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Walker P. Burwell

Warrenton was both shocked and grieved over the untimely death of Walker P. Burwell as the result of a motor accident near Louisburg last Friday.

Mr. Burwell, possessor of a heart "as big as all outdoors," as one citizen was heard to remark this week, loved people of both races and this love was demonstrated in untold acts of kindness, many of which are known to only a few. Seemingly no journey was too long or task too arduous when he was called upon for assistance to some one needing help. All men were his neighbors in the Biblical sense.

He had a love of fun and a sense of humor that made him a good companion and many friends will recall how often he dropped by with a good joke and his ready laugh and courteous bearing will be long remembered.

Although years and illness had somewhat slowed him down in his activities, he could never have really grown old for he had the heart of youth and often times the impulsiveness and enthusiasm found only in the heart of the young.

Outside his immediate family and close kin, perhaps nothing was closer to his heart than the Warrenton Colored Volunteer Fire Department and its members. It is easy to believe that he truly loved each member of the fire company and that each fireman truly loved him. This love was shown in his request that colored firemen serve as his pallbearers and that members of the colored fire company be among the honorary pallbearers. It was a beautiful and appreciated gesture and demonstrates that true love knows no boundaries.

In this time when the nation is torn by racial strife it is noteworthy that both colored and white could gather in the same church at Warrenton to pay a final tribute to one that members of both races loved.

When Mr. Burwell's father, the late John C. Burwell, died some 20 years ago this newspaper asked in reference to his life, "What doth the Lord require of thee; but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?" This too fits the life of Walker P. Burwell.

Much Damage

Here in Warren County and presumably over the nation, many farmers ran rows up and down hills with no terracing or cover crops and as a result good top soil flowed into the creeks. Towns and cities dumped raw sewage into the creeks and manufacturers allowed industrial waste to flow into the streams and into the air until many rivers have become almost an open sewer and the air has become polluted to the extent that it is beginning to offer a serious threat to the national health. Social conditions were allowed to drift until slums and poverty threaten to destroy our nation.

But at first land was cheap and plentiful and when worn out there was always the frontier. The rivers offered a cheap way to get rid of industrial waste and sewage and the damage to our water systems was not immediately apparent, and there was so much air that few thought there was danger of polluting it.

Natural resources were used as if there were no end to them and wealth and labor and people exploited in the mad race for profits and from these profits great industries were created and the United States became the richest and most powerful nation that the world has ever known. But not without a price.

Then the United States woke up to the fact that it must pay this price and to the realization that in this world you don't get something for nothing. It will take billions of dollars to repair the damage to one of the Great Lakes polluted by the cities along its shores. Billions of dollars have been spent in rebuilding wasted land and billions more will have to be spent for this purpose and many other billions will have to be spent in rebuilding the cities and training citizens to work in a technical society.

This exploitation of material and human resources has been going on for a long time and under Republican and Democratic Administration and presumably a policy of drift could be continued for a few more years for immediate profits at a cost that this nation might not be able to pay.

And we have crime on our streets and lawlessness in every part of the nation largely because we failed to take the stitch in time, and

at the same time the large majority of our people are enjoying the highest living standards that we have ever known in spite of and perhaps because of, the highest taxes we have ever known.

The thing for which our people should be grateful is that the United States is at long last facing up to its problems and seeking to correct the evils that threaten the good life that we have known.

At least two things, we think, should be recognized. The first is that the problems that face us are national problems beyond the ability of the states to solve and the real issue before us in the national election is who can best solve them. The second is that it is going to cost a great deal of money to correct our mistakes and that, no matter who is elected president, that government spending will increase and not diminish.

We have a civilization that does not hesitate to take the lives of our young men to defend the country, and yet hesitates to take the money necessary to make the country worth defending. It doesn't make too much sense, but then often we are not very sensible.

Danger Spots

Gastonia Gazette Insurance people have told us for a long time that the American kitchen is the most dangerous spot in the world.

People could get killed there in all sorts of accidents, and the annual toll of lost life was very high. It still is. But the kitchen now has dropped back to second place. Statistics reveal that the most dangerous place today is the bedroom.

Some of the victims, groggy with sleep and moved by strange fears, do reasonable things, like jumping out of windows. Some slip on polished floors, or trip on rugs and fall, or just plain fall out of bed during sleep, inflicting fatal injury to the head.

But by far the greatest cause of accidental death in the bedroom is the fumes or smoke from fire caused by cigarettes dropped onto carpet or bed. Fifty per cent of the bedroom deaths are attributed to that cause.

Quotes

Don't ask me how old I am. All I know is that they say I was born in later time and they forgot whether they were digging or planting. —Minnie Pearl.

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill. —Thomas A. Edison.

Letter To Editor

OPPOSE AMENDMENT

To The Editor: On November 5, 1968, there will be submitted to the voters of Warren County a proposal for an amendment to the constitution of North Carolina relating to "continuing present system of representation in the General Assembly." I take this opportunity to urge all voters in Warren County to vote AGAINST this amendment.

The present system of representation was forced upon us by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. The result of the change is that Warren County has been deprived of representation in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. We are paired with larger counties which consistently vote for their own candidates. While we cannot reasonably anticipate an early change, no useful purpose can be served by engraving this injustice into the constitution of our State.

FRANK BANZET

Mostly Personal

BY BIGNALL JONES

A number of newspapers have announced that they were supporting one candidate or another in the General Election and a point could be made that a newspaper should take a public stand on any matter it considers for the best interest of its country. Just what it is worth to a candidate to have a newspaper declare for him I do not know. It is, however, interesting to note that The Charlotte Observer, a newspaper with Republican leaning, has publicly endorsed Bob Scott for Governor, and Nixon for President, while the New York Times, a newspaper with Democratic leaning, has endorsed Hubert Humphrey for President, although this newspaper does not always endorse Democratic candidates.

The Warren Record has not publicly endorsed any candidate for two reasons, one of which is that we feel that many people do not like to be told how to vote, and the other reason is that we feel that a citizen has the right to vote for any candidate for whom he pleases.

However, I make no secret of how I intend to vote, and my announcement will come as no surprise. As I have done in each election since 1921 when I first registered, I intend to vote the straight Democratic ticket.

I have been a lifelong Democrat, possibly because my father was a Democrat, but happily because I am a disciple of Thomas Jefferson and find that the Democratic Party comes closest to offering the philosophy of government in which I believe. To me the Democratic Party has always been the party of the people while the Republican party has been the party of big business. I

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think that this is still true. No criticism attaches to Richard Nixon because he allegedly drew \$250,000 in fees last year from a New York Law Firm of which he is a partner. But since his firm represents some of the largest business interests in the country, it is not too hard to believe that here is where his sympathies will lie. Certainly Nixon is drawing much of his financial support and advice from big business. This observation is not intended as a criticism of Mr. Nixon but only to substantiate my contentions.

Many people in Warren County do not like Hubert Humphrey, largely, I think, because of his liberal views and his racial views which have often run contrary to views held by our citizens. However, I feel that Humphrey is the best qualified of the three candidates for the job of President on his record, his experience. Even his critics say that he is a decent and a kindly man and his public record is without a breath of scandal. I will be proud to cast my vote for him.

Furthermore, the Vice President is but a heartbeat away from the Presidency and care should be used in the selection of the Vice President. I think that Muskie is by far the most appealing of all the candidates. I am well aware of crime in the streets of our city and of the racial difficulties facing the nation, as well as the conditions of our cities. But these conditions did not come overnight and they will not be solved overnight, no matter whom is elected President.

It is strange that people enjoying the most prosperity they have ever known should be so anxious for a change. During the administration of Eisenhower, of which Nixon was a part, the country suffered three business recessions; and during the past six years of the Democratic Administration there have been none.

The Republican Administration of Eisenhower spent more money than any peace time administration in the history of the country, but I rather suspect that his mark has been exceeded by the Democrats since that time, and that the next Administration will spend even more, be it Republican or Democrat. George Wallace may well carry a number of Southern

The Meanest Mother In Town

The following is a story of the World's Meanest Mother, by Orien Fifer in the Phoenix Gazette. She recalled the painful years when she was growing up. "I had the meanest mother in the whole world," this anonymous person wrote. "While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had Coke and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids. "My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all

times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we would be gone one hour or less. "I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake nights thinking up mean things to do to us. "She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teen-agers she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. "None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end by making our dates and friends

come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was 15 and 18. "My mother was a complete failure as a mother, none of us has ever been arrested, or beaten a mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of his country. And whom do we have to blame for this terrible way we returned? You're right, our mean mother."

"Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot, burn draft cards and a million and one things that our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. You see, I thank God He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world."

From this I would say the country doesn't need a 5-cent cigar; it needs more "mean-mothers...and dads."

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank those who were so kind and good to me in the death of my brother. Thanks for the flowers, cards and words of comfort. I would like also to express my thanks to friends and relatives for your thoughtfulness in sending cards, flowers and visiting me while I was in Maria Parham Hospital for 10 days. You made my stay much easier. Thank you all. MILDRED E. MILLER

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