New York farm, and his only other brother was killed by a car while riding a bicycle.

But Captain Pulver did survive, and today is retired and living in Arizona, near his children and grandchildren.



Thurletta Brown

Kidzertops

Thanks to the creative talents of students in the academically-gifted classes at Warren County High School and Norlina Middle School taught by Mrs. Ardith Roddy, there are more names to add to the list begun in last week's column. (Last week I gave the true (?) histories of the names of several Warren County communities and came up with a few of my own.)

- **Drewry:** Originally called "Brewry" because of the large number of liquor stills hidden in the woods. The "b" was changed to "d" to give it a more prestigious name. (Tanya Terry—grade 9)
 - **Pleasant Hills:** A maze of roads through the woods made especially for local teenagers to have a "pleasant" (!) time in the privacy of their own cars. Also created to help them "get closer to nature." (Tanya Terry—grade 9)
 - **Arcola:** Used to be named "Pepsi," but when "R C Cola" appeared and was much cheaper, everyone began asking for "R Cola." (Christy Harmon—grade 10)
 - **Parktown:** Named for its famous make-out point, the site recently accommodated its 10-billionth satisfied customer. (Talya Somerville—grade 10)
 - **Williamsboro:** Originally named "Williamsburro" for its famous 78-year-old burro named "William." The animal can be seen on weekdays from 12 noon until 5 p.m., and on weekends from 7-10:30 p.m. For an appointment, call 555-8976. (Talya Somerville—grade 10).
 - **Oine:** Originally called "Oink" because that's where all the "larger" ladies of the community lived. (Richard Meador—grade 10)
 - **Norlina:** Originally called "Blinkville" because if you drive through the town at 15 mph and blink, you'll miss it. (Richard Meador—grade 10).
 - **Five Forks:** Where people eat so much at a meal that they need five forks! (John Moseley—grade 7)
 - **State Road 1001:** The unfortunate site of 1,001 wrecks...Oops! Make that 1,002. (a NMS seventh-grader)
 - **Embro:** Where the guys all met one day and said, "Em brosovuh yonder are all drunk today." (NMS seventh-grader)
 - **Soul City:** Site of the 1988 Soul Olympics with events like the "Stevie Wonder Shake" and the "James Brown Super Split." Bo Williams—NMS grade 7, inspired by MTV)
 - **Kiss Me Quick Hill:** Where a boyfriend said to his girl, "Kiss me quick, here comes your dad!" (an NMS seventh-grader who says this really exists and is located up the hill from Willoughby's)
 - **Battle Avenue:** Where the girl's dad caught up with the boyfriend. (an NMS seventh-grader)
 - **Fillerupton:** Former name of Norlina, which has a gas station on every corner. (NMS seventh-graders)
 - **Mizzitagain:** Intersection of US 158 Bypass and US 158 Business at the caution light, where many tricks have missed the turn and wrecked in the woods. (NMS seventh-graders)
 - **Yerluckytown:** Name for Warren County after we were spared from the May 5 tornadoes. (NMS seventh-graders)
 - **Blinked And Mizzed It:** Former name of Macon. (Bo Williams—grade 7)
 - **Haircut Town:** Formerly Warren Plains, until the day the jet flew too low to issue haircuts. (Randall Medlin—grade 9)
 - **Wemzdit:** The new name for Warren County. (Michael Dunn—grade 9)
- And last, but not least is "Kidzertops": Another new name for Warren County given on May 24, 1989 in recognition of the creative abilities of these Warren County High School and Norlina Middle School kids by the VERY appreciative writer of this column.

Notes From All Over

Diane Davis

It Just Doesn't Add Up

Last week, I wrote a story about local volunteer fire departments that are to receive grant money from the N. C. Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Division.

Well, I never said I could add. (It's my sister that's the math major.) I had the total amount of the grants listed as \$35,495.50. Actually, the grants totaled \$48,165.50.

Also, we printed a calendar in last week's issue (May 17) which announced that the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department would be selling stew Saturday, May 13. It would seem kind of impossible to announce something that's already been, so we double checked and found out that's the way it was called into our office. But still, someone should've caught that before it went into print. The Ridgeway department had their sale last Saturday, May 20. And from the looks of the place when I drove by there, they had a good turnout anyway.

That just goes to show you that no one can be 100 percent 100 percent of the time.

No, not even us here at The Warren Record.

...
There was this lady named Agnes who decided to join a convent. So she went to the church to speak with Mother Mary about her decision.

"Well now," Mother Mary said. "You must realize that you will only be allowed to speak but two words once a year. Do you understand?"

Agnes nodded and joined the convent. One year passed, and Mother Mary called Sister Agnes into her office.

"You are now able to speak. What is on your mind?" she asked Sister Agnes.

"Food bad," Sister Agnes replied.

"Is that all?" Mother Mary asked.

Sister Agnes nodded.

"Okay, you may leave," Mother Mary told her.

The second year went by and it was time again for Sister Agnes to be called into Mother Mary's office.

"Okay," Mother Mary said. "You may speak."

"Bed hard," Sister Agnes said.

"Is that all?" Mother Mary asked, as she jotted down some notes. Sister Agnes nodded.

"Very well, then. Be on your way," Mother Mary told her.

Mary Agnes' third year in the convent passed slowly, and it became time once again for Mother Mary to call her into her office.

"You may speak," Mother Mary told her.

"I quit," said Sister Agnes.

"Well, good," replied Mother Mary. "All you've done since you've been here is complain, complain, complain."

Looking Back Into The Record

May 27, 1949

Alleged refusal of registrars to register blacks in Shocco Township for the special road and school bonds referendum to be held June 4 has resulted in a petition for a writ of mandamus to be entered, and the hearing will be held next Tuesday in Warren County Superior Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris, Jr., of Macon, announced the birth of a son, James, on May 21 in the Hunter Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. James Horton King, of Macon, announced the birth of a daughter, Mildred Loretta, on May 25 in the Hunter Clinic.

May 22, 1964

For the first time in nearly a century, Warrenton is out of the hotel business with Monday's sale, at public auction, of the Hotel Warren for \$32,000 to Howard Oakley of Raleigh.

Nettie Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Alexander of Norlina, and Cosby Alston, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Alston of the Hecks Grove community, both juniors at Hawkins High School, will attend a National Science Foundation Summer Institute at Greensboro's Bennett College in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stegall, of Norlina, announce the birth of a

son on May 14 in Warren General Hospital.

May 24, 1979

Warren County's 14 precincts on May 19 unanimously elected Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. as chairman of the Warren County Democratic Party.

Miss Angela H. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Williams of Warrenton, was recently elected the permanent, life-time vice president of the sophomore class at Louisburg College.

Miss Mary Danylu Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer of Norlina, received the Allen B. Brantley Scholastic Award in commencement exercises held on May 12 at Louisburg College.



Names are not always what they seem. The common Welch name Bzjxllwcp is pronounced Jackson.
Mark Twain