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Should Meet Our Own Responsibilities

Results of a bond election to be called by the board of county commissioners for capital outlay of Warren County schools in the near future can not, of course, be predicted. But advanced discussion does tend to point out a glaring inconsistency in the reasoning of many of our people.

Many citizens will support the issue because they feel that the Negro school children are entitled to better facilities and better educational advantages; and others, untouched by this consideration, will support the bond issue for reasons of expediency, because they feel that this is the way to maintain segregated schools in Warren County. Others will oppose the bond issue because they are not moved by the needs of the Negro children, do not believe that the defeat of the bond issue would offer any threat to the status quo, and just don't want any bond issue under any circumstances. These are points that will be discussed in this newspaper after the bond issue is announced.

The point which is brought to mind at this time is the curious quirk in the reasoning of so many of our people. Next to the matter of taxes, perhaps the most discussed and the bitterest discussed matter where people gather is that of encroachment of federal and state governments upon the functions of the local governments and the liber-

Good Thing It Wasn't Chittlings

Greensboro Daily News

We'd always suspected there was something powerful about the food people eat in North Carolina around New Year, and now we are sure.

Down in Raleigh the other day a traditional Old South dinner of collards and hambone blew up in Mrs. Calle Morris' pressure cooker. Nobody was injured, but:

—A two to three foot hole was blown in the kitchen.

—The kitchen walls were pushed out.

—Doors were knocked off the kitchen cabinet.

—A hole was blown in the floor.

—The kitchen table was splintered.

—The refrigerator was bent.

—The kitchen stove was shoved to the middle of the room.

—A room partition was blown out.

Our thesis is this: No ordinary pot of vittles could produce so much damage. Possum and sweet potato, maybe. Black-eyed peas and hog jowl, perhaps. Collards and hambone, yes.

Mrs. Morris should be thankful her pot contained only collards and hambone, and not chittlings, the nuclear weapon of the Tar Heel dietary line.

The moral is you've got to be careful about a powerful dish like collards around New Year.

Con Job

Chapel Hill Weekly

Reece Birmingham's experience in applying for State tuition grants to help finance sending his children to a private segregated school in Durham lend solid support to the suspicion that the Pearsall Plan never really amounted to anything other than an extemporaneous con job.

One of the salient features of the Pearsall Plan was the promise of State tuition grants for those children who chose to attend private segregated schools when public segregated schools were not available.

There are no public segregated schools available to Mr. Birmingham's children in the Chapel Hill School District, so they were sent to a private school in Durham. The State has now found that the private school does not qualify because of "technicalities."

The truth is, the State doesn't have money to pay for tuition grants and has not at any time anticipated paying them.

Even an integrationist would have to concede that Mr. Birmingham has been the victim of either a legalistic hoax or a promise made in bad faith.

A good reputation may merely be proof that you don't have inquisitive neighbors.

ties of the people, and its attendant rise in the cost of state and national governments. The reaction to the bond issue emphasizes this inconsistency.

Were the State or National government to offer to the county of Warren the sum of half a million dollars for capital outlay of our schools, there would be little objection to this money being used for the building of a Negro consolidated school and the abolishing of the small frame school buildings of the county. This was demonstrated by the use of state funds from a state bond issue several years ago. Of course, the people of Warren County had to pay their proportionate part—according to ability to pay—as would be the case in any state or federal plan. Here we have an example of so-called encroachment upon the rights of a people to conduct their own affairs.

It is not expected that the proposed bond issue, if passed, would cause any raise in the tax rate, nor would its rejection lower the tax rate. In other words Warren County is financially able to retire the proposed bond issue without any increased hardship upon the taxpayers. Thus if Warren County defeats the bond issue it will be a demonstration that Warren County does not want to meet its own obligation, but is willing to let someone else meet it.

What we are trying to say is that when local units of government fail to meet their responsibilities, an invitation is extended to the state and federal governments to take over, for Warren County may be a political unit, but it is also a part of the state and the nation, whose people seem to show a higher sense of social responsibility. So long as political subdivisions, so long as business institutions, fail to meet the legitimate needs of our people just so long can we anticipate more and more federal and state control over our local affairs.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

January 18, 1952

W. L. Wood was elected Mayor Protem of the Town of Warrenton at a regular meeting of the board on Monday night.

The John Graham High School Band will give a concert at the school auditorium on January 31. Robert Macon Davis, director, announced yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Pitts have moved to their new home near Macon.

Lucy Banzet, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banzet, was elected president of Brownie Scout Troop No. 142 at its regular meeting on January 10.

January 18, 1952

The death of Albert Dalby, 30, a professional steeplejack who was killed here on Monday afternoon in a 130-foot fall from the Warrenton water tank, is blamed on a defective piece of new hemp rope.

Work was begun last weekend on the construction of a drive-in theatre to be operated by Stephen Daniel and Clifton Allgood.

Negro enrollment in the Warren County schools has increased 663 while the white enrollment has decreased 528 during the past ten years, according to figures obtained this week from the office of superintendent of schools.

Judge Henry L. Stevens will preside over the January civil term of Superior Court which convenes here on Monday.

January 15, 1937

The Littleton Lions Club held its charter night banquet on Tuesday, January 11.

Judge T. O. Rodwell held Recorder's Court in the Town Hall while Superior Court was in session in the court room this week.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds will begin with in a short period writing a column for The Warren Record.

County Agent Bob Bright announced this week that his office would clean tobacco seed for farmers.

MOSTLY PERSONAL
By BIGNALL JONES

The late James Thurber in a delightful book which I have been reading tells of his family's experience with an automobile and the reaction of the older generation of the new mode of transportation. He said that his mother could never understand the exact purpose of gasoline in the operation of an automobile but believed that if it were not used that it would cause much damage by frying the valves. As a result, his mother would often say, "Now, don't you boys go driving all over town without gasoline."

After a life-time of driving horses, when the automobile appeared here it was not too easy for the older people to adapt to the new mode. As a result it was not too unusual to hear an older driver in a moment of stress when he had difficulty in stopping his car yelling "whoa." For the benefit of the younger generation, that is a term used to stop a horse.

These incidents are recalled by a letter I received a few days ago from Bill Sharpe, publisher and editor of The State Magazine, in regards to the publication of my recent column on old automobiles. Bill adds quite a bit of his recollections to what I had said, and as there seems to be considerable interest in the old car matter, I am quoting Bill's comment as follows:

"But one thing about the old Ford you must have forgotten. The brakes were built so you could pull the emergency up part way and this would throw the gears into neutral. At this position, little or no pressure was on the brake drum. If you wanted to stop or park, you pulled the brake on back a little more. This, of course, obviated the necessity of using one foot on the forward pedal and the other on the reverse, though it is true that adept drivers soon learned to do this and not fool with the brake. However, I know the brake was designed this way, because one of our neighbors was an old lady who never failed to put her car into neutral with the handbrake before pushing on the reverse pedal.

"And of course you must remember when a fancy Ford coupe (coop, we called them) often was outfitted with tasseled curtains which could be drawn by neckers. The first Ford I drove had the gas tank under the front seat, and you had to get out and take the cushions off so the man could fill the tank. It had a klaxon horn mounted on the door to the left, and the lights wouldn't burn unless the car was running. Everybody carried tire patches, and there were no "demountable rims," so a fellow with a puncture really had a job on his hands. I bet I've pumped up a thousand tires. Sometimes, if there was a slow leak, we'd get out and pump up the tire every mile or so rather than go through the patching job.

"I don't know how we got along without windshield wipers, but we did. The windshield was divided, and you could open it, and that's what you had to do in misty or snowy weather. When the wipers came, the first ones were all manually operated, and it was a full-time job to keep the windshield clean. The first "roadsters" and "touring cars" had wide curtains which were kept under the back seat and put up in wet weather. Both "roadsters" and "touring cars" were incipient convertibles.

That is, you could let the top back on both, if you wanted to go through the agony and labor. There was no storage space in the first touring cars. I recall very well the first time license plates were recalled. And I remember, too, lighting up the "carbide" lights of my uncel's old Buick, which had a right hand drive, a high back seat, and a bulb horn.

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"The Fries family in Winton (bankers) had an electric runabout, steered with a rod instead of a wheel. I believe the electric auto is coming back some day.

"I recall also hearing about autos before ever seeing one and remember they were called "red devils" upon Rockingham County.

"Incidentally, Durapt, Essex, Marmon, Locomobile (a steam-driven car), Chandler were some of the cars now out of most memories."

Huckaby To Speak At Bethesda Church

The pastor of North Carolina's rural church of the year, the Rev. Riley Huckaby, will be the speaker for a special Bible Conference at Bethesda Baptist Church from January 19 through January 21. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 o'clock.

"The Young Church in Action" will be the topic of Mr. Huckaby's messages, based upon the Book of Acts.

Mr. Huckaby's pastorate, Mount Ruhama Baptist Church of Newton, was selected by the Grange as North Carolina's most outstanding rural church.

Bethesda Baptist Church, a member of the W. R. Cullom Association, is located three miles south of John Kerr Dam on State Highway Number 4 at the entrance to Palmer Point.

Naturally Terminal Manager's Wife: Hurry up, please, and give me a quart of red oil." Service Station Attendant: "A quart of red oil?" Terminal Manager's Wife: "Yes, of course. Can't you see my tail light has gone out?"

GARDEN TIME
M. E. Gardner
N. C. State College



Now is the time to plan your vegetable garden; check the power mower; sharpen tools; repair hose, sprayers and dusters; examine the compost pile; order sufficient seed of adapted vegetable varieties to meet the needs of your family; and build a cold frame or hot bed. Your pruning chores should be completed.

The actual site of the garden is important but many gardeners have no choice in this respect. If you are lucky enough to have a choice of sites, choose one as near the house as possible. This is for convenience, protection and availability of water for irrigation. Stay away from large trees for two reasons—they have extensive root systems which will compete with the vegetables for moisture, and they produce shade. Most vegetables like full sun.

Avoid soils which are poorly drained. If you have a new home, be on the look-out for mortar, brick, stumps and other debris that may have been covered while establishing a final grade.

It is a good idea to plan your garden on paper. This will give an opportunity to locate all crops, arrange for succession plantings and assure a plentiful supply of vegetables for fresh use, freezing and canning.

Plant perennials along one side of the garden so they will

be out of the way when you are working your annual crops. I'm speaking of such things as asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, dewberries and raspberries.

Plan for continuous harvest by weekly plantings of such crops as snapbeans and sweet corn. Unless you have plenty of room, you may not wish to plant such crops as water-

melons because of the space required for normal growth.

It is not too late to plow your garden area and leave it in rough fallow until time to prepare the soil for planting. Successive freezing and thawing will break up the soil particles and make the preparation of a seed bed much easier.

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