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A Beautiful Tribute

Because of our deep admiration for Congressman Richardson Preyer, appreciation of his service to his state and his country as a member of the North Carolina Delegation in the National House of Representatives, we are reproducing an editorial from The Greensboro Daily News following Preyer's defeat in the Reagan landslide of Nov. 4. The editorial, reproduced in Sunday's News and Observer, is not only a tribute to a good and decent man, but is beautifully written. It reads as follows:

In The Greensboro Daily News

One might say that Richardson Preyer began preparing for his defeat in the 1980 Sixth District congressional race on the day he was born.

He grew up in a wealthy Southern family, heir to a pharmaceutical company fortune and heir to the philosophy that wealthy men must serve their fellows where they can, with modesty and intelligence.

This philosophy has deep roots in the South, particularly in the region's politics. Thomas Jefferson is its patron saint. His lineage includes the likes of LeRoy Percy of Mississippi, a man of wealth and principle, and a fierce opponent of a concurrent strain in Southern politics, the demagoguery of the Bilbos, the Vardamans and the Longs. To such men as Percy and Richardson Preyer, public service was the ideal, and reason ruled emotion.

Representative Preyer has evinced precisely those qualities throughout his career of public service, first as a judge, then as a gubernatorial candidate and, for the last 12 years, as a congressman in the U. S. House of Representatives.

There is no room here to summarize Mr. Preyer's congressional career. Suffice to say that he served his constituents' interests with a quiet diligence and a self-effacing integrity. Ironical as it may seem, such attributes served him poorly on Tuesday at the polls.

On that day, as people here and elsewhere across the nation scanned the stormy skies across America, they felt anger, confusion and fear. They wanted a change. In the face of such desire, a quiet, reasonable voice like Mr. Preyer's was as so much muffled

thunder in the distance. "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive," they seemed to say, echoing Mark Twain, "but it is lightning that does the work."

So saying, they voted for Gene Johnston, Preyer's Republican opponent, a man who seems to breakfast on bowls of lightning bolts. Where Preyer promised service, Johnston promised results. Where the incumbent sought to illumine problems, the challenger built bonfires of solutions.

Gene Johnston ran a good race. He may become a good congressman. He is intelligent, industrious and committed to his ideas. But one thing is certain: The contrast between the two men and their philosophies is stark.

Johnston, a self-made millionaire, sees the world in his own biography: Anything is possible when people are left to their own initiative, especially by a meddlesome government. His is a seductive vision. Preyer's on the other hand, seems more opaque. He found his biography in history: From him to whom much is given, much is expected; the private aristocrat became the public's servant.

This election saw that old tradition prove Richardson Preyer's undoing. To have it any other way, he would have to be a different man. He would have to unlearn all he knows of this respect for the institutions of government. He would have to spurn his love of details and his steadfast belief in the complexity of reality. He would be forced to barter all he has championed for another chance at success.

Throughout his campaign, he acknowledged the fears and frustrations of the people; often enough he hunkered down among constituents mired in their own impatience. But he refused to doff his servant's robes for the trappings of a savior. His dispassionate tongue was lit by no pentecostal fires. To his challenger's scathing attack, he responded in cool and often muted ways. So he lost.

That is disappointing, for Richardson Preyer and the many people he served so well for so long. If there is solace, it is to be found in the remarkable shape and story of his career. Look there and learn. You shall not soon see its like.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

Nov. 12, 1970

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners at their regular session last Thursday expressed the hope that taxes from beer and wine sales in excess of budget estimates would be enough to pay for a new ambulance for Warren County.

Sunday sale of beer for off-premises consumption in all sections of the county not embraced in corporate municipalities except during church hours was approved by the Board of Warren County Commissioners at their regular meeting on last Thursday.

The Warren General Hospital Board of Trustees is seeking funds for a painting of the late Dr. Frank Patterson Hunter to be hung in the hospital lobby and for the furnishing of an ultra modern room in his honor, Hal W. Connell announced yesterday. The room is to be fitted with an electric bed.

Nov. 11, 1955

The life of Warren County moonshiners should become a little more uncomfortable and less profitable should a plan of the county to obtain seven walkie-talkies from the Army's surplus without cost to the county meet with success.

Three unidentified men died in the crash of a light plane near the George Bender home south of Norlina around noon yesterday.

The plane struck a power wire as it attempted to land in a field near the Bender home and the occupants were burned following the crash.

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday called for sealed bids for the construction of a Welfare Building on the original Warren County Hospital grounds. The total costs of the building with heat and plumbing is expected to be from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Nov. 8, 1940

The home of R. B. Chapell, tenant on the farm of Lem Harris, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning around 10 o'clock. The fire, which is believed to have started from a defective flue, also destroyed the furniture and other household goods in the dwelling.

A family reunion was held at Berry Hill, home of the late William A. Burwell, last Sunday to observe the 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of New York. Fifty relatives from Warrenton, Oxford, Henderson, New York, Lynchburg, Durham and Richmond were present for the celebration.

Mrs. Julian Butler of Warrenton is recovering in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, from severe burns she sustained in her apartment this week when she slipped and fell on the stove. Mr. Butler visited her at Rocky Mount on Tuesday.

By BIGNALL JONES
Advertising can be interesting as well as news articles. I think this is borne out in the June 14, 1918, issue of The Warren Record contributed to us by Mrs. Jack Scott of Warrenton, from which several front page stories were reproduced in this column last week.

A half-page advt. on the back page of the June 14, 1918, issue of The Warren Record from The Warrenton Department Store tells of special sale on "The Keep-Kool Suit - The All-American-Made Garment." The store said it had for sale 40 of these woolen suits, spring and fall weights, specially priced at 30 to 40 per cent reduction.

The advt. also stressed the need to adopt the policy of using only American fabrics.

In an advt. half the size of that of the Warrenton Department Store, Edmund White of Warrenton advertised Clean Corn Meal, ground on a Meadows Mill which ground the meal after removing weevils, trash and other filth from the corn.

The Professional Cards were headed by the card of Dr. Charles H. Peete, Warrenton, N. C., Telephone 99.

Other physicians having cards in this paper were:

G. H. Macon, M.D. Office Hours by Appointment. Office next door to Miss Effie Ellington's Store. Phone 82.

W. D. Rodgers, Jr., M.D. Office in the H. A. Boyd Building on Court Square. Phone 59. If not in office - Try Phone 2.

Dentists with cards in the column were:

Dr. W. W. Taylor, Surgeon Dentist, Warrenton, N. C. Office Phone 52; Residence Phone 54.

Dr. H. N. Walters, Surgeon Dentist, Warrenton, N. C. Office Phone 59; Residence Phone 66.

Lawyers represented were:

Pittman and Williams, Atty-At-Law. P. M. Pittman, Henderson, N. C. B. Williams, Warrenton, N. C. Superior and Supreme Court Practice.

Other cards were:

A. C. YOW-DVM-J. S. Dorton. Yow and Dorton, Veterinarians, Henderson, North Carolina.

Stark's Dixie Castings - Genuine plowpoints. C. E. Jackson.

Insert Under Dentists

Dr. R. S. Booth, Dentist, Warrenton, N. C. Office in Dameron Building. Residence Phone 138-J; Office Phone 69.

In those days patent medicine advertisement was a source of revenue for the weekly papers of state and nation, and the four-page Warren Record carried its fair share. One of these warned "That Calomel is quicksilver and acts like dynamite on your liver, and attacks the bones." It suggests:

"When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel, just remember that your druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver

Mostly Personal

Don't Take Calomel!

without stirring you up inside, and cannot salivate.

"Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe."

Another advt., appearing twice, states that PAZO Ointment cures Piles in from 6 to 14 days.

Another advt. advises readers to "Just try one 50-cent bottle of Las-Fos With Pepsin, for Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness."

There are several other such advts. on other pages, as well as a display advt. from W. A. Miles Hardware Company; the New Perfection Oil Company; Freidenberg's; Hunter Drug Company; and W. R. Strickland who advertises "Overland, The Thrift Car - More than 500,000 in use."

The Want Ads Column

of some four inches, contained the following advts.

GOOD FRESH MILK - At twelve cents a quart. Two deliveries each day. Phone 49. Mrs. Hal Macon.

YOU CAN GET - Good Pine and Cypress Shingles, flooring, ceiling and weather boarding from Edmund White, Warrenton, N. C.

FOR SALE - Improved stock pigs. Any quantity. J. R. Paschall, Merry Mount, N. C.

BINDER TWINE - Grain Cradles and Grass blades. J. E. Miles Hardware Store, Norlina, N. C.

CAROLINA CORN CULTIVATORS - and cul. wheels, Acme and 50-tooth Harrows, Disc. Plows and Disc Cultivators. J. E. Miles Hdwe Company, Norlina, N. C.

GALVANIZED CRIMP ROOFING: Galvanized Shingles, Ever Wear Rubber Roofing, Red Cedar Shingles. Buy here and save money. J. E. Miles Hdwe Company, Norlina, N. C.

Strong National Defense Crucial

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. - A strong national defense is crucial to the security of the country and the protection of the Free world.

The Congress has sharply increased the funds being provided for the Department of Defense (DOD), and I strongly supported that increase because we just must have military strength second to none. But, simply providing more and more funds is not enough. It's not the total answer. We must do more to eliminate waste and improve effectiveness in our whole system of national defense.

There are more than 18,000 auditors, investigators, and inspectors scattered throughout the Department of Defense in numerous different units - more than three times as many as the combined total staffs of the statutory inspectors general in all civilian agencies of the Federal government. However, no one in the Department of Defense has clear responsibility for coordinating all their work. In other words, no one's totally minding the store.

Additionally, there is no requirement that important findings of these auditors, investigators, and inspectors ever be reported to the Secretary of Defense and-or the Congress. Why have waste watchers if they don't report their findings. Every dollar saved through elimination of waste is another dollar available to strengthen our national security system.

Consequently, in my judgment, a statutory Inspector General for the Department of Defense - basically similar to those already established in most civilian departments and agencies through legislation I sponsored - is urgently needed. It has been tailored to recognize differences between the defense establishment and other Federal agencies with inspectors general.

With the co-sponsorship of Congressmen Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) and Frank Horton (R-N. Y.), I have introduced legislation to establish a statutory Inspector General for the Department of Defense. The legislation was approved unanimously by the Committee

on Government Operations on September 23rd and is now ready for consideration by the House of Representatives.

Predictably, officials of the Department of Defense are opposing establishment of a statutory Inspector General for the Department. That is hardly surprising, because very few government officials like to have their operations reviewed by an independent unit which they cannot control - particularly in so large an operation as the DOD.

I appreciate this concern but the time has long since passed when we can afford to give any agency of government a blank check. Their flexibility requirements will in no way be impaired by a responsible auditing and investigative system from within.

What is surprising is the charge by a Deputy Secretary of Defense that if the legislation is enacted "...for the first time in our Nation's history, the direct line of civilian control from the President through the civilian leadership of the Department to the armed forces would be broken."

That charge is, of course, unfounded. The direct line of civilian control will continue to exist. Establishment of a statutory Inspector General for the DOD would strengthen, not weaken, civilian control by providing the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Congress with information they need to help insure an improved and more effective national security system.

A strong national security system doesn't work like a well-oiled machine just because lots of money is available. It only meshes together like it should when there are adequate funds, good equipment and people, and when all three are used in the most productive and efficient manner. Clearly, an appropriate Inspector General system is strongly needed at the DOD to help bring this about.

Every effort will be made to secure enactment of this urgently needed legislation before the end of the 96th Congress. If this is not possible in the limited time remaining, then I am confident we will be able to get the job done during the 97th Congress.



Tarantulas may live to be 30 years old.

Marriage Licenses

Fred Alexander Ashworth, of Gibsonville and Elizabeth Byrd Bobbitt, of Greensboro.

Carlton Lyons, of Henderson and Juanta Delois Brown, of Henderson.

Elliott Francis Lesene, of Jamaica, N. Y. and Bertha Beatrice Davis, of Jamaica, N. Y.

Massive Call For Change

In The Charlotte Observer
Ronald Reagan's electoral triumph and Republican victories across the nation Tuesday add up to the most sweeping mandate for change in American politics since the Depression days of 1932, when voters impatiently swept Herbert Hoover out of the White House and ushered in Franklin Roosevelt.

That year the voters rejected an advocate of laissez-faire economics in favor of a dabbler in economic liberalism. In 1980 the results were just the opposite. The people said a resounding no to extensive federal intervention in the economy and embraced a candidate who promised to "get the government off your backs."

The results not only turned a hesitant Jimmy Carter out of the Oval Office, they also reshaped the Congress. In state after state key Democratic leaders were ousted from Congress, giving the Republicans control of the Senate and, with the help of conservative Democrats, a strong grip on the House.

Now the question is: Can a Reagan administration bring about the sweeping changes it has led voters to expect, and, if so, will those changes improve American fortunes here and throughout the world?

The parallels between Mr. Carter and Mr. Hoover are striking. Though perceived as good and moral men, each engendered the dislike of large segments of the voting public. They were trapped by their own stubborn righteousness that let them think only their approach could cure the nation's ills. Both also were victims of international circumstances over which they had little or no control.

In seeking re-election, each also seemed to be asking the voters for patience, claiming that his methods would work if only given a little more time. In Mr. Hoover's case, many historians now believed that, indeed, his methods would have worked. In time, scholars may say the same about Mr. Carter.

Quotes

I exercise self-control and never touch any beverage stronger than gin before breakfast. - W. C. Fields.

It is respectable to have no illusions, and safe, and profitable - and dull. - Joseph Conrad.

When an opera star sings her head off, she usually improves her appearance. - Victor Borge.