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MOSTLY PERSONAL

By BIGNALL JONES

Reading Dr. Archibald Henderson's "The Campus of the First State University" a few night ago I was surprised to find the part that Warren County played in the founding of the University of North Carolina. Benjamin Hawkins of Warren County was one of the promoters, and at one time Warren County was considered as the seat of the University, along with a number of other counties.

Due to its central location and to the contribution made by citizens, many of them of Scotch ancestry, the Chapel Hill site was chosen. The dedication to the cause of education and the difficulties faced by those responsible for its founding and operation make interesting reading.

At a time when so many persons seem to find it difficult to walk more than a block, it is interesting to note that Hinton James of New Hanover County, the University's first, and for a while its only student, walked 150 miles to enroll.

I had long known that William R. Davie of Halifax was largely responsible for the founding of the University and is known as the Father of the University. I did not know that he was also responsible for the founding of the Warrenton Academy, although I knew that he was one of the trustees of the school chartered in 1787. Dr. Henderson says that he was responsible for its founding.

For several years I have attended the annual Monogram Banquet of the John Graham High School, sponsored by the Warrenton Boosters Club, usually presenting trophies to the girl basketball players. They have always been enjoyable affairs, but I think that the one last Friday night was the best that I have ever attended. Everybody was in fine mood, and contributions to a most successful season were so great and so many that almost everyone had something nice said about him or her. This always makes for a most enjoyable affair.

William Taylor did a bang up job as toastmaster, and since he has known most of the seniors since kindergarten days because they are classmates of his son, he spoke from the heart as he praised the character and the abilities of the boys who have brought so much honor to the school during the past year. As he spoke the boys had already won the football and basket-

ball conference championship and were tied for the lead in the baseball championship with two games to go. Monday afternoon they wrapped this up by beating Weldon in five innings, 12 to 2.

With such successful season, there was praise for the players, for the coaches, for the cheerleaders, for the announcer and for the speakers. It was very nice.

While I witnessed most of the football and basketball games the past season, I did not see many baseball games this spring, but a few were played here on Monday afternoons and I was able to see four of these, three of which were won quite handily, but the game with Davie was a tough affair, and as has been the case with play with Davie this year, luck with the locals.

Monday afternoon of last week, John Graham defeated Littleton 18 to 6 in five innings, and as play had already lasted to after 6 o'clock I was glad to see it end at the end of five innings.

Such was not the case on Monday afternoon of this week as John Graham played Weldon here.

For the first time I almost hated to see John Graham score. As John Graham came to bat in the bottom half of the fifth the locals were leading 10 to 2, and I knew that two runs would end play, under a high school rule. I was thoroughly enjoying what was likely to be my last game of the season, it was fairly early, and I wanted to see more play. But the boys stepped up, slammed away at the ball and ended the affair.

In doing so they sewed up the baseball conference title, and for the first time in the history of the school, I believe, won the conference championship in all three sports, going to the regional finals in football and to the state finals in basketball.

Miss Delbridge Given Shower

LITTLETON — Miss Betty Ann Delbridge, bride-elect of June 30, was feted at a miscellaneous shower at the Community Building on Saturday night and was presented a corsage of white carnations upon arrival. Mrs. Ivey Hale greeted the guests.

The table was covered with a white linen cloth, draped with baby ivy and centered with an arrangement of white peonies and greenery, flanked by burning tapers in crystal holders. The entire building bore arrangements of greenery and peonies.

Mrs. Jimmy Hale, Mrs. Ivey Hale and Miss Camille Bobbitt had charge of the games and contests. Winners were Miss

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



Will we soon have "Flowers by the Yard"? We might, say Michigan State University researchers.

Under this new and somewhat revolutionary system, each flower would be packaged individually in a plastic bubble. Each bubble would be held by perforations to its neighbor and shipped in a roll or coil. The bubble would hold a small quantity of water. When the flowers are sold the quantity desired would be clipped from the roll. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

Extensive use of this system will depend upon justifiable sales volume and a few refinements.

Plant breeders at Texas A&M may soon make available watermelon varieties of the bush type for commercial use. A yellow-fleshed variety, Bush Desert King, was introduced in 1958 for home garden use. Breeding work is now underway to produce a red-flesh variety with a dark rind for commercial growers. They plan to follow through with a seedless type.

It is reported that the Bush-type may make it possible to produce as many as three times the number of melons per acre as the trailing type presently grown.

Studies were conducted at Purdue University in 1958 to determine the effect of color of fresh tomatoes on retail sales. The tomatoes were graded into three color groups.

Elsie Hill of Greensboro and Mrs. Palmer Newsom.

William Sharpe, bridegroom-elect, assisted Miss Delbridge in opening and displaying her gifts.

Punch was poured by Mrs. Ivey Hale and nuts, mints and cake squares were served by Mrs. Jimmy Hale, Miss Camille Bobbitt and Mrs. Reynolds Perkinson.

Attend Anniversary Dinner
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rodwell of Warren Plains recently attended the 47th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Rodwell's sister, Mrs. W. B. Poland, and Mr. Poland in Boykins, Va.

red-ripe, intermediate and pink. The consumer was permitted to select the tomatoes he purchased.

A greater preference was shown for the reddish tomatoes offered for sale. Some tomatoes were sold from all color groups, the degree of ripeness depending upon when they were to be used.

In this study it was pointed out that half of the tomatoes purchased in a given week were picked up Friday and Saturday.

Fungus galls are showing up on azaleas and camellias in the Raleigh area. These galls cause the leaves to thicken and turn whitish or pinkish. Infection

comes from air-borne fungi and the resulting galls are more disfiguring than serious. Pick them off and destroy them.

Spraying to control the fungus is not usually necessary but may be required if the infection is heavy and persistent.

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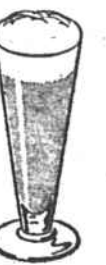
The oldest incorporated trade association in the country, the United States Brewers Association, was organized in 1862... the same year that



IN NORTH CAROLINA the much-feared Union Ironclad Monitor, limping southward after its sea-duel with the Confederate Merrimack, sank off Cape Hatteras. As news spread throughout the South, steins of foaming beer toasted the sinking of this worthy foe.

For then, as now, beer was the traditional beverage of moderation — light, sparkling refreshment that adds a touch of Southern hospitality to any occasion. North Carolinians have always enjoyed the good fellowship that goes with every glass.

TODAY, in its centennial year, the United States Brewers Association still works constantly to assure maintenance of high standards of quality and propriety wherever beer and ale are served.



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Dim View Of Name Change

While it is possible, as Shakespeare says, that a rose might smell just as sweet by any other name, Warren County citizens will look with small favor upon a plan to change the name of Kerr Lake to Buggs Island Lake.

This has been proposed in a bill introduced in the United States House of Representatives by Congressman Watkins M. Abbutt of Virginia, according to a far from objective story by Margaret Kernodle, datedlined Washington, D. C., and carried by the Associated Press. The bill would retain the name of Kerr Dam, but would change the name of the Reservoir to Buggs Island Lake. The writer says: "The question now seems to be are North Carolinians willing to be as generous with Virginians as they are to share the name of this mighty installation which has become a thing of scenic beauty and a great spot for fine fishing?"

This comment about Virginia's generosity in allowing the dam to be named for a North Carolina congressman will bring forth derisive laughter from local citizens who remember the fight that Virginia made to retain the name Buggs Island for lake and dam, and how the State of Virginia has for years in its own signs called the reservoir Buggs Island Reservoir. This may have led to the confusion in names about which the writers refers in another paragraph of the story.

In another paragraph the writer says,

"Years ago there was really a Buggs Island. Virginians think for history's sake, the lake that swallowed the island, should have that name."

Actually, the lake did not swallow the island, which is located a short distance below the Kerr Dam, although we feel that is not pertinent.

It is true that during the construction of the dam and for a few years thereafter the dam and reservoir were known as the Buggs Island Dam and Buggs Island Lake. But Congress, in recognition of the work that Rep. Kerr did in having the dam built, named the dam and lake in his honor, and from the passage of the act giving the name John H. Kerr to the project that has been the official name of both dam and lake. So a dam and lake, lying largely in Virginia, bears the name of a former North Carolina congressman, just as the Norris Dam in Tennessee bears the name of a former Senator from Nebraska. For some reason Virginia has never been too happy about this.

The writer closed her article by saying:

"Many who knew 'Judge' Kerr, as he was fondly known during his many years in Congress, believe he would like the name shared. He was not one for personal glory so much as one for quiet hard work. In the years of struggle between public and private power he was a guiding spirit toward the settlement of the controversy over construction of the lake and dam. He would probably vote for the Abbutt bill—perhaps boost it with a speech if he were still in Congress."

No one knows what Judge Kerr would do if he were still in Congress. It is known that he was justly proud of the honor conferred on him by the Congress in recognition of his work for the project that bears his name. Citizens of Warrenton, where he made his home, and of North Carolina, are proud of the honor conferred upon Judge Kerr and believe that it is richly deserved. They, we feel, take a very dim view of the efforts being made by Virginia to have this honor lessened.

Should Counties Be Eliminated

The Durham Morning Herald

Is the county a useless unit of government? Dr. Selz Mayo of the Department of Rural Sociology at State College came near saying so when he told the agricultural extension workers of the state at their Asheville convention that county lines are "real barriers to progress" and should be eliminated and that county governments have become inefficient and obsolete.

Much of Dr. Mayo's criticism has validity, but it does not necessarily lead to the conclusion that we should eliminate the local level of government. Rather, such criticism should prompt the counties to take a good, clear look at themselves, appraise what they are doing, and on the basis of their findings make local government a more significant force in meeting the governmental needs of the people.

Most county lines today are fixed before modern methods of communication and transportation made possible ready access over what were once considerable distances. When Durham County was organized, in 1881, the telephone was only five years old and had years to go before it became a commonplace instrument. The practical automobile had not been invented, and the railroad furnished the only relatively rapid transportation. And Durham is one of the younger counties of the state. Local traditions combines with local political interests to maintain the present county lines, though efficiency of government would be promoted, at relatively little inconvenience to the people, by consolidation of some counties with others.

With the increasing cost of government and the services it renders, there has been an increasing tendency to let the state and federal governments take over more and more the responsibility for financing these services. In some instances this tendency has been necessary and has promoted progress. We need only imagine what our highway situation would be if the counties still built and maintained roads; or what the public schools would be if they derived all their support from the localities.

There remain, though, areas in which the counties have a part to play and can fill an important place in the governmental setup. Some changes in county lines might be helpful, but county governments help to keep government—as it should be—close to the people.

The Intelligent Rabbit

Worcester (Mass.) Telegraph

We never even heard of a rabbit that was smart enough to carry the left hind

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

May 24, 1957
Next week marks the end of the 1956-57 school year with exercises beginning on Wednesday afternoon.

Polio vaccine for ages 20 to 40 is available in a small amount at the Health Center.

Little League baseball play will begin in the county on June 2.

The John Graham High School Band will present its annual spring concert tonight in the school auditorium.

May 23, 1952
The Norlina gymnasium will be dedicated on Sunday night with J. Edward Rooker, chairman of the Board of Education, making the dedicatory address.

Ruth Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Turner of Vicksboro, has been named Valedictorian of the John Graham High School Senior Class.

W. L. (Hickory) Wood has been designated as Country Squire by Governor W. Kerr Scott.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will appear here on June 6, and this week an appeal was made for volunteers to donate blood.

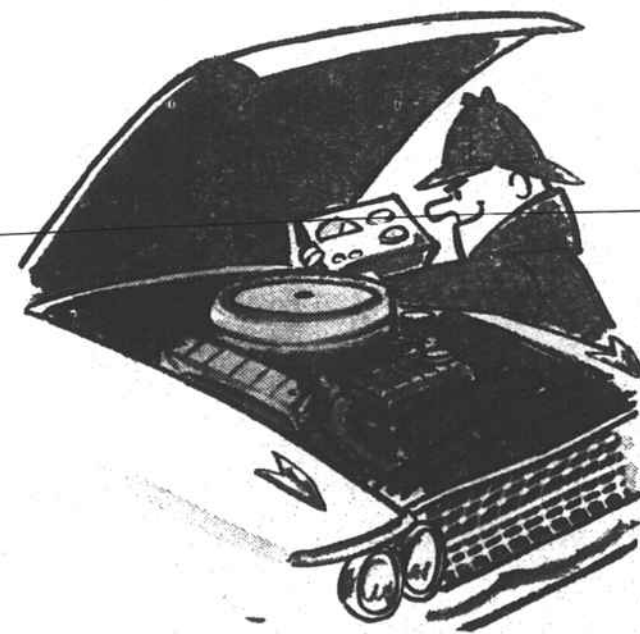
May 21, 1937
Plans for a whole time Health Department were discussed at a called joint meeting of the Board of Health and the Warren County Medical Society.

Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, appointed last week as special Superior Court Judge, will be sworn in at the May term of court today.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jones on Monday night, May 17, a son—Leonidas John Jones, II.

All children (and their parents) who are interested in the organization of "The Children's Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy" are asked to meet at the residence of Mrs. Charles Peete on Monday afternoon, May 24, at 4 o'clock.

Mister PART-icular says . . .

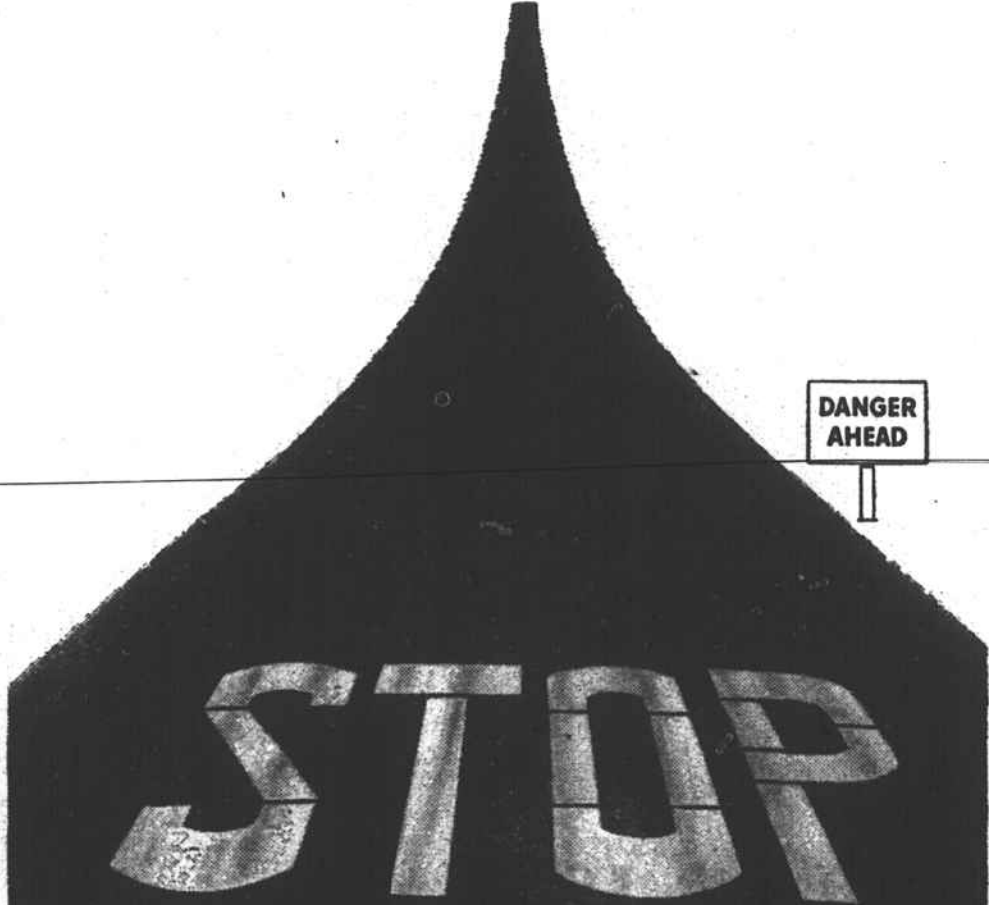


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