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**Worthy Of Study**

This was brought to mind during the past week by an editorial in The Faquer Democrat of Warrenton, Va., concerning a revision of the 18,000-word constitution proposed for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The revision would provide for the taxation of real estate on a use basis instead of an ad valorem basis as is presently in force, and as is the case in North Carolina.

Under the proposed constitution the Ad valorem method would be continued but the General Assembly would be permitted to "define and classify real estate devoted to agricultural, horticultural, forest or

open space uses and provide for the assessment thereof for taxation on the basis of such use" and "may establish appropriate procedures for the determination of ranges of values applicable to such classification of real estate" and "may allow (tax) relief or deferral" of tax payment to owners of farm, garden, and forest land, and land held for the purpose of providing residents with open space.

Frankly we don't know whether the proposal in the Virginia Constitution would be for the best interest of North Carolina, but we do think that it might be wise for North Carolina to consider a study of the value of taxing real estate under certain classifications.

Virginia also has a tax on whiskey and tobacco and permits open sales of whiskey following local option, matters expected to come before the North Carolina General Assembly during its present session. We might take a look at its experience, and no doubt the Legislature will. There must be many other items in Virginia's mode of operation as well as those of South Carolina that might well be worthy of study.

**And Smog Too**

**The Christian Science Monitor**

The usually docile Russians are clamoring today for automobiles, our correspondent writes from Moscow. Well, we warn them. If the auto age grabs you, look out! The Soviet Union, from Leningrad to Vladivostok will never be the same again.

Crowds of fur-hatted citizens are trying to sign up in Moscow for the new family-car Fiat. None has yet been built (output to reach 660,000 by 1975) but the waiting list, if the Kremlin would allow it, could be as long as Red Square is wide.

And the auto era is more than waiting lists or finished cars. It is service stations, repair shops, accessory stores, tire fac-

tories. It is long four-lane superhighways, of which there isn't a genuine lengthy example in all the Russia. Once cars are built, the clamor will shift to demands for more gas stations and repair shops, and for roads and more roads. Remember how Henry Ford sparked an economic-industrial-agricultural-social revolution in the United States with his Model T?

No wonder Premier Khrushchev wanted at first to make all Soviet autos taxis or rent-a-cars. He knew. Let a fellow buy his own car and he becomes a capitalist, addicted to private ownership. Moscow will have a bear by the tail. Let Russia embrace the motor revolution and it will be whisked into more new ventures than Lenin ever dreamed of!

**Letters To Editor**

**NICE TO FORGET**

To The Editor:  
One of the things we like to do after Christmas is to tear up the "lists." Lists of things to buy, to make, to do. Telephone calls to make and all the things to remember. Well, it's all over now, and we can get rid of the lists.

We always have this pressure of remembering. Did you ever think that sometimes it's very nice to forget.

This morning in going through some old clippings, I came across this little piece written by Mildred Duff.

She said, "Be as grateful for the power to forget as for the power to remember — it is a lovely thing to forget."

And I knew exactly what she meant, for only the other day I was part of a group who were remembering someone known to us all, now dead. Unfortunately, it was more of her faults than her virtues that were remembered, until someone who had known her and loved her spoke up.

"Well," she said, "I have known all that about her, but I've forgotten it long ago. She has been so kind to me, and done so many generous and loving things for other people that I never think of the other side. I just love her for the beautiful things she did and something or other I forget the rest."

Of course it's so much easier when we love. The father of the Prodigal Son forgot because he loved. He forgot all the years of hopes brought low, of suffering and humiliation and despair and anguish as his son "dropped out" to try life in the big city. When the young man came back all his father could remember was that this was his dearly loved son, his little boy with the loving ways, who had been lost for a while, but who had now come home.

That must be why God is able to forget our failures and our sins, because he loves us so much. It is said that He will forgive our iniquity and remember our sins against us no more, forever, and when we think of our selfishness and coldness, our wanderings and faithlessness, our bigotry and stupidity, which we cannot forget and find difficult to excuse, we know that it is only His great love that is enough to forget our sins.

The forgiven are not left without obligation, though not to God, for His forgiveness is as free as it is unmerited. Our obligation is toward those "who have trespassed against us." And not even the trespassers, but those who annoy us because they think differently, because they cannot accept our particular dogma or doctrine, yet bear His name as do we ourselves.

As we come to love our Lord more deeply and more sensibly, so much more does He give us that loving heart, for as St. Paul says, "Love is very patient, very kind — love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears."  
W. PRYOR RODWELL, JR.

**MAKES CORRECTION**

To The Editor:  
I read my letter concerning schools, printed in this weeks edition. I left out a sentence that will change the paragraph in regard to the public school. I do not know how I could have made this mistake, but if you will please print or correct that paragraph for me I will certainly appreciate it.

The sentence left out — "The teacher, Miss Lucy Ricks, one of the best teachers in the county and I for one had a very good school term."

Thank you very much.  
SALLIE TUCKER POLAND  
Boykins, Va.

**In Hospital**

Patients in Warren General Hospital at 5 p. m. Tuesday were listed as follows:  
Fannie Duke Hester, Bertha Perkinson, Charles Tucker, Richard Henry Seaman, Bertha Hecht, Andrew Stansbury, Fred White, Lesmie Davis, Nora King, Wiley Coleman, Emma Jenkins, Herbert Rooker, Gayle Tarwater, Annie Mae Israel, Robert Brewer, Clarence Gilchrist, Lemuel Newell, Charles Penggrass, Mary Clark, Laura Alston, Jacob Marks, James Williams, Mary Polk Gibbs.

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Warrenton girls huddle with Coach Plaster during time out of Warrenton girls game with Enfield Monday night.

**Local Girls Conference Champions**

Tied for first place in the Roanoke Basketball Conference with Aurelian Springs following a defeat by Aurelian Springs here last Tuesday night, the Warrenton girls became champions on Friday night when the Norlina girls downed Aurelian Springs.

The Warrenton girls ended their season with a 16-2 overall mark. Their only losses were at the hands of Aurelian Springs. The last several games have been played without the services of two of their starters, also out for the tournament. Center Jean Drake is out with a chipped bone and sprained ankle and Guard Jane Connel is out with a torn knee ligament.

All year the Warrenton girls have put on a defensive show, holding their opponents to a 20-point scoring average.

The John Graham boys finished third in the conference, behind Weldon and Gaston, with a 13-7 overall record and 10-6 loop standing.

**Norlina Girls Aid In Warrenton Title**

Norlina not only ended regular season play on a happy note Friday night with two good double wins but also gave John Graham High School girls a clear title to the Roanoke Conference championship by downing the Aurelian Springs girls, previously tied with Warrenton.

The Norlina girls won over Aurelian Springs 36 to 31 and the local boys won over Aurelian Springs 71 to 58. The Norlina girls took a 14

to 5 first quarter lead and although the visitors whittled the lead down during the remainder of the game they were never able to overcome it and were down by five as the final buzzer sounded.

Hunt led Norlina with 17 points. Others playing were Hawks 2, Debbie Floyd 9, Stokes 8, Sabrowski, Newsome, Norwood.

Williams was high scorer for Aurelian Springs with 11 points. Other's playing were Adkins 3, Butts 1, Chichestor 5, Cathy Crawley 3, Shearin 8, L. Warren.

**Boys Game**

Norlina and Aurelian Springs played on almost even terms during the first half when Norlina led by a single basket, but Norlina spurred ahead in the third quarter as it scored 24 points to Aurelian Springs 11, a

lead the visitors were unable to overcome.

Al Floyd had a big night as he led Norlina with 23 points, followed by Seaman with 15 and Kimball with 13. Others playing were Macon 5, Wimbrow 7, Foley 8, Jordan, Shearin, Hicks, Pitchford.

Boseman and Shearin led Aurelian Springs with 16 points each, followed by Viverette with 12. Others playing were Warren 5, Keeter 5, Liles 4, Robertson.

**INITIATED**

ELKINS, W. VA. — Miss Gloria Alston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Alston of Route 2, Warrenton, N. C. was recently initiated into Phi Beta Lambda national business fraternity at Davis and Elkins College. She is a sophomore.

**Jackets Take Double Win From Louisburg**

John Graham ended regular season play here Friday night when they downed teams from Louisburg in a double-header. The Warrenton girls won 32 to 16 and the boys took a 71 to 58 win.

The John Graham girls took a first quarter lead and were leading 12 to 8 at the end of the half. Held scoreless in the third quarter, while Warrenton netted 10, the visitors outscored the locals 8 to 7 in the last quarter when Coach Plaster swept his bench.

Carroll led John Graham with 11 points. Others playing were Wood 4, Lloyd 5, M. Thompson 5, Rooker, Taylor, Robertson, V. Thompson, Fleming 3, Coleman, Roberts, Daniel 1, Mustian.

Beasley led Louisburg with 6 points. Others playing were Kimball 3, Keith 3, May, Smith, Patterson, Shearin 4, Stone, Griffin, Merritt, Ball, Pabron, White, Jones, King.

The Warrenton boys had little trouble with Louisburg as they took a 12 to 9 lead in the first quarter and increased it in each of the three remaining quarters.

Rivers led Warrenton with 17 points, followed by Edmonds with 16 and Nat White with 11. Others playing were Steve White 1, Shearin 8, Spruill 8, Fleming 2, Young 5.

**MAKES DEAN'S LIST**

Miss Linda M. Silver, a 1965 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School and a senior at Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte, has made the dean's list for the first semester. Miss Silver, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conroy Silver of Route 3, Warrenton, is a psychology major. She is attending college on a scholarship from Warrenton Fertilizer Company.

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**Cool Spring 4-H Clubs Hold Joint Meeting**

The Cool Spring Senior and Junior 4-H Clubs held a joint monthly meeting at the community club house Sunday, Feb. 16. The meeting was called to order by the senior president, Dora Russell.

The group sang one stanza of "America." The 4-H pledge was led by Katrina Bullock; and the Pledge of Allegiance, by Joan Somerville. The Minutes were omitted.

In discussing new business, it was decided that the 4-H Clubs would work together with the local Home Demonstration Club in presenting a program in honor of the elder members of the community. Also, for this year's project, it was agreed upon that the clubs would work with other community organizations and OEO in installing a lavatory in the community building which is also used as a headstart center.

Members who plan to raise poultry, swine, and calves during this year were asked to give their names to the leaders so that plans could be made for acquiring these animals immediately. The members were also informed of the July 7-12 session during which 4-H'ers from Warren County will be able to attend camp near Roanoke Island.

For the Educational part of the program, one of the leaders, Mrs. Leora Davis, gave a talk on "How to Look Your Best in Whatever you Wear." Remarks were made to the members by a visiting community member, Mr. Jerome Boyd.

The meeting was then adjourned by the repeating of the 4-H Motto.—Katrina Bullock, Secretary (Jr. 4-H).

Welcome the Heart volunteer visiting your home on the weekend of Heart Sunday, and make a generous contribution to the 1969 Heart Fund.

**Alston Funeral Held On Sunday**

Funeral services for Miss Bernadine Alston, 75, of Littleton, who died Friday, were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. at Lakeview Park Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids by the Rev. Rudolph Evans and the Rev. W. P. Pope. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery at Littleton.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Marian Alston and Mrs. Frank Ryder of Littleton; and by three brothers, R. M., C. C., and D. H. Alston of Littleton.

**Court**

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gully to a charge of drunk driving and was assigned to the roads for one month. The sentence was suspended for twelve months provided the defendant voluntarily surrenders his driver's license to the Clerk of Court and not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of the state for 12 months.

William Henry Hyman, charged with reckless driving and with driving with no operator's license, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant pays a fine of \$75 and court costs, and that he not violate any of the criminal laws of the state for two years.

**Tournament**

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Messingall, Pope, Twisdale 6, Thorne.

Tillery led Murfreesboro with 13 points. Others playing were Davis 5, Hill, Lackey 7, Sharpe 1, Phillips, McLean, Parker.

Davis boys upset Warrenton boys by 60 to 55 in the night-cap.

Abernathy led Davis with 20 points, followed by Bryant with 18, Godwin with 12 and Boone

**Tickets On Sale For Friends Of College**

Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, campaign chairman for the Friends of the College concert series, and Chancellor John T. Caldwell of North Carolina State University have announced the appointment of Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, Mrs. Leonard Killian and Miss Elizabeth Rooker as membership representatives for Warren County in the 1969-70 membership drive.

The eleventh season will bring seven programs to the Coliseum at N. C. State University. Memberships will remain at seven dollars even though the budget will exceed \$130,000.

The season will include concerts by: The Royal Scots Greys, the Gordon Highlanders and the Parachute Regiment Tattoo, the National Ballet of Canada, Richard Tucker, Beverly Wolff, Phyllis Curtin and Frank Guarrera, the Stockholm University Chorus, The London Symphony Orchestra, The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Andre Watts. These programs are designed to appeal to everyone in the family, Mrs. Ballentine said.

The drive ends March 25.

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**HARMON PROMOTED**

U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM — James W. Harmon, 22, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Harmon and wife, Barbara, live at 127 Downton St., Warrenton, N. C., was promoted to Army specialist 4 on Jan. 6, near Qui Nhon, Vietnam, where he is serving with the 1st Logistical Command as a supply clerk.

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