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Thanks Are Due Many

The Warrenton Town Commissioners on Monday night adopted an ordinance incorporating two adjacent sections into the corporate limits of Warrenton, effective July 1, 1981.

We congratulate the commissioners on their foresight and service to the town whose interest they are sworn to promote, and we particularly thank Mayor Beverly White for the time and study and leadership given to the project, without which there would not have been any annexation. Thanks are also due to Town Administrator Pete Vaughan whose assistance in furthering the project to a successful conclusion was most helpful, and to Town Attorney Charles T. Johnson for his skilled counseling.

There can be little doubt that the annexation will have a short term value in bringing the population of the town to above the 1,000 figure, with an automatic increase in Powell Bill Funds, sales tax distribution and several other benefits of the state and federal governments permitted only to towns of more than 1,000 population; and the future annexation of other adjacent sections with long term value. It is nice, we feel, that the town has a mayor and a town board dedicated to the growth and development of the town and who are willing to take some political risk in working for this goal.

While it has no immediate effect on the annexation movement, although it may have on the long range effort, was the announcement that the Town of Warrenton has only one more \$10,000 annual payment on the retirement of a water and sewage bond issue of \$200,000.

Let's Not Mess It Up

The Southern Pines Pilot

State Senators are trying again to get their terms extended from two years to four years, but the State House should refuse again to be a part of the scheme.

Two years ago the Senate voted to call for a referendum to change the State constitution to provide for four year terms for legislators, but the bill died in the House. The Senate last week voted for the same constitutional changes, and it's now up to the House.

Some large questions have been raised about the effort by the Charlotte Observer, which said in an editorial: "The proposal is intended to reduce turnover among legislators. But it could bring about fundamental changes in state government, and it has had almost no serious study. There have been no public hearings and no close examination of its potential impact on elections and other aspects of state and local government."

There were arguments on the floor of the Senate that four year legislative terms would better serve the public by attracting more people to seek the office, but opponents of the measure said it would accelerate the trend toward professional legislators and would, in fact, reduce the number of people who might wish to serve in the Legislature.

The chief spokesman in the Senate against the measure was Senator William Creech of Wake, who said:

"One of the reasons we've had good government in North Carolina is that we've had responsible government; we've been close to the people. One reason we've been close to the people is that we've had to go back to the people every two years. We have a time-honored system that has worked well. Let's not mess it up."

We think Senator Creech spoke well and his warning of "let's not mess it up" should be heeded.

The Charlotte Observer makes a good point, too, in pointing out that not enough study has been given to the change to call for a vote at this time.

It is understandable that legislators would rather not go to the trouble and expense of running for reelection every two years, but while it might be better for them personally it would not be better for the people.

If North Carolina wants to keep a citizen legislature it should keep electing legislators every two years.

Accountability is much to be desired in public officials, and being held accountable every two years is more in keeping with our democratic system than doubling the terms.

Quote

Noble blood is an accident of fortune, noble actions are the chief mark of greatness. — Carlo Goldoni.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

May 20, 1971

The Warrenton Lions Club at its regular meeting at the Lions Den on Friday night went on record by unanimous vote as opposing a new districting plan under study by the Legislature which would remove Franklin County for the present House District and replace it by Granville, Person and Caswell counties.

The Little Garden Club of Warrenton received the coveted Durham Council of Garden Clubs Silver Award for Anti-Litter at the 48th annual convention of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, Inc., which was held in Greensboro on May 4-6.

A Warren County man was sworn in as Mayor of Beaufort on Monday night of last week.

Rogers H. Hunt took the oath of office at that time with other town officials elected in the town elections of May 4. Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt of Warrenton.

May 15, 1966

An early morning fire

completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King on Tuesday morning. The home, just beyond the fertilizer plant on the old Macon road, was owned by Billy King. Loss is estimated at around \$4,000.

Patsy Maynard was elected president of the John Graham Chapter of Future Homemakers of America at a meeting held at the school on May 8. Other officers elected were Cynthia Matthews, vice president; Patsy Hicks, secretary; Lorraine Harris, treasurer; Linda Walker, reporter; Jackie Miller, historian; Bettye Gupton, parliamentarian; Margaret Lynch, song leader; Peggy White, pianist.

Miss Phyllis Norvell of Norlina, who completed a secretarial course at Henderson Business College on Monday, April 30, has accepted a position with the Home Insurance Company of Richmond, Va.

May 16, 1941
 The Rev. E. R. Shuller, Methodist minister who has been serving the

Warren Circuit since December, 1937, when he came to Warrenton to succeed the Rev. L. C. Brothers, has been transferred to Hookerton. He is to be succeeded here by the Rev. Nicholas W. Grant, who has been serving as pastor of the Marvin Church in Rocky Mount.

Cultivation of kudzu set out this spring is one of the most important requirements for its survival and growth, according to L. F. Thompson, Work Unit Conservationist of the Warren County Work Unit, Warrenton, North Carolina.

U. S. Highway No. 1 traffic began to flow through here yesterday morning when detour signs were placed to keep cars and trucks off the road between Norlina and Henderson while this part of the federal route is being widened and otherwise improved, but so far the traffic through this town has not been anything like as heavy as was expected and Warrenton has felt little benefit from tourist trade.

Mostly Personal

Cable Television Arrives

By BIGNALL JONES

Cable Television has arrived in Warrenton. The first installation was made in Warrenton on Saturday, May 2, at the home of Van Dawson Alston on Brehon Street by Robert Ayscue of Louisburg and Phillip Vick of Henderson, employees of Warren CATV.

Mr. Alston also has the distinction of installing the second TV set in Warrenton at a date he does not recall other than it must have been in the early fifties or late forties. Warrenton's first TV set was installed by the late Barker Williams, a short time before Mr. Alston. I have not been able to ascertain the exact date.

Incorporators of Warren CATV are a group of Henderson business men who now have cable TV companies in Henderson, Oxford and Warrenton, with the Warren Company expected to begin serving Norlina within 30 days.

The Warrenton Town Commissioners were approached by Bobby Rogers, Henderson

attorney, at their regular meeting on May 12, 1980 with a proposal that his clients be given a franchise to operate a cable television station at Warrenton and Norlina. The Warrenton commissioners granted Warren CATV a franchise on Oct. 10, 1980. Norlina commissioners signed a contract giving a franchise to Warren CATV on Sept. 2, 1980. It took the Warrenton commissioners five months to make up their minds and pass the necessary ordinance; and seven months for Warren CATV to build the system.

Messrs. Ayscue and Vick installed cable TV at our home on last Friday afternoon, shortly after installing a set at the home of Mayor Beverly White on Ridgeway Street, and shortly before installing a set at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miles on corner of Fairview and Brehon Street. Installations are continuing here.

It has seemed a long wait since the franchise was granted to Warren CATV, but I suppose, as those things go, it may not have been. Shortly after the contract was signed, Bobby Rogers entered negotiation with the heirs of the late N. B. House for a site for an antenna on the Norlina Road. One of these heirs is the wife of Commissioner Eddie Clayton. At each commissioners meeting we have questioned both Clayton and Pete Vaughan, town administrator, about progress being made. Finally Eddie told us about two months ago that he had talked with Rogers and had been told that the tower had been ordered and that cable television would be here quicker than we thought. Last month the message was more definite, about the first of May, and then the notice in The Warren Record last week asking citizens to apply for cable television. This notice caught both Clayton and Vaughan, as well as the Mayor and the commissioners, and The Warren Record reporter by surprise.

Not only did the switch over to cable television give us more stations, 24-hour service, and much clearer reception, but it brought memories of changes in communication, ranging from the telegraph to cable television, during the last 50 years of my life.

In the early twenties as fall brought the world baseball series around, sports lovers from this community would journey to Norlina where a Seaboard telegrapher would bring us a blow by blow account of the series that would decide the world baseball champions. Dots and dashes would be translated by the operator of the telegraph operator into balls, strikes, hits and runs.

The radio, an outgrowth of the wireless telegraph that served ships at sea in the early part of the century, made its appearance in America during the twenties when both my late brother Duke and I were living in Washington. Duke made for himself what was known as a crystal set, with which he could pick up programs on ear phones from a local station. Incidentally, it was in Washington that I saw my first talking picture, depicting Al Jolson.

The first radios sold in Warrenton had ear phones, but the development of this means of communication was rapid, with antennas and amplification and while for many years static was a problem, in the late twenties and early thirties, most people were enjoying radio shows, with town commissioners hurrying home from the monthly meetings to hear Amos and Andy, and Roosevelt's Fireside Chats.

Al Smith, I think, was the first presidential candidate to use the radio as an instrument for his candidacy. He always referred to the instrument as the raddio. To put it mildly, my father was a partisan and one not above blaming the Republicans and big business for many of our misfortunes. He was a strong supporter of Al Smith in his battle with Herbert Hoover for the presidency. In order to be sure not to miss any of Smith's argument, my father would settle in front of the radio and cut the machine on five or ten minutes before the program would start. Invariably the programs were interrupted by static, and invariably my father would blame the Republicans, whom he believed controlled the radio media,

for the misfortune. I am not certain who had the first radio in Warrenton, but I am inclined to believe it was Roy Davis, who for many years operated a radio shop here. No longer did we journey to Norlina to hear reports of world series by telegraph. For years crowds would gather outside the radio shop of Roy Davis on Main Street, where an amplifier brought accounts of games. Now we see and watch it over TV, most times clearly. But this was not the case when Barker and Dawson bought Warrenton's first TV sets, and for years "snow" and static was a problem.

Now with cable television, I find that we have a channel for sports which runs 24 hours a day, as do channels for religion, and channels for non-commercial shows. Friday night, after the rest of us had gone to bed, Howard watched two shows, and, not having to work on Saturday, slept late Saturday morning. Sunday morning Howard took us out to dinner to honor his mother on Mother's Day. We got back around 2:30 p. m. and I went in the kitchen where we have a black and white set, moved there when we bought color several years ago. This has all the channels but the non-commercial show channels. I turned to Atlanta where the Braves were playing the Chicago Cubs. The game was tied at 5 to 5 in the fifth inning, and remained that way until I stopped watching in the ninth as I walked down town to get the mail. When I returned the score was still 5 to 5, in the 11th. It stayed that way until the beginning of the 14th inning, when the game was called on account of rain, and will have to be rescheduled.

Letters To Editor

FIGHTING CRIME

To The Editor:
 Judge Willis P. Whichard of the North Carolina Court of Appeals called for development of programs to reduce the number of jail inmates in North Carolina by releasing defendants awaiting trial. Judge Whichard's new study commission can recommend and develop inexpensive ways to accomplish this goal and mete out just decisions pertaining to the alleged offender. 1. Mandate better quality arrest by the police and county sheriff officers; 2. Appoint non-political, knowledgeable and mature magistrates,

FOR CLARIFICATION

To The Editor:
 A few years ago the Town garbage truck had a practice of turning around on my gravelled driveway, making the driveway muddy at times, therefore requiring excess gravel. I talked to the garbage truck driver and got this stopped during that period of time. This was a lead question as to what the garbage collection situation would be and other regulatory matters following annexation.

Your statement near the end of the article entitled, "No Objection is Revealed During Annexation Hearing," in the May 7, 1981 issue of The Warren Record concerning the matter above gives an air of present tense. It must be known that all matters concerning me and Warrenton City government has been with swift and understandable dispatch. This I alluded to in closing remarks before the Town Board as I expressed sincere respect for the Board and long time acquaintance with Mayor B. G. White.

Thank you, brother Jones, for this printing to clarify the recorded pages in Volume 84, Number 19. Sincerely,
 GEORGE W. KOONCE

educated in the concepts of the criminal and civil justice systems; 3. Adequate staffing of the Prosecutor's Office, and the Civil and Criminal Courts; 4. Adequate use of the little used probation system; 5. Reduce the fees of the bail bondsmen; 6. Encourage programs that will give churches, local social, political, students and business groups input with our judicial system in order to establish roots the alleged offender may have in the community; 6. Create a uniform crime reporting system.

North Carolina has over 16,000 inmates in 81 prisons and field units, 6,400 employees and a budget of \$142 million. This can be reduced by one-half, if tax money used for incarceration was funneled to the elementary, middle, and high schools for educators to teach students their rights and responsibilities from the viewpoint of the entire criminal justice system and made a part of the schools curriculum. Most teenagers do not realize the seriousness of their crimes until they are convicted and lodged in prison, to late for constructive goals of rehabilitation. The state should reduce its oppressive sentencing laws, and discontinue the parole system.

JAMES W. BYRD
 (Retired) Law Enforcement Officer
 Littleton, N. C.
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 Approximately two-thirds of the gasoline used on U.S. highways is consumed by household-owned vehicles for transportation to work, shopping, and for social, educational, civic, religious and other activities.

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Taxpayers Got The Bill For This Matrimony Case

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Higher prices. We hear about them every day. At the grocery store, at the hardware store, and at the department store, prices continue to rise. In fact, prices seem to be rising almost everywhere we turn, even the cost of marriage is going up.

At least one couple, however, found a way to beat the high cost of marriage. They managed to have an expenses-paid wedding and reception on board an old English luxury liner, the Queen Mary. In reality, this fancy wedding and reception was only free for the wedding couple — the taxpayers actually picked up the bill of nearly \$3,000.

It seems that the person to be married was a grantee — or recipient of funds — from a program under the direction of the Department of Labor, and the wedding costs were charged to this government program as an "Employee morale expense."

In a recent report from the General Accounting Office (GAO) — a waste-watching arm of the Congress — this example as well as dozens and dozens of similar cases of waste, fraud, abuse, and downright thievery were uncovered in just one part of one program in one government department.

The overriding problems in such programs is that while the original intent of the program may be sound and make sense — such as helping the truly needy find employment or get an education — the practical application all too often turns out to be faulty, useless, or even counterproductive.

When a department, such as the department of Labor, is entrusted with large sums of the taxpayers' money, that department or agency should have thorough and proper internal controls to insure that its policies are carried out economically and efficiently. To do otherwise only wastes the taxpayers' money and helps no one.

This GAO report clearly indicates the need for tighter internal controls in this particular program. And the abuses which have been unearthed here are representative, I'm sure, of abuses in other programs and agencies. Here are a few cases which

plainly illustrate the need for better policing to stop rampant program abuse.

One program developer — a recipient of funds which he was entrusted to use wisely and prudently — created nonexistent employees and collected over \$12,000 for the pay of phantom people. Another grantee used almost \$2,500 for personal expenses — expenses which included whiskey, motel rooms, clothing, and shoes. This downright theft of the taxpayers' money was claimed as "employee morale expense" — the same phrase used by the wedding bandit.

On paper at least, the persons or groups receiving government funds are supposed to meet certain eligibility standards — standards which are in place to insure that funds will be properly used. Unfortunately, the rules of the game are frequently broken. For instance, a relative of one recipient of Federal assistance, although ineligible, was placed in a program and paid over \$9,000 during a one-year period.

In yet another case, funds from the program were used to purchase land, build a house, and pay the consultant who designed the house. The unauthorized cost was \$100,000.

Clearly, this sort of waste, fraud, and abuse must be stopped in all government departments and agencies. The report referred to here is but one GAO report on one sector of one program of one department; but, other reports confirm that abuse and waste is costing the American taxpayer billions and billions of dollars each and every year.

The GAO and the Inspectors General — independent watchdogs in many departments created by legislation I sponsored — are saving us a significant amount of money each year. But, we must continue the fight for efficiency in government at all levels.

In this time of tight money, high inflation and big deficits, government mismanagement is an extravagance which we simply cannot afford. Wasteful policies, fraudulent expenses, and out and out thievery have no place in our federal system.

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- May 14, 1904 - First Olympic games held in the United States open at St. Louis, Mo.
- May 15, 1918 - First U. S. airmail service inaugurated between Washington and New York City.
- May 16, 1927 - Supreme Court rules that bootleggers, although illegal, must file income tax returns.
- May 17, 1885 - Philippe Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, arrives in New York City.
- May 18, 1796 - Public Land Act authorizes sale of public land in minimum lots of 640 acres at \$2 an acre.
- May 19, 1863 - Union forces under Gen. Ulysses S. Grant make 1st assault on strongly defended Vicksburg on the Mississippi River.

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