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Changes Are Needed

Within a little more than two weeks the Legislature of North Carolina will meet in its new home in Raleigh to act upon a number of problems concerned with the welfare of the state.

While the solons are considering needed legislation, we would like to see them give some attention to two matters which we think should be of statewide interest. The first of these is the abolition of the requirement that the Legislature approve nominees to the county boards of education. The second is to work for an amendment to the State Constitution abolishing the office of coroner as a constitutional office, subject to the vote of the people.

We can see no reason whatsoever why after the people of a county have expressed their choice for members of the board of education that their will should be subject to approval, sometimes change, by the State Legislature. We are well aware of the reasons advanced by Eastern Carolina legislators for the retention of this power in the hands of the members of the General Assembly, but it does not appear to us to be legitimate. The same reasoning that applies to the required approval of the Legislature for members of the boards of education could just as well be applied to approval for the boards of county commissioners, or for that matter the approval of any duly elected official. What it does is to give power to the Legislature that should be retained by the people, and puts the school system deeper into politics. We would like

very much to see this requirement abolished.

While we are not too happy about constant amendments to the State Constitution, and think that it is about time for the adoption of a new constitution to replace the much revised one, we know that other amendments will be offered from time to time. When this next occurs we would like to see an amendment abolishing the office of coroner as a constitutional office. We say this without any purpose of reflecting upon the many fine men elected as coroners of the state. But in reality the position of coroner requires skills not possessed by the average layman, and we can see no more reason for the people voting for a coroner than they would for county physician or welfare superintendent.

There is a growing feeling that the office of coroner should be held by a physician, as is the case in neighboring Vance County. The matter has been before the board of county commissioners in years past, but it was found that the cost would be prohibitive to a county as small as Warren, or at least that was the view expressed by the commissioners at that time.

Actually there is not too many calls for the service of a coroner in many rural counties, and we believe one coroner could well serve three or four counties in this section of rural North Carolina in this day of rapid travel, and the cost shared by the participating counties on an area-population basis. Or, if feasible the County Health Officer, might serve in this position. But this can not be done as long as the Constitution requires that each county in the state elect a coroner. That is our main reason for desiring the abolishing of coroner as a constitutional officer. Without this requirement, in many cases boards of county commissioners could improve county service without prohibitive costs.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

January 17, 1958

Work on the addition of four class rooms at Prospect Methodist Church at Embro has been completed.

Major Charles A. Speed of Raleigh, director of the highway safety division of the State's motor vehicle department, was scheduled to speak to members of the Warrenton Woman's Club last night.

The Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night approved an option for a pumping station and diversion dam.

Bids on half a dozen small Negro schools have been raised and will be readvertised, it was learned at the office of the superintendent of schools yesterday.

January 16, 1953

A modern supermarket, financed by Norlina and Warrenton business men, will be constructed in South Norlina and expected to be in operation within 90 days, Raby L. Traylor, Norlina business man, said yesterday.

Warren County tobacco quotas in 1963, under the 8 per cent acreage cut, will be 8,948.3 acres.

D. C. (Peahead) Walker, former coach at Wake Forest, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce on January 29, Shipp McCarroll, secretary, announced yesterday.

January 14, 1938

John Allison, manager of Hotel Warren, announced yesterday that a dance for paralysis victims would be held at Hotel Warren on January 23.

Ben Batts, former A. & P. manager, left on Tuesday for Greenville where he has accepted a position in a young man's shop.

Dr. W. D. Rodgers this week moved from his office in the former Warren Theatre building to temporary quarters in the rear of Boyce Drug Co.

One hour parking signs are being erected on Main Street this week.

The Pastor's Paragraph

By J. M. STONEY

Is there any connection between Christianity and Freedom? There are solid reasons to believe that the Roots of our Freedom are in the teachings of Christ, have never in history sprung from any other source and can never arise from anything but the Gospel. Here are some reasons:

First Christians respect people as Children of God and respect the sanctity, dignity, and freedom of the individual and personhood. They look upon a person not as a thing to be used but first as a person. Each human being is regarded as a Child of God, not as a piece of chattel, either for the state or for private use, but as a human being and a person.

Secondly, persons are not regarded as means to an end but as ends in themselves and are the fulfillment of God's Creation and are the height of it and are of first importance in their own right. Too much in popular attitudes regard people only in terms of functions, or as things, how they are useful to some cause or purpose merely as a means to an end. In the Christian view a human being is God's own Child and created in His image and in His likeness.

Thirdly, Christianity is a religion of commitment rather than coercion, freeing Christians from the law. If he loves he will keep all laws, even if they weren't enforced because he chooses and wants to serve His God, to whom he is committed and His Fellow man by the Grace

of His Faith and Commitment.

The substance of Freedom comes out of our concept of the Dignity of Man, created in God's image to be a Child of God, and for God's own purpose. Freedom comes out of the Love of God and our Neighbor, which is the substance of the Gospel of Christ.

Former Warrenton Man Honored At Rocky Mount

A former Warrenton resident, W. V. Ellington, has been honored by electrical contractors of Rocky Mount following his retirement after 45 years as Rocky Mount electrical inspector and assistant director of public utilities.

During a recent dinner, Ellington, who had been employed by the City of Rocky Mount since 1918 until his retirement early in January, was presented with an engraved plaque, a television set and a gift certificate.

A resident of Rocky Mount for 49 years, Ellington was employed by the telephone company for four years before going to work for the city.

Under his supervision has been the reading of some 30,000 meters each month. He has had five readers and four

helpers to do the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington are residents of Beal Street. Their only child, Mrs. Ebran Cuthrell, is also a resident of Rocky Mount.

Mr. Ellington, a native of the upper part of Warren

County, came to Warrenton with his parents as a small boy and spent most of his boyhood here. He is a brother of County Commissioner A. J. Ellington and Miss Effie Ellington of Warrenton.

Life's Like That
A beaming father brought the news to his six-year-old son that the stork had delivered a lovely baby sister for him.
"Aw," said the lad, "I was hoping for an older brother."

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In Gallery

The Chapel Hill Weekly

Senator Clarence Stone's decision to quarantine reporters to the gallery of the Senate during the 1963 Legislature will eventually rank, we will wager, as one of the most ill-conceived ground rules that has ever come from that distinguished body.

From the pictures appearing in the papers recently, the isolation ward for reporters is above and beyond the carrying range of even Billy Arthur (who, incidentally, is staying home this season).

The only communication permitted reporters with those on the floor of the Senate will be by vacuum tube and page. This is an awkward and uncertain line, at best, and disregards Senators' pained expressions, grunts and groans which, although uncommunicable via page and tube, are often more newsworthy than what the august Senators have to say.

In the end, however, Senator Stone's ban on face-to-face contact between reporters and Senators will probably work its most grievous hardship on the distinguished Honorables themselves.

A newsmen responsible for covering the proceedings, and hamstrung by Senator Stone's prejudicial rule, will of necessity report what SEEMED to have happened, or what he THINKS happened.

The rule figures to tremble the first time Senator Stone is seriously misquoted. The second time, it will come tumbling down.

Some Food

Ledger-Star (Norfolk, Va.)

A firm in Washington (a "think company" is the description used by the Insider's News Letter), is working on something called "self-regenerating" food.

The immediate pressure for the product is the nourishment of space men on long trips, but it is pointed out that success would also solve the world's food problems.

What the researchers are trying to do is to create an edible tissue that would grow back after part of it was consumed. A space traveler, according to the explanation, would eat up all but a small portion of his "steak," put the left-over piece into a special culture and it would grow back to a full-size steak.

Sounds like a fine idea. But let's not confuse this promising investigation to food. How about looking into the same kind of possibilities elsewhere?

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