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Striking Public Employees

In the early 1920's, a certain Mr. Mayor of Boston had done a police strike in that city and as a result won the Vice Presidential nomination under Harding. This led to his becoming President of the United States, which was some indication of what the ordinary citizen then thought of public employees striking against their government.

While we believe in the rights of unions to organize and private enterprises, we do not believe that an employee has the right to strike against his government, and for this reason we welcomed President Reagan's firm stand against the Air Traffic Controller's strike and hope that he will stick with his stated intention to fire the controllers who refuse to return

to work. We hope such a policy will be extended to all those who work for the government.

We speak of the world sovereign as being supreme, of having political power, such as a sovereign state or a sovereign nation. North Carolina is supposed to have sovereign power. If that is true, and I hope disputed at our public people who work for the government, should not belong to other nations. Besides the matter of right, it has been our observation that the best and most sought-after jobs are with federal and state governments. The pay and fringe benefits are higher than private enterprises in a class, and much better than any small business can offer.

British Glory Still Alive

By TOM J. LANSITER
In The Smithfield Herald

Nancy Reagan, who was in the scene in London, and countless uninvited Americans who attended the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer only through the medium of television had the feeling of being in Fairland Wednesday. But there was, of course much more to the festive occasion in London than the unfolding of a fairy tale concluded with hope that the Prince and the Princess will live happily ever after. The British were telling us something, saying it with pageantry no other country in the world can match.

It was as if Britain were saying, in the spirit of Mark Twain, that the reports of its death have been greatly exaggerated.

"It has become fashionable over the last twenty years to regard Britain not just as a country with problems but as a problem country," British journalist Geoffrey Smith and American political scientist Nelson Polsby observed in their recent book "British Government and Its Discontents."

Britain's economic problems lately have been foremost in the news from London. Although British living standards have "risen enormously," as these authors noted, British industrial output per man-hour between 1970 and 1978 showed a smaller increase than the output achieved in the United States, or Japan, or Germany, or France, or Canada, or Italy. And Britain's economic troubles have worsened in the early 1980s.

Not only has Britain lost economic status vis-a-vis the other major countries, it also has suffered loss of international influence. The old Empire is gone. If Britain came out of the Second World War as one of the great powers of the world, for some years now it has occupied something less than that exalted position in the eyes of most of the world.

British society hardly has collapsed, but many an American lately has had doubts about British stability enlarged as riots in British cities have dominated American headlines. Authors Smith and Polsby could say, even before the recent riots, that "no longer is there the automatic belief that Britain is a successful, well-run country which can look with superiority, tempered with compassion, on the way in which others do things in less fortunate lands."

The British, not surprisingly, have been psychologically hurt by declines in international status, suggesting that Britain is destined to a rank no better than second-class country.

Still, there was nothing second-class about the pageantry that surrounded the wedding of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Lady Diana Spencer, his seventh cousin once removed, the first English lady to be the bride of the heir to the Crown in England in three centuries. The British enjoyed every moment of their dramatic appearance on the world stage, which must be described as a performance that only a great people could have achieved. Their confidence in their country and its influence in the family of nations surely was raised. And millions of Americans looking in upon the grand show of dignity and splendor and joy and hope could not help have new, and more positive, thoughts about British stability and influence.

The British Crown, as commentators have reminded us repeatedly, is cement that holds a proud nation together. Just now the Crown gives the British nation resolution to rise above all sorts of difficulties in order that it may see anew and perform its elevated role in civilization. The British are, indeed, a civilized people in a world in which civilization and certainly civility seem to have lost face. They are a people with a sense of values that haven't gone out of date. Through their literature and other forms of expression, British values still can inspire nations, even nations currently enjoying economic and political prowess that no longer gives Britain distinction.

One of those values was symbolized by the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. When all the much-publicized trivia surrounding the royal wedding are forgotten, a moment during the ceremony worth remembering was the Archbishop of Canterbury delivering his eloquent sermon, obviously to the world beyond as well as to the wedding guests within St. Paul's Cathedral, especially the moment of his saying that if humankind solves all the economic problems and failed "to build loving families, it would profit us nothing."

August 12, 1971
Jim D. Hemmings, Associate Extension Agricultural Agent for Warren County for the past three years, has resigned, effective August 31.

William E. Terry began his new duties as principal of Hawkins School at Warrenton on Monday, the office of the superintendent of schools announced yesterday.

Terry was elected principal by the board of education to succeed Benjie L. King, who resigned to accept a position with Warren Academy.

Extension of Warrenton's Town limits, under consideration by the Board of Town Commissioners for nearly two years, may have come a little closer on Monday night.

The commissioners, after some discussion, ordered the town manager to write to the town's engineer and request him to make a survey and map and to determine the cost of adding a section of the

Northline Road to the town.

August 10, 1956
An intensive campaign by the Warren County Health Department to have all children and teenagers given polio shots received a boost this week with the report of Warren County's first polio case of the year.

The Board of Town Commissioners donated \$300 to the Warren Rural Volunteer Fire Department at its Monday night meeting, largely devoted to routine matters.

LITTLETON
The Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, a former local pastor and now a professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, conducted the morning service at the local Baptist Church last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. M. Fred Scott, who is vacationing with his family.

August 8, 1941
F. A. Eason, a former

member of the John Graham High School faculty, has been elected principal of the Littleton High School for 1941-42, it was learned yesterday from the office of Supt. J. Edward Allen.

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DID YOU KNOW?


The Game of CRICKET

POPULAR IN ENGLAND FOR MANY YEARS, IS PLAYED ON AN OVAL FIELD. 11 MEN PLAY ON EACH TEAM. LIKE OUR GAME OF BASEBALL, THE OBJECT OF THE GAME IS TO SCORE RUNS WHEN BATTING AND PUT THE OPPOSING BATTERS OUT WHEN IN THE FIELD. TWO A GAME HAS ONLY 2 INNINGS. SOME GAMES HAVE LASTED FOR DAYS BECAUSE A MAN MAY SCORE OVER 100 RUNS BEFORE BEING PUT OUT. ATTEMPTS TO QUICKEN THE GAME FAILED. PROMPTING A PLAYER TO SAY, "IT WOULD NOT THEN BE CRICKET." CRICKET WAS PLAYED AS EARLY AS THE 13TH CENTURY. ENGLAND HAS ABOUT 20,000 CRICKET CLUBS. WOMEN PLAY ALSO.

DAVEY CROCKETT
FAMOUS FRONTIERSMAN, SOLDIER, HUNTER AND SCOUT—A HERO AT THE ALAMO—WAS A POLITICIAN TOO. HE SERVED IN CONGRESS FOR 3 TERMS. AT THE AGE OF 13 HE WENT TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME...STAYED 4 DAYS.



American Viewpoints



The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

George Bernard Shaw

Mostly Personal

Visiting Mountains Again

We took this southern route because I have an ambition to visit all the counties in North Carolina and I had not visited all the mountain counties. I believe I have now. There are a few along the coast and middle piedmont that I have yet to travel.

From Henderson where we had an early breakfast on Friday morning we travelled from Durham around Charlotte to Gastonia in Cleveland County to Kings Mountain where we saw our first mountain although a small one. We continued our trip by Shelby to Forest City and Rutherfordton in Rutherford county and toward Tryon in Polk County where we saw the first mountain peaks worthy of the name. From Tryon we continued to Hendersonville in Henderson County, the home of The Mother Earth News. I was disappointed to find that both the editorial and printing plant in Hendersonville and the experiment park in the county were closed for vacation.

From Hendersonville we travelled to Brevard where we spent Friday night. The next morning we drove to Lake Toxaway which had a fine golf course, many beautiful cabins and a large number of real estate offices. I was somewhat disappointed that I could not get a good view of the water because of trees that surrounded the lake. This was quite different from Fontana Lake which I had seen a few years earlier and caused me to think of mountain lakes as nesting among the peaks.

From Lake Toxaway we went to Cashiers and to nearby High Hampton which for many years was the summer home of General Wade Hampton of South Carolina. The home is now gone and is now the site of a beautiful golf course. At Cashiers I asked a store keeper where are all the people? She replied that they were in the hills that surrounded the small village.

From Cashiers we went to Highlands, which we learned was the highest incorporated municipality west of the Rockies. It was an attractive village and an attractive feature was an old inn that reminded me in some ways of the inn at Hillsborough, although more picturesque. A long porch ran in front of this building along the streets and along this porch, sitting and rocking were quite a number of persons.

Much of the journey from Highlands to Franklin in Macon County was winding and dropping,

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with some pretty scenery but few long views. Years ago we exchanged The Warren Record with The Franklin Press then edited by Weimer Jones, now deceased. Weimer was then writing a column each week for his paper similar to my Mostly Personal. The title of his column was "Purely Personal." We did not think Franklin a specially pretty town although it was evident that it is an important town and a good business town.

From Franklin we drove to Waynesville in Haywood County where we spent the second night among some of the prettiest scenery we had seen.

The next morning when we started home by way of Asheville a heavy fog covered the road making it difficult to spot signs for eating places. We finally stopped at a Holiday Inn where we obtained an excellent breakfast. As we started to enter the Inn a nice looking young man came up and asked us if we were not from Warrenton. When we said we were he introduced himself as Chappie Bradner, whose mother once lived at Warrenton. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Larim who lived on Plummer Street in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunter. With the exception of Grace's niece Mrs. Bonnie Duckworth who we saw when we stopped in Lexington, Chappie was the only person we met on the more than 800 mile trip, intercepted with many stops.

The Southern border counties we crossed not only were being travelled by many tourists, but they are being occupied some the year-around, by a rapidly increasing number of inhabitants.

From Waynesville we travelled to Asheville, Morganton, Hickory, Statesville, and Mocksville to Lexington, where we stopped briefly after finding that Grace's brother and sister-in-law, Belford and Bennie Wagner, former residents of Warrenton, were not at home. Their daughter, Bonnie Duckworth and her pretty little daughter, Carrie were there. The remainder of the trip home was over familiar roads. We arrived at home around 6 p.m. and as always Warrenton looked very pretty to us.

On our second trip to the mountains this summer we were surprised to see rhododendron blooming and were awed by the beauty of mile after mile of hemlocks.

Children with a history of violent behavior, including assaults on others, animals, things or themselves, may soon have resources other than those of the criminal justice system to help them.

Dr. Peter Horner, director of child and family services for the Area Mental Health Program of Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin counties, told board members at a July 27 meeting assaultive and combative behaviors are often symptoms of severe emotional disorders.

He said the state has been ordered by the state court system to provide management and treatment programs for youth whose violent acts stem from emotional causes.

The class action suit against the state, referred to as the "Willie M." case, prompted the 1981 legislature to initially fund mental health programs in three zones across the state, Horner reported.

He said the local zone included Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin counties, along with Durham Co. and Orange, Person and Chatham counties. This zone covers three different area mental health programs.

The local four-county program has received \$139,500. Finance Officer David Harrison reported.

Horner said the personnel and resources in the entire eight-county zone will be used and developed rather than each program trying to develop a full continuum of services, ranging from outpatient care to confinement facilities.

He said outpatient, residential and day treatment services for children exhibiting violent behaviors will be integrated into the existing services rather than starting an entirely separate program. He predicted a full array of services for these special youth will be available in the eight-county zone by July 1 of 1982.

Of 50 teenagers and other children in the local four counties already identified as prone to physical

outbursts and assaults, Horner estimated around 25 will be certified as eligible for special services. He told board members he expects another 100 or so youth to be referred during the coming year of which 50 to 60 would be certified for services following evaluation.

The equivalent of seven full-time positions will be supported by the \$139,500, Horner reported.

Area Director Tom McBride reported the "Willie M." monies plus \$51,887 in Social Security funding for the mentally retarded, \$20,050 from the Crippled Children's Fund, \$135,514 in additional fund balance appropriations and other new revenue sources would help offset all but \$40,346 of \$463,952 revenues not realized since adoption of the 1981-82 budget in June.

The board approved a budget amendment allowing for the \$40,346 decrease.

Adult Services Director Gail Hutchinson said a downtown thrift shop was being opened in connection with the adult day program. She said patients will refurbish or repair second-hand furniture and other items for sale as part of their rehabilitation program.

The thrift shop was allocated \$5,394 of the amount of the budget revision.

Hutchinson reported Medicaid regulations no longer allow reimbursement for medical team visits to rest homes, and these clients will now have to be transported to the mental health clinics to be eligible for such coverage.

Charles L. Rowe of Franklin County was appointed to the mental health board to replace Rev. Michael D. Brooks who recently resigned. Rowe is assistant administrator of Franklin Memorial Hospital.

New by-laws proposed by McBride were approved by the board following several changes suggested by Larry Norman who holds the attorney slot on the board.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

Dr. Ray Selby of Warrenton has merit in recommending the adoption of the British system of setting up new courts to deal with specific offences, hear cases, try and quickly punish minor wrong-doers. The American Justice System also has merit. With constructive study of our system we can adopt a judicial system that will take care of our needs and satisfy our American sense of justice.

This system should merge the county sheriff's department with the magistrate office for many constructive and competent reasons. With modern law enforcement procedures this merger can function efficiently with less waiting time and more working time.

Trained sheriff's deputies can function as justices of the peace for minor violations or offenses, perform the duties of the magistrate on a rotating basis, patrol the county and take control of their law enforcement duties with less cost to the county. Sheriff's deputies could learn to set bail and determine the cases that are in the jurisdiction of the district and superior courts which handle most cases under due processes of law.

The county sheriff's department should consist of one deputy sheriff for every electoral precinct in each county. The sheriff, an elective officer, will act as the commanding officer of the justice of the peace system and the clerk of the superior court and staff will act as the judicial administrator of this inferior court.

JAMES W. BYRD
Retired Law Enforcement Officer
Littleton

July Was Hot And Dry

Two days of July share the high temperature honors for the month, according to a report made this week by Clarence Skillman of Arcola, a cooperative observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Mr. Skillman said temperature highs of 98 degrees were reached on July 24 and July 29. He explained that observations are recorded at 8 a.m. for the previous 24 hour period.

He said that rainfall for July was much below normal with over half the total coming on the first seven days, followed by no measurable rain on the next nine days.

During the month a total of 2.20 inches of rainfall was reported. The greatest amount was .83 inches on July 4.

The lowest temperature, 54 degrees, was recorded on the last day of the month, he said. Temperatures of 90 degrees or above were reported on 18 days of the month.

Save 20 Percent
To save money, buy last year's model in equipment, automobiles and even clothes, when satisfactory. A saving of 20 percent or more can usually be realized.