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The Governor's Message

Governor Moore in his biennial message to the Legislature last Wednesday called for record amounts of appropriations for advancements of all areas of North Carolina's public education system, with substantial raises for public teachers, free textbooks, and a feasibility study of public kindergartens.

"Education is the first concern and responsibility of this administration," he said.

Governor Moore also asked that the burning of a cross or other symbol without the permission of the owner, and that the act of bombing occupied property, be both made a felony, with the latter carrying a penalty of from ten years to life in prison. He would also have the amount of reward offered by the state for the arrest of those bombing a residence be raised from the present \$400 to \$10,000.

The Governor also said that he opposed the sale of whiskey by the drink, but was for control and hoped that some way could be worked out to legalize the custom of brown bagging.

We agree with the Governor that "education is the first concern and responsibility of this administration," and feel that it should be expanded to the limits of North Carolina's ability to pay.

We are more than happy that the Governor has suggested that cross burning and bombing should be made a felony, for it is long past time that the shenanigans of those who set themselves up as judge, jury and

executioner be ended. About the only recommendation of the Governor which fails to meet our approval is his suggestion for the legalizing of brown bagging.

It is possible, of course, to change the Turlington Act, which permits drinking in the home only, so that a person may be permitted to take a bottle of whiskey to a "reputable" eating place and legally take a drink. But it seems to us that the definition of "reputable," in this connection may cause some difficulty, and one wonders just who and when one is to term a place reputable. What one type of man may find reputable another may find disreputable. To tell one man that he may take a drink at a fine and usually expensive place and another that he may not take a drink at a B-Grade restaurant is certainly discriminatory, and we can not with good grace favor a law that would tell one class citizen that he may legally take a drink of whiskey with his meals and another class that he can not take one.

Maybe there is some difference in a restaurant mixing and selling a drink and in its furnishing glasses, mix and ice, and letting a customer add the whiskey, but the only thing that is clear to us is its hypocrisy.

What we would like to see the State license eating places to sell mixed drinks under strict supervision, with a sizable tax for the privilege.

This, we understand, is permitted in 47 of the 50 states, with only North Carolina and two other states having the brown bagging custom. And when anyone can show us that the present North Carolina system produces less drinking, less drunkenness, less alcoholism, less violence, less crime and a superior type citizenship measured by any accepted criteria then we will be happy to publicly change our mind and extend our apologies to those who think differently.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

Feb. 16, 1962

The State Bureau of Investigation has been asked to assist in the investigation of the robbery of the ABC store at Norlina Monday night.

The Warrenton Lions Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a Ladies Night banquet and dance at the Country Club on Saturday night.

Members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department will conduct a county-wide broom sale from March 5-10 in order to raise funds for needs of the department.

Ground-water resources of Warren County are being studied by the United States Geological Survey.

Feb. 15, 1957

The Barber of Seville will be presented at the John Graham High School by the National Grassroots Opera on Wednesday evening.

The Warren-Halifax Basketball Tournament will be held at the Norlina gymnasium beginning next Tuesday.

Mayor W. A. Miles has been presented a Boy Scout Handbook by the Occaneechee Council in appreciation of his scout work.

The Heart Fund Drive will be made here on Sunday, W. R. Drake and Mrs. P. E. Adams, co-chairmen, announced yesterday.

Feb. 13, 1942

More than \$25,000 has been received by Warren County farmers in parity check payments.

Capt. Harold R. Skillman, former commanding officer of Company B, has been promoted to Major.

Major General William Cannon Rivers, retired United States Army Officer, and Mrs. Rivers will make their home in Warrenton after June 30, it was learned here this week.

Mayor Frank H. Gibbs appointed 40 Warrenton citizens as blackout wardens Monday night.

Letter To Editor

LONG FOR LIGHT

To The Editor:

It is during these short days of the year that we begin to long for light. The sunlight is weak and without warmth. It's dark when we get up in the morning, and dark when we come home from work.

In the North at least, city streets are smudged with sooty snow and ice, and in the country, field and stream are locked in winter's steely embrace.

Nevertheless, for all of that, there is something in the air that cannot be mistaken. The light looks different. There is a scent on the cold air which is neither snow, nor earth, nor bud, nor leaf, but which is more subtle than any of these.

Perhaps it is just the perfume of a promise soon to be fulfilled, for the willows are bright yellow now, there are new voices in the early morning bird songfest and we are beginning to say hopefully, "The days are getting longer, aren't they?"

By every one of the signs we know that spring is waiting on winter's threshold, and that soon the days will be bright with color and warmth and light.

Long, long ago men made the sun their great God, and it is not to be wondered at. Light was life. When the sun hid himself, they were cold and miserable and sick. Their fires wouldn't burn, their crops failed, their sick died and their spirits failed. But in the sun were all the glorious powers of life and of death, and they spoke with awe of his golden chariots and worshiped him in strangely beautiful temples.

The world grew older. Gradually came the inescapable knowledge that behind the known and the seen remained the unknown and the unseen. They came to realize that God was not the sun, but the power that made sun, moon and stars and held them in their courses.

And as men gradually learned of God, they discovered that just as in the physical world life is dependent upon the sun, so the life of the soul hangs upon God who is Very Light Of Very Light.

For long centuries man groped his way toward the light. David seems to have known the radiance of the heavenly Light. "The Lord God is a sun and shield," he said, and, on another occasion, "Thou art my lamp, O Lord, and the Lord will lighten my darkness."

All through the Old Testament men seemed still to be groping, looking and longing for the promise, hoping for it and believing it, encouraged by the mighty voices of the prophets who cried, "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Malachi 4:2)

The time was coming nearer, the willows were golden, the bird song was clearer and sweeter, the darkness was lifting.

Then in the fullness of time, Jesus came to earth. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." And with John's triumphant declarations, mankind knew that the Sun of Righteousness had at last risen upon the world.

That light, shining brightly in the hearts of men, is reflected outward upon the darkness of the world, in loving deeds, in gracious words, in ceaseless concern and compassion for the condition of man.

And, at the last, all shadows will flee away, for the city that John saw, the Better World of all our hope and faith, "had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." W. PRYOR RODWELL, JR.

ATTEND BANQUET

W. Monroe Gardner, District Governor of District 31-G, and Mrs. Gardner attended the 50th anniversary banquet of Lions International at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Monday night. International Vice President Dick Bryant was the guest speaker. Also attending the banquet were Past International President Jack Stikley and Past International Directors Wallace West and Henderson Bourke.

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Two Warren Seniors Win In Betty Crocker Contest

Two Warren County High School seniors have been named Betty Crocker winners for finishing first in their schools in written home-making knowledge and attitude examinations for senior girls on Dec. 6, it was announced here this week.

Beverly J. Johnson won the honor for John Graham High School, and Ann Rose Long was winner at North Warren High School.

Both girls are now eligible for possible state and national scholarship awards and their tests also earned each of them a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

A state Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be selected from the winners of all schools in the state, with the former receiving a \$1,500 college scholarship; her school will be given a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. The runner-up will be awarded a \$500 educational grant.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from this state, together with those from all other states and the District of Columbia, each accompanied by her school advisor, will join in an expense paid educational tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D. C., next spring.

The national winner—the 1967 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow—will be announced at a dinner in Williamsburg. She will be chosen from the state winners on the basis of original test score plus personal observation and interviews during the tour.

Marriage Licenses

Harold Daniel Williams, Jr., white, of Hopewell, Va., to Barbara Ann Whittle of Rt. 1, Chester, Va.

Devon Hamilton Edwards, white, of Henderson to Rosa McKinley Day of Henderson.

Brian William Nilsson, white, of Woodbridge, Va., to Ruth Ann Stiles of Rt. 1, Dumfries, Va.

John Edward Brucklacher, Jr., white, of Liberty, Pa., to Beverly Jean Copp of Wellsboro, Pa.

Paul Elliott Sherwood, white, of Alexandria, Va., to Mary Elizabeth Downing of Alexandria, Va.

Robert Lee Spritzer, white, of Long Beach, N. Y., to Evelyn Vivian Haase of Hicksville, N. Y.

Cards Of Thanks

Copy for cards of thanks must be in this office by Tuesday night, earlier if possible, accompanied by \$1.00 to cover cost of insertion.

I wish to thank my relatives and friends who remembered me with prayers, visits, cards, letters, flowers, gifts and all the other acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. May God bless each of you.

HERMAN HAYES

I wish to thank the many people of the Warren Plains Baptist Church for the many nice gifts and cards and for the ones that were so kind to take time to carry me to and from school and doctor's office while my leg was hurt. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless each one of you.

PATSY ANN SALMON

I want to express my thanks to the doctors and the staff of Warren General Hospital and to my friends for their visits, cards and gifts during my stay in the hospital. May God bless you all.

LITTLE PHYLLIS JOHNSON

We wish to thank our friends and relatives, and pastor for the prayers, visits, cards and gifts for Aubrey during his stay in Warren General Hospital and since his return home. Special thanks to Dr. Charles Bunch and the staff of the hospital. May God bless each one of you.

MR. AND MRS. W. B. RODWELL, SR. Brothers and Sisters.

Ryland Funeral Is Held At South Hill

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Bennett Ryland of South Hill, Va., were held on Thursday of last week at Ephesus Baptist Church at South Hill, Va., with interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett, who died on Tuesday of last week, the daughter of the late William and Lena Bennett, was a native of Warrenton.

Surviving are a son, Billy, of the home; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth of Durham; a sister, Mrs. Martha Bennett Parker of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; and a brother, John Bennett of Durham.

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Quotes

"The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."—Thomas Jefferson.

If you must tell me your opinions, tell me what you believe in. I have plenty of doubts of my own. — Goethe.

The Busy Atom: If you wrote a letter today, or drove a car, or ate a sandwich, chances are that you enjoyed some of the "invisible" benefits of nuclear energy. Photo courtesy of the Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc.