

Lindsay Warren Tells Business Men Bare Facts On Government Spending

Controller General Lindsay C. Warren Enlightens Business Leaders

By Ray Tucker in The National Whirligig, in The Charlotte Observer.

Extravagance—Controller General Lindsay C. Warren delivered a scorching and enlightening lecture on government waste and extravagance before a private group of the nation's business men who attended the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He blamed his ultra-conservative audience as well as demagogic politicians for the steadily increasing costs at Washington.

The blunt North Carolina Democrat surprised his listeners when he explained that, although he is generally referred to as the "watchdog of the Treasury," Congress has never given him the authority to eliminate wasteful expenditures in the executive departments.

"I can send the record of illegal payments or transactions to the Attorney General for action," he said. "But I can do nothing about it when I find that a federal agency is spending millions of dollars recklessly, if it is within the law. All I can do in that case is to call it to the attention of Congress in my periodical reports."

Mr. Warren might have added that his warnings merely provoked a few denigratory speeches on the Senate or House floor. Despite their cries for economy, Congress rarely pursues his tips to crack down on the offending official or department.

Duplication. The Kitty Hawk fishermen—the keeps fit for his penny-pinching prowling by regular visits to his shore cottage near where the Wright brothers first flew—did not spare the bureaucratic spenders.

Without regard for where the political chips fell or whom they hit, he declared that millions of dollars could be saved annually if it were not for duplication of efforts and projects.

He frequently found a dozen different agencies engaged in the

same activity, he said. They buy against each other, bid up for products and services, create shortages for the civilian population, and usually wind up with a surplus of material.

Responsible: This paralleling of their own attack on Washington bureaucracy brought smiles to the faces of the business men and industrialists. But he soon dissipated their self-satisfaction when someone asked who was primarily responsible for continuing federal waste and extravagance.

"The folks back home," he shot back at them. "The people yell for economy, but every community wants funds for itself, and frequently for the most unnecessary projects."

"I often note that when a state or a city sets out to get some money from the federal government, a delegation from the local Chamber of Commerce usually appears before Congressional committees as advocates of the movement."

Overpayments: The Controller General then gave an amazing example of how the taxpayers' money could slip through departmental fingers if it were not for the check which the 11,000 members of his General Accounting Office constantly make.

He disclosed that he had collected and turned back to the Treasury more than \$300,000,000 in overpayments by various government units in the last three fiscal years. When he closes his books at the close of the current fiscal year on June 30, he expects that this figure will run as high as \$350,000,000. This saving contrasts with his own annual budget of \$10,000,000 for 1947, and a request for \$36,000,000 for 1948.

"We are the only agency in the United States Government," he added, "which not only pays its way but makes money for Uncle Sam."

Eccentric: These overpayments consisted chiefly of excessive sums paid to the railroads for freight and passenger services during the war. The principal offenders in this respect were Army-Navy officials, whose wartime handling of money

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Dear Judge

The date-Kates are in a swivel over the curfew parents evoked recently. Kay said she knew it would happen when the Moms got together at their parents' meeting subject: What to do about juvenile delinquency?

Of course all the parents are apologetic—it isn't that they don't trust their own children—they want them to set good examples for other kids.

But that doesn't make life any easier for the gang. How can you go to a party and leave before it starts? They ask. And . . . "I've got to be home early" girl gets a reputation of being a "wet blanket." Hence, no dates.

What the kids want to know is how late is "too late." On Saturday nights if they tell their parents who their company is going to be, where they are going, how they expect to get home, why can't they stay out at least until midnight?

Is this situation spoiling kids' fun in every town or is it just happening here? Any sparkling idea some crowd has for convincing parents that most teen-agers have more common sense than they are given credit for will be heartily welcomed by the heps here.

One group of kids solved the problem on their own. Here's what they did.

During the war when dads and mothers were busy with war-service activities, the teen-agers of Teaneck, N. J., organized a club called "The Little Brown Jug."

Until Teaneck opened Town House, an abandoned school building as a civic center for recreation, the Little Brown Jug held its weekly meetings in a local grammar school. Now they use the entire recreation



floor in Town House with a well equipped game room (ping pong, skee-ball and friendly card games), a reading room and an auditorium where regular Friday night dances are held.

They have an automatic soft drink machine which dispenses beverage in a paper cup. Ice cream is also served.

Maybe this is the answer for other teen-age groups if they can get their town to back them. All the time and energy which parents put into meetings about "what to do" might be put to a useful drive on providing an old building or other meeting place which the kids may decorate, support financially, and call their own.

Pantry Shelf Beauty . . . Remember eating an orange occasionally will help whiten the teeth and brighten the gums besides giving you a few vitamins . . . try a combination of olive oil, witch hazel and vinegar as a suntanning lotion . . . use the beaten whites of eggs for hair shampoo . . . nibble on raw car-

rots instead of gooey pastries . . . a combination of red wine vinegar and water used as a shampoo rinse will give a red highlight to brownish mousy hair.

Cheerio, VIVIAN. (You may write Vivian Brown in care of this paper about new angles in your own gang.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lon Ammons, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 16th day of May, 1948 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 16th day of May, 1947. Roscoe Helms, Administrator of the Estate of Lon Ammons, deceased, 1633—May 16-23-30 June 6-13-20

ALEMAN JUNIOR HAS GRAND TIME ON BROADWAY



SON OF THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT, Miguel Aleman, Jr., 14, started out to "do Broadway" in the manner well known to any New York youngster of similar age. At right, he stops in one of the many hot dog stands along the "gay white way". Next, paying a visit to a penny arcade, he has his picture taken in typical tin-type fashion with Dr. Carlos Soto, of the Presidential staff, who had as much fun as did Miguel. (International)

Geographic Board Has Troubles In Getting Names

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fond parents who worry over a name for junior can pity the Board of Geographic names.

The board hasn't just the name to think about. It has thousands. And every time it finishes with one batch, thousands more are demanding attention.

To make matters worse, a multitude of them are just characters, which mean something probably to the Japanese or Tibetans or the Chinese.

Dr. Meredith Burrill explained it all to a House Public Lands subcommittee as he pleaded the board's case for new support. The board has been operating for 56 years by presidential direction. Dr. Burrill appeared in support of a bill which would give the Board statutory authority. The subcommittee approved, voting to recommend the measure to the full committee.

Dr. Burrill said the board's never-ending work takes it all the way from Mudhen Creek in some congressman's backyard to militarily important places in Japan and Europe.

Name for Every Place The idea is to give every place a definite name which will be the same and recognizable on all maps.

Said Dr. Burrill: A map with the wrong names wouldn't help a soldier very much in a foreign country; and if the Army and Navy decided to call places by different names, there would be no end of confusion.

"Like a football game without a referee," he put it.

Right now, the board's work is mostly for the military intelligence division, in standardizing place names on maps of foreign countries, but there is plenty to do right at home.

"There's about 20,000 decisions on domestic names on the board, and there will be 500,000 before the business is worked out," he said.

Every time a cartographer gets ambitious and draws a more detailed map of some locality it means that more names have to be decided on. "If you like maps, you have to have names to put on them," Dr. Burrill said logically.

Many Names the Same One problem is that the same name often crops up several times in one locality. If there are 20 Cedar Creeks in one county, or 15 Mud Lakes, the board tries to give them different names, something that will give them a little individuality.

Rep. Frank A. Barrett (R) of Wyoming, chairman of the subcommittee, was concerned that perhaps the board might name Mud Lake something else when the citizens were fully satisfied with good old Mud Lake.

Dr. Burrill assured him the board has no such intention. It wants to avoid duplication, but the wishes of the local citizens are the first consideration. If they like Mud Lake, the board likes Mud Lake.

But quite often, the local people like a little help in fixing upon a name, he added.

The federal government pays out about \$36,000 annually in pay to the men to maintain one National Guard infantry company through one weekly drill period and 15 days' active training in a year.

County-Wide Singing Held Sunday Afternoon

A county-wide singing will be held at the Rocky Branch Baptist church on the Allen's Creek road at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, according to Tom Queen, who is in charge of the arrangements.

All singing groups in the county are invited to take part in the program and are urged to send representatives to the event.

Plans will be made Sunday for the special programs to be given on the annual July Fourth celebration to be sponsored by the Boosters' club.

VISITING CLERGYMAN AT GRACE CHURCH

The Rev. Boyd Edwards, former rector of St. Andrews church, of Pittsburgh, Pa., will preach at Grace Episcopal church Sunday morning, May 18, at 11 o'clock.

Mountaineer Want Ads bring results.

Minor Damage Is Caused By Fire Tuesday Afternoon

Minor damage was caused by a fire that started about 4:45 p. m. Tuesday in Clyde's Place, a cafe operated by Clyde Green, on the highway near Dayton Rubber plant.

The fire started in the wastepaper basket of a restroom and burned the walls to some extent before being extinguished by the persons in the building, prior to the arrival of the Waynesville fire truck.

Three other minor calls were answered by Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald last week. Some loose oil from a stove in the Carolina Insurance agency office was ignited, but was soon put out by an extinguisher; an auto parked at the Spur station in which the transmission had become overheated; and a leaf fire Thursday at an East Waynesville residence.

"The fire department prefers to get a call at any time there is any danger, rather than having the people try to put the fire out themselves and not call us until it gets out of hand," comments Chief Fitzgerald. "We don't think we have wasted our time at all if we answer a call and find that the fire has already been put out when we get there."

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis, of Clyde, announce the birth of a son on May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Grasty, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1, announce the birth of a daughter on May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone Jenkins, of Cove Creek, announce the birth of a son on May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bryson, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rodgers, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a son on May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a son on May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glavich, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurin Grant, of Bryson City, announce the birth of a daughter on May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seaborn, of Canton, announce the birth of a son on May 10.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green, of Canton, announce the birth of a son on May 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyde Ford, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Worley, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Cochran, of

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