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## Voting Process Deplorable

During the past weekend we noticed in The Roxboro Courier instructions for operating voting machines and on Tuesday afternoon as these comments are being recorded and as we face a long night of hand-counting of ballots we find ourselves somewhat envious of Person County.

We realize that Person has a broad tax base, due in great part to the establishment of a giant Carolina Power and Light Company plant at Roxboro, and that Warren County is not so fortunate and to squeeze money for voting machines into the county budget at the present time may be far-fetched, if not an impossible task, but something must be done within the next two years to improve the deplorable voting process within the county.

Judging from experiences of the past several years it appears doubtful that all returns will be in before the late hours of the night, and possibly before the sun rises on Wednesday morning. We trust that we are unduly pessimistic. The trouble lies in the counting of ballots.

True in some of the smaller precincts time of counting and phoning the returns to the Warrenton election office is not all that could be desired, but the delay in the larger precincts is due to the magnitude of the task facing those tallying the votes.

Take West Warrenton, for instance, the largest precinct in Warren County, and multiply the ballots by the number of names on each ballot and the magnitude of the task becomes apparent. This could be reduced of course by employing a greater number of persons to count the ballots, but that increases the costs of holding the election and possibly a need for larger precincts. Maybe buying voting machines for a poor county may not be too ridiculous.

We hope that our commissioners will investigate the possibility before the next primary. Maybe several of the precincts could be

combined to the point that voting machines would be feasible. Certainly the combining of East and West Warrenton precincts would eliminate the cost of three officials as well as the cost of those employed to tally the ballots in two precincts since a voting machine takes care of that problem.

Frankly, we don't know what should be done, but we have set forth these thoughts in the hope that it will stimulate thinking toward a solution.

## How Democrats Solicited Votes

By ORVILLE CAMPBELL

In The Chapel Hill Newspaper

Back in the days when the Democratic Party represented the poor people, candidates and supporters would go into a restaurant and instead of leaving a tip would leave a card that said, "Vote Republican." This would make the waiters so mad that they would go out and vote Democratic.

"Who, father, is that gentleman?" asked the young man, pointing to a man standing on the dais of the House of Representatives.

"That, my son," said the father, "is the chaplain of the House."

Does he pray for the members?" asked the son.

The father thought for a minute and then said, "No, my son; when he goes into the House he looks around, sees the members sitting there, and prays for the country."

## Quotes

Babies are such a nice way to start people. — Don Herold.

I was so ugly when I was brought into the world the doctor slapped my mother. — Phyllis Diller.

## News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years

### Looking Back Into The Record

May 7, 1970  
Skies were blue in Warren County all day Saturday as voters went to the polls to cast their votes in the Democratic Primary but on Saturday night as the count was made the skies fell on all five county commissioners as they were swept out of office.

A radio station for Warrenton, under consideration for several months, is expected to be in operation by mid-summer.

A lot of dogs in Warren County have not been listed for taxation or vaccinated, with less than 50 percent of the dogs having been both listed and vaccinated, C. J. Fleming, Warren County Dog Warden, said this week.

May 13, 1955  
Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Ridgeway depot on Thursday morning around 3:00 o'clock. Burned with other contents were approximately 300 tons of fertilizer, the property of Smith-Doug-

lass Fertilizer Company of Norfolk, Va.

A student piano recital will be given at the John Graham High School on Wednesday night, May 18, at 8:15.

Local students taking part will be Clinton Neal, Jr., Betsy Read, Larry Jennings, Tasker Polk, Harriet Daniel, Tom Banzet, Lyndell Aycock, Betsy Byrd Bobbitt and Carol Reams.

The John Graham School Band, consisting of 53 pieces, will be presented in concert Monday, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium, under the direction of Robert M. Davis, Director.

May 10, 1940

A proposal for an option to purchase Hotel Warren for \$18,000 was refused by the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday night. The offer was made by S. M. Gardner who was acting for his brother who is engaged in the hotel business.

Leading her classmates in scholastic attainment during her entire school career, Miss Lucy Davis Seaman was awarded a medal by Principal Paul Cooper during seventh grade promotion exercises last Friday for making the highest grades of any student during her seven years in school. Miss Fairfax Mitchell rated second to Miss Seaman.

Hundreds of homes of Warren County will be electrified tonight for the first time providing authorities grant the Halifax Electrification Corporation permission to energize today the 130 miles of power lines which have been strung over this area by the Rural Electrification Administration.

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## Stock Subscribers Were Numerous

By BIGNALL JONES

In this column last week I listed a number of objects for which the Peck Manufacturing Company was chartered. Briefly they permitted the company to engage in real estate, building, general merchandising, warehousing, the manufacture of various textiles in addition to cotton, the erection of cotton gins, cotton oil business, the manufacture of machinery and tools.

Other objects of the company as stated in the charter were:

(k) To erect, own and operate, or cause to be operated, a plant or plants for the manufacture of ice and to buy, sell or otherwise deal in ice by wholesale and retail.

(l) To carry on the business of an electric light company in all of its branches and in particular to construct, lay down, establish, fix, carry out and operate all necessary cables, wires, lines, accumulators, lamps, conductors, rods and works and to generate, accumulate, distribute and supply electricity and to light cities, towns, streets, docks, markets, theaters, buildings and places both manufacturing or any other purposes for which electricity may be used.

The company was empowered to buy stock of any other company. Lack of space prevents listing of further powers covering several legal pages.

The total authorized capital stock of the company was five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) divided into five thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each; but the charter stated that corporation may organize and begin business when one hundred and eleven thousand and six hundred dollars (\$111,600.00) of such capital stock, composed of 1116 shares shall have been subscribed for and as much as twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) has been paid in.

Those not listing their addresses as Warrenton, and the number of shares purchased were as follows: R. A. Jackson, Palmer Springs, Va., 10; B. R. Palmer, Merry Mount, 5; J. R. Paschall, Wise, 10; J. M. Coleman, Macon, 5; W. S. Griffin, Lawrenceville, Va., 5; W. S. Terrell, Warren Plains, 2; J. L. Coleman, Macon, 3; W. H. Pridgen, Creek, 10.

Those from Warrenton subscribing stock and the number of shares were as follows:

Thomas D. Peck, 700; J. M. Gardner, 40; C. N. Williams, 40; E. L. Weaver, 10; W. T. Johnson, 10; E. G. Rogers, 21; Frank Serls, 5; J. C. Hardy, 1; R. B. Boyd, 20; John Graham, 5; C. C. Hunter, 3; W. N. Boyd, 2; C. H. Peete, 10; W. H. Riggan, 5; H. A. Moseley, 2; P. J. Macon, 6; H. T. Macon, 5; J. Willie White, 3; W. H. Burroughs, 2; W. H. Dameron, 5; W. W. Taylor, 3; B. P. Terrell, 2; B. G. Green, 3; H. J. White, 10; Edmund White, 2; John C. Burwell, 2; M. P. Burwell, 15; Tasker Polk, 5; J. J. Tarwater, 10; Minnie W. Lifsey, 7; J. H. Kerr, 5; Herbert Alston, 5; R. T. Watson, 5; C. E. Jackson, 16; H. N. Walters, 10; J. P. Scoggin, 5; W. B. Boyd, 20; W. A. Graham, 1; H. L. Falkner, Jr., 5; J. A. Dameron, Jr., 1; A. D. Harris, 5; W. D.

Rodgers, 1; L. W. Wilker, 5; Lizzie M. Tarwater, 5; E. S. Allen, 10; John S. Davis, 10; M. M. Pendleton, for Hunter Drug Company, 2.

When I first read the charter I was intrigued by both the wording of the charter and the powers given the corporation, and failed at the time to realize the amount of space that would be required to give the abbreviated listing that I have used, making it longer than I preferred.

Since completing the three columns, I received a telephone call from Thomas Peck of Henderson, telling me that he enjoyed the write up and offering to give me further information about his father and a number of pictures, one of which showed his father, sitting in a buggy upon which was written "Peck Manufacturing Co."

I believe that this would make an interesting column, which I look forward to running later in the summer, either in a shorter column than the one used on Peck Manufacturing Company, or as a feature article.

## Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

The Warren Record has recently reported a number of events that indicate a possible rise in serious crime by the young people of our county. I am sure that many of your readers were disturbed by these reports. Juvenile crime is a critical problem nationwide and recent events raise the possibility that Warren County will soon join the more urban areas in seeing juvenile crime as a serious problem.

What can be done to prevent this? What can be done to insure that our children can grow up in the best possible environment? These and other questions will be asked in a "Forum on Juvenile Problems" to be held at John Graham High School on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p. m. Professionals from the school system, court system and mental health will make short presentations but the main focus will be on the private citizen, giving them the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and suggest answers to the problems facing our young people and our county.

I want to urge all of the citizens of Warren County to attend this Forum. The future of our young people must be the concern of all citizens and not just a handful of professionals.

DENNIS RETZLAFF

Pets and Food  
Don't keep pet feeding dishes or toys near any food preparation or storage area. Don't let your pets wander on countertops where food may be placed.

### Courthouse Squares



## Daring Commando Raid

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Few events in recent memory have shaken the nation in quite the same way as the news that a small group of American commandos had covertly entered Iran in an attempt to rescue our hostages, but failed in their mission. The shock of the failure, the loss of American lives on Iranian soil, and the barbaric acts of the Iranian authorities in desecrating the American bodies have gripped the nation's attention.

When news of the failed mission broke, I was in North Carolina where I had gone by auto late the night before. After listening to President Carter on television at 7:00 a. m. that morning, I later boarded a plane for Washington to receive a secret briefing along with other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee from top level officials of the State and Defense Departments. After the briefing, I returned home for a full weekend of activities.

Of course, much of the full story is still not known, and may never be known - and maybe for good reason. The release of every detail would not only cause an excess of "Monday morning quarterbacking," but it might also tip our hand as to any further plans our government may have for the rescue of the hostages, if still possible.

At a time like this, what we need more than anything else is national unity, for we have only one Commander-in-Chief, and a determination to keep trying in every responsible and plausible way through whatever means we still have at our disposal - again and again - until we are successful in getting our people home.

Obviously, the unbelievable chain of bad luck, and possibly some bad judgment, or both, which resulted in the failure of such a daring commando raid will make any such attempt in the future far more difficult, especially if all the hostages are now detained in different locations in Iran.

From talking with people in North Carolina and in Washington, even where emotions are mixed and filled with doubt, it

is evident that most people support the President in what he was trying to do. I think they accept his explanation, that the plans and preparations made for the raid, though filled with risk, justified his decision to act as he did, when he did.

Simply put, it appeared we had no other choice. The tyrannical fanatics who rule that God-forsaken land had time and time again rejected reasonable and responsible attempts to negotiate a solution. Their lies and falsehoods had become so commonplace as to merit almost no attention at all.

I am pleased that the Administration began to make plans for the rescue mission almost as soon as the hostages were taken. It was a bold mission and a necessary attempt, which should have been tried earlier, to redeem some of our lost national esteem and honor.

As we enter a new phase of the Iranian crisis, however unwelcome it may be, we should all remember that we are not dealing with rational beings in that ancient and backward land. Rather, we are

dealing with a group of people who do not understand simple basic human concepts like responsibility, honor, or integrity. This means that our government should not be expected to pursue precisely traditional courses of action. We must be flexible, and as painful as the process is, cautious and secure in whatever we do to solve this seemingly insolvable problem.

While our country failed on this first rescue attempt, and while we should not make a lot of threats that we are not prepared to back up, the ruthless Iranians in control should not and hopefully will not forget that we mean business when it comes to protecting our national interests anywhere in the world.

We may not always succeed, but our country, described by many foreign leaders throughout the world as the last bastion of freedom on earth, must never fail to try, always seeking peace, but willing to defend our people, our soil, and our honor by any and all reasonable and necessary means at our disposal.

## Scout Troop Meets For Mother's Day Project

Members of Hawkins Junior High Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 398 latest troop project was designed to produce happiness on Mother's Day.

Each girl used her creativity to make something out of paper to present to her mother on Mother's Day. Each girl also wrote an original poem especially for her mother. Most girls chose to make a bouquet of red roses.

The girls had fun completing this project but also used this opportunity to complete a

cadette challenge and earn a cadette insignia.

The troop is the only Cadette troop in Warren County. Members of the troop are Sherry Baker, Brenda Cheek, Dannelle Colbert, Shirley Debnam, Linda Falcon, Annie Hargrove, Holly Howell, Clementine Judkins, Delois Judkins, Bernice Kearney, Vernice Kearney, Dorothy Maynard, Maggie Patrick, Carol Swain, Johnnie Taylor and Muzetta Williams. Mrs. Eva. G. Howell serves as troop leader.

## from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

**DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS**

May 8, 1878 — Paul Hines, Providence outfielder, makes 1st unassisted triple play in history of baseball, in a game with Boston.

May 9, 1926 — Lt. Comdr. Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett, in a 3-engine Fokker airplane, make 1st flight over North Pole from Spitsbergen Island.

May 10, 1968 — Peace talks between United States and North Vietnam open in Paris.

May 11, 1846 — President James K. Polk asks Congress to declare war on Mexico, which "has invaded our American soil."

May 12, 1942 — Last U.S. troops in Philippines surrender to Japanese on Mindanao.

May 13, 1914 — Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, 1937-49, born Chambers County, Ala.

May 14, 1942 — Congress establishes Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

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