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Press Agent Needed

A number of years ago the late Irving S. Cobb said that what North Carolina needed was a good press agent. After visiting Gaston Lake Sunday, the first spring-like Sunday of the new year, we are inclined to feel that what Warren County needs is a good press agent.

We are convinced from our observation Sunday and from previous observations that this lake offers War-

ren County the greatest opportunity for development of anything that has happened to the county during this century. The possibilities for development of this lake are almost unlimited if the story of its potentials could be sold to people in other sections of the nation.

As it is, we believe that within five years more than a million dollars worth of taxable income will be added to the county as a result of building on the shores of the lake, and that should be only a beginning.

Not only do we need a good press agent for the development of the lake, but we think for the development of the entire county. Millions of people with wealth and ability are retiring each year and many of these are moving to Florida. We believe that many of these would come to Warren County if they knew what the county has to offer.

The growth of the suburbs is an indication of a natural desire of people for space. In many instances this desire is nullified by the development of the suburbs, with its row upon row of houses as much alike as peas-in-a-pod in their ugliness. And even where a few acres are obtained and landscaped, many times this results in a kind of make belief.

But in Warren County is to be found space in a good climate without the monotony of climate and the crowded condition of Florida. Here one may find room to breathe, a friendly people, a low tax rate, all within easy reach of the entertainment of those who like to visit the cities. Here in Warren County life is real and could be very good to those with wealth sufficient to avoid the unpleasantness of poverty.

If the story of the potentials for good living in Warren County could be sold to the rest of the nation through advertising and the work of a good press agent, we would have little reason, we feel, to worry about the future growth and prosperity of our county.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

March 13, 1959

A driver education program was inaugurated in two Warren County high schools, John Graham and Norlina, this week.

Warrenton's new water plant was on Wednesday turned over to the town by town engineer Wm. Freeman Co. and L. O. Chapman Construction Company.

Preliminary work has been started on a gym at John Graham High School.

Mrs. Mary S. Powell of Henderson, Rt. 1, a native of Warrenton, celebrated her 90th birthday on February 17.

March 12, 1954

Sgt. Bobby Scott is spending a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, on the Norlina road, after spending a year in Korea.

Announcement that the Woman's Club would sponsor an antique show here in April was made this week by Mrs. Bob Bright, a member of the club.

The Warren County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock when they will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review.

Warrenton's water and sewer bonds were purchased by Branch Bank and Trust Company of Wilson at an interest rate bid of 1.68 per cent bid.

March 10, 1939

William R. Dameron of Warrenton has been placed in charge of the flying school which the federal government is sponsoring at Raleigh to train civilian pilots.

Basketball teams from the Macon and John Graham high schools were in Wake Forest yesterday to compete with rural high schools of eastern Carolina in the annual tournament sponsored by the Raleigh YMCA.

Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids was a visitor here Tuesday afternoon.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Wilson of near Warrenton was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night around 9 o'clock.

Letter To The Editor

REPLIES TO LINK

To The Editor:

I would like to reply to several points in the Reverend Link's letter of last week.

"The unreasonable and constantly rising cost of medical care" is only thought to be one of the causes turning people's attentions toward social medicine. Whether the rising cost of medical care is poor economics or not, I am not qualified to say, but I can reply that the "unethical" aspect of this is incorrect in the sense that Reverend Link uses the term. In our democratic society and way of life, the professional man (so far) has complete liberty to set his fees at what he thinks is reasonable compensation for the service he has rendered to the individual concerned. Some of the large medical centers set the fees for the physicians that practice within that setup, and of course they cannot control their fees. This, then in essence, is socialized medicine on a small scale and is only a sample of what would happen throughout the country if the present legislation pending in Congress is enacted into law. If medical costs are too high now, then they will be doubly too high when the government comes in this for we have seen many times that it costs the taxpayer \$2.00 to receive \$1.00 of Federal aid.

Mr. Link would have us spread the cost out over individuals that can afford to pay, but I submit, that most of the people in this country today, are able to afford medical care, and if they are not, there are many agencies and persons to which these individuals may turn for aid with their medical care. To spread this out equally, as the government would do, would cost the average working person about 25% of his total income in Social Security taxes, and I dare say very few working people feel that they could afford such an added burden at any time during their working life. Add this to approximately 20% to 25% for federal income tax and you have one-half of the income of the working person going to the Federal Government before he ever sees his pay check.

As to the physicians themselves becoming disturbed about excessive charges by another physician - we do it should be explained to everyone, if they are not aware of this, that any time they feel that a physician has an excessive fee, they should approach the physician concerned and if some reasonable agreement cannot be reached then the individual should approach the County Medical Society in which the doctor is a member. Unbiased committees are set up for rendering honest judgments if these are demanded.

I would agree with Reverend Link that those concerned cannot afford to wait, for sickness is usually sudden and unexpected. However, everyone carries automobile insurance and thinks very little about it and hopes that he never has to use it, although I dare say that not everyone carries hospitalization, sickness or accident insurance in the same way. My experience has been that anyone with health insurance feels that it is his obligation to receive more benefits from it when he becomes ill than he pays into it and would never think of using his household, fire or automobile insurance in the same manner. It should also be apparent to any reasonable person that sometime or other during his life he will become ill and

should lay by funds for this so that the cost will not be burdensome.

In general, a person's health is a priceless asset and when one is sick he wants the best care there is. To quote a few figures as to how the health dollars stack up I submit the following for consideration. 6¢ out of the consumer dollar is spent for health whereby recreation consumes 6¢, clothing 10¢, travel 12¢, food 22¢, housing 27¢ tobacco-liquor 5¢. Physicians, fees are up approximately 90% from what they were 20 years ago and all health costs are up about 108% but then the cost of movies are up 130% food is up 151%, men's haircuts 218%, domestic servants fees 297% and public transportation 139% to name a few. Actually the point of Reverend Link's concern, I feel, is the increase cost in hospitalization and hospitals get more for several reasons: 1. Employees wages consume about 70% of hospital cost and it takes two employees per patient and the salary of the average employee has gone up 70% in the past 20 years. 2. Many new and expensive drugs (which can save your life now when before it could not have been saved) cost more. 3. Better laboratory facilities and new equipment for improved and safer diagnosis and treatment. 4. A modern hospital must meet very high standards before accreditation and included in this are employees that demand high salaries and can command them for the health care field is drastically short on personnel. Just think about the many maids, cooks, technicians, dieticians, orderlies, nurses and other personnel that serve the patient in the hospital.

Think of the many thousands of people who leave the hospitals well now that would have died 20 years ago. Vaccines, which have been developed through enormous and tremendously costly research program, completely prevent serious illnesses that were deadly some years ago. Infection from such things as surgical procedures are almost unheard of today with antibiotics. Pneuonia has become practically a non-serious illness where

20 years ago pneumonia would have killed one out of every three persons that were affected. Also the life expectancy has gone up 10 years during the past 20 years because of these advances. And, one last item for comparison in that 1963 might be called the year of the 4¢ Penny Post Card. Did you complain and write your Senator about that? Did you complain that now a Coke costs 10¢?

Concerning medical cost it might be approached from a slightly different aspect in that the median family income in 1950 for the United States was \$3,300.00 and in 1962 this had increased to \$6,800.00 or a 205% increase in infant mortality and average hospital stay shortened 2 days for equivalent illness, less lost time from work and serious illness, lower life insurance rates, fewer life long disabilities or physical handicaps resulting from disease or injury, plus the most important point of all - higher standards of care. Lastly, Reverend Link would like to have several indications of how we could stretch the family medical-care dollar and I would like to list eight time-tested rules for this:

1. Have a family doctor.
 2. Don't wait too long to see a physician about an illness.
 3. Have regular medical checkups.
 4. Go to the doctor's office for examination.
 5. Use the telephone to contact the family physician.
 6. Follow the physician's orders when ill.
 7. Buy health insurance.
 8. Take allowable tax deduction.
- Would anyone be willing to receive medical care as practiced 20 years ago for what it cost at that time?

ROBERT S. CLINE, M. D.

HOME RUN

Johnny told his mother the teacher asked the class where they were born. "Certainly you could answer that," his mother replied. "It was Woman's Hospital." "Course I knew but I didn't want to sound like a sissy, so I said Yankee Stadium," the boy replied.

Say you saw it advertised in The Warren Record.

To the Taxpayers of Warren County

NOTICE

This is to notify you that the Board of Commissioners of Warren County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review on

Monday, March 16, 1964

At the Court House, Warrenton, N. C., At 10:00 O'clock A. M.

For the purpose of adjusting and equalizing tax valuations. All taxpayers who have complaints relative to their valuations are requested to appear before the Board and make their complaints known.

S. E. ALLEN

Clerk ExOfficio

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Warren, Warrenton, N. C.

The Vanishing Bachelor

Mirror of World Opinion

Arrival of another leap year was heralded by the Population Reference Bureau in Washington with an assortment of marriage statistics which are subject to interesting interpretations.

Among them is the information that in 1900, only 16 leap years ago, 36 per cent of American males managed to reach 40 without marrying, while today the percentage has dropped to 18.

This could be a tribute to the improving strategy of American women, or, depending on the viewpoint, a tribute to the improving intelligence of American males.

Simple Pleasures

Welmar Jones in The Franklin Press

Watching that bubble machine in front of the Bank of Franklin, the day of the bank's open house recently, I wondered, too, if today's children blow bubbles. Particularly, I wondered if, with the quantity, variety, and complexity of modern toys, they get the thrill from this simple thing that children of an earlier generation did. All it took, then, was a pan of water, a bit of soap, and a spool. Yet those three provided entrancing entertainment for an entire rainy afternoon.

Seeing the faces of children and adults alike, as they watched the machine, and hearing the children's squeals, I guessed that such simple things still can bring pleasure to children, whatever their years count.

Dream Books

Ottawa Journal

It is an academic question whether seed catalogues should be labelled literature. Millions of hard-covered books are published annually in the nation and many---are trashy and worthless.

But a man is never afraid to leave a paper-covered seed catalogue on the living room table. On a wild and windy night when a cold wind is arguing in the chimney a man can sit in his comfortable chair and do some.....gardening.....

In spite of cynics, a seed catalogue can be both a dream book and a commercial treatise. Catalogues offer advice as well as seeds and plants. They foster good resolutions and spur a gardener's ambition. It is a bit strange that the gardens in the catalogue never have any weeds. The rows are geometrically straight and each plant is a model specimen. The garden plot has wonderful soil---without stones, turf or debris.

Perhaps because of a monotone white world, the handsome, scarlet tomatoes, golden carrots, delicious-looking muskmelons, green peas and red beets have a strong appeal.....

A man can dream in this world and dreams come before reality. One may know in his heart the way his garden will look come August. But now in Winter he can study the catalogues and make resolutions that will last a little longer than those he made on January first.

Times Have Changed

Welders' Digest

In the old days the family spent much time hunting for granny's glasses. Nowadays she just leaves them where she empties them.

Five Day Week

Diners' Club Magazine

The only guy who ever got his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe.

Quotes

A room without books is as a body without a soul.—Cicero.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern but impossible to enslave.—Lord Brougham.

I love my books as drinkers love their wine; / The more I drink, the more they seem divine.—Francis Bennoch.

It was one of those parties where you cough twice before you speak and then decide not to say it after all. — P. G. Wodehouse.



W. Monroe Gardner

ABOUT THIS QUESTION:

I could sleep better if I knew that all my mercantile risks were wrapped up in one package insurance policy that renewed at the same time. Is just such a new Mercantile Policy now available at a reduced total premium from the Warrenton Insurance Agency?

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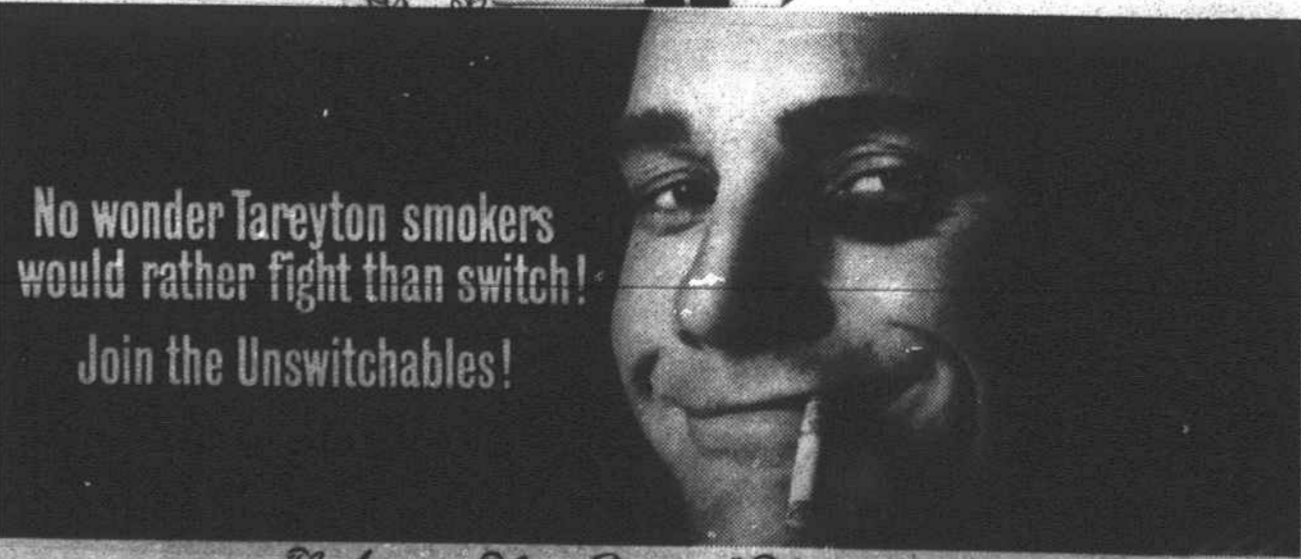
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