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Doing The Necessary

Albert Coates once told us that the world is but the community writ large. And since the purpose of government is to help its citizens, it might be well to remember the services the Town of Warrenton renders its citizens, for a better understanding of the relationship between government and people.

In the first place, Warrenton's tax rate is too low, which prevents it doing all that it should legally do for its citizens. But its commissioners try hard, with no thoughts of being liberal or conservative, but of doing for those people those things that they cannot do alone.

Warrenton not only gathers the garbage from the residences of those living in town twice a week, but it sweeps and cleans its streets and in the fall it hauls off leaves from premises of its people—all within a 77-cent tax rate.

There has been a suggestion that a special fee be charged for garbage collection, and we suppose also for debris-hauling and leaf-gathering. Actually, it is likely that the present arrangement is wiser. The trouble with charging a fee for garbage collection is that some of our citizens will not voluntarily pay this fee, and if not, there is the matter of compulsion, or a dirty neighborhood. For no neighborhood is an island.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, we received a call from a neighbor that her bathroom was being flooded. Unable to cut the water off, we got a neighbor to call the water

department, and in a few moments an employee of the department came around and cut the water off in the meter and then returned to his job. Then able to cut the water off on a pipe leading to a commode, we had to recall him to cut the water back on. When we went out to thank him, we wanted to pay him for his trouble, but Clarence Watson, the employee, told us that he was forbidden to accept any tips, as the water department wanted to help its customers when they were in trouble. We doubly appreciated this help, since three of us who were concerned were more than 80 years old.

When the town commissioners, short of money, decided to ask that citizens volunteer to help in leaf-gathering by placing the leaves in bags, they were careful to point out that if the citizens did not volunteer, that the street department would not refuse to haul off their leaves. We think it is worth the small amount of taxes we pay for the privilege of living in Warrenton.

Warrenton's citizens, during the many years we have lived here, have always been willing to join together in doing what they could not do alone. They passed bond issues to build an electric light system, to install waterworks, to build an ice plant, and to build a hotel. In the process, Warrenton earned the title in a national magazine as "the town that owns itself."

A Patient Man

By RALPH DELANO

In Benson Review

In the old days, long before they had X-rated movies to show the general public, the movie-makers were quite careful what they put on the screen.

For instance, one old-time movie had a scene in which a group of girls started to undress to go swimming. During this process a train passed by in front of them and in the next scene they were shown in the water clad in modest bathing suits.

An old farmer had gone into the afternoon show. Late that evening, an usher, seeing him still in his seat, came up to him and asked why he stayed

through so many performances.

"Wall," drawled the old coozer, "I figger that one of these times that train is goin' to be late."

Quotes

I hate all sports as rabidly as a person who likes sports hates common sense.—H. L. Mencken.

A man can never be a true gentleman in manner until he is a true gentleman at heart.—Charles Dickens.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

Nov. 4, 1981

The Warrenton Junior Woman's Club announced the winners for the Halloween decorations as follows:

Spookiest, Mr. and Mrs. John Meares; most original, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thompson. Honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blaylock.

A referendum on a special one cent sales tax levy made by the county commissioners in June will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Bids for air conditioning and heating Warren County's courtroom may be advertised within the next four or five days. Chairman Claude T. Bowers told the county commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday morning.

Nov. 2, 1956

A Warrenton woman is 4th prize winner in a national contest sponsored by a large soap company.

Mrs. Tim Thompson was notified this week by Colgate-Palmolive Company, that her entry had won fourth prize in the Olympic team contest, and

that an Emerson All Transmitter Portable Radio would be mailed to her.

Participants in the contest were required to tell in twenty-five words how the Olympic teams contribute to world peace.

A gas pump at Fleming and Hayes Service Station at Norlina caught on fire around 10:30 when a driver backed his car into it.

The Norlina Fire Company quickly extinguished the flames by the use of foam.

A larger than normal General Election vote is expected on next Tuesday, November 6, when voters go to the polls to select a President and Vice President of the United States, Wiley Coleman, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, said yesterday.

In addition to casting their votes for Stevenson and Kefauver or Eisenhower and Nixon, Warren voters will cast their ballots for state officers and a United States Senator.

Oct. 31, 1941

Sulphur Springs Baptist

Church was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning at about 9 o'clock shortly after a fire had been built in the stove in preparation for Wake Forest Day which was to have been observed later in the day. The fire which caught on the roof spread rapidly to the remainder of the building and lack of water facilities caused the spectators to stand helplessly by. However, eight pews, the pulpit Bible and a few hymn books were saved.

The library of the Negro Community Center has been presented a picture of Miss Lucy I. Leach, former superintendent of public welfare in Warren County.

"I want to show you something you have never seen before," J. W. Harris stated yesterday morning as he walked into the office of The Warren Record with a bag in his hand. He opened the bag and displayed four nice looking apples, which he stated was a part of the second crop off the same tree. He said there were about a peck of the second crop apples on the tree.

By BIGNALL JONES

Two recent events in which I participated will be long remembered. The first of these was the fiftieth anniversary meeting of my wife's graduation class at John Graham High School held on Saturday night, Oct. 17, at the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club in Afton. The second event occurred on the following Wednesday when I went on a tour of Peck Manufacturing Company which was followed by a buffet dinner at the Woman's Club building.

The two events had two things in common: each was very enjoyable, and the meal cooked and served by the Afton-Elberon Ruritanettes and the buffet dinner catered by The Carriage House, both were delicious and neither was calculated to aid anyone in the loss of weight.

In last week's issue of The Warren Record, my wife Grace and I wrote an account of the class reunion, and elsewhere in this paper I have written an account of the Peck tour and the luncheon, which hardly does the event justice. I find that I wish to comment further on each event.

Among those who were present for the event was Earl Connell of Canada, who when he found out that we sometimes visit Canada insisted that on the next family trip we be the guests of him and his wife.

The invitation is appreciated, but is not the reason that Earl was singled out for comment. He told me that since his retirement that he had developed considerable interest in history and wanted me to help find him a copy of "Sketches of Old Warrenton," by Elizabeth Wilson Montgomery, which is now out of print and has considerable monetary value, which Earl said he is willing to pay. I would greatly appreciate readers of this column aiding me in my search for a copy of this book.

At the reunion meal I was fortunate enough to be seated next to Dr. Hinton Wesson, a Warrenton native who now, with his wife, Louise, live in Columbia, S. C., where Dr. Wesson for many years served as a member of the faculty of the University of South Carolina. I soon learned that Dr. Wesson and I shared a love for literature and our discussion of books and authors proved to be for me a highlight of the reunion.

Just as the discussion with Hinton Wesson proved to be a highlight of the reunion, the talk by David LaFar III, proved to be the highlight of the luncheon. Mr. LaFar is not only an eloquent speaker, but is thoroughly familiar with his subject, and it was a pleasure to listen to him and to share his evident love of machinery. However, in addition, I found it nice that his views on high interest rates were similar to my own.

The thread which Peck spins is not only used for weaving of cloth which is used in the manufacture of automobiles and their tires, but also in many household articles. So when he speaks of high interest rates having an effect on inventories, resulting in hand-to-mouth buying, high interest rates in-so-far as they slacken the sales of automobiles, and the construction of housing also have a definite bearing on the production of textiles. As they effect profits they also have an effect on further modernization of mills.

It has been said that North Carolina lives on wheels, and as Mr. LaFar spoke of the importance of the textile industry which employs 250,000 persons in

Mostly Personal

Two Enjoyable Events

North Carolina, I thought of how important the trucking industry is to other industries of the state and I was also reminded of how important good roads are not only to the trucking industry, but to all who own automobiles.

To me there is something stimulating about the creating of efficient mills as a first step, to be followed by an efficient system of highways upon which efficient trucks play their part in a modern distributing system.

Always have I obtained a thrill from railway systems with long trains of freight cars distributing manufactured goods and raw materials over the state. In the night I love to hear the whistles of trains, and in the daytime I like to

stand near a railroad junction and see the trains arrive with their engines leaning out the diesel engine windows.

Once trucks, I felt, were a nuisance of our highways, but now I find they give me the same thrill as the railroad engines, as they ply our modern highways carrying out an important part of industrial life and the division of labor.

Certainly, I have digressed from comments about Mr. LaFar's talk, but his talk was a part of a modern industrial system in which communication plays an important part in leadership where the proper use of machinery leads to the rewards of industrialization.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 11/1 - 11/7/1981

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19	See that taxes, insurance, other obligations, are paid up and current. Delays could result in stiff penalties.
TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20	Schedule your time to prevent overlapping. You could become hopelessly snarled in things that must be done.
GEMINI May 21-June 20	Put your restless energy to constructive use. Clean up obligations, be of service to loved ones.
CANCER June 21-July 22	A goal you have worked hard for is at last within reach. An arrogant attitude causes ill feelings.
LEO July 23-Aug. 22	Some adjustments may be necessary in domestic arrangements. If it's too restrictive, you are free to leave.
VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22	It might be well for your future success to start a specialized training course now.
LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22	Money spent for books and tools will pay for themselves in a short time. Grasp opportunity.
SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21	Keep your mind focused on the excellent results that can be attained through self confidence. Surprise yourself.
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21	Silence is golden and proves to be a strong weapon against one who would malign you.
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19	Opportunity comes through the kindness of friends who want you to climb the ladder.
AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18	Many compliments come your way. Take it all in stride, along with the criticism that also comes.
PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20	Mail from a distance gives cause for concern. A trip may be called for.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

In reference to your article of October 15, 1981, entitled "Assault Charges Brought," I am disturbed and disappointed by your references to three of our state's finest hospitals.

First, your numerous references to Dorothea Dix Hospital as "Dix Hill" were very unprofessional and in poor taste. Having been an employee of Dorothea Dix Hospital this past summer, I am well aware of how sensitive a subject this label has become. I am shocked that your newspaper would allow a distinguished mental institution to be called by such an inappropriate and disrespectful term.

Secondly, the phrase "committed to Butner" exemplifies a misconception shared by many in our state. Butner is a small North Carolina town, not unlike our own Warrenton, which just happens to be the site of several state institutions, two of which are John Umstead Hospital for the mentally ill and Murdoch Center for the mentally retarded. Unfortunately, the town itself has acquired a "crazy" image when nothing could be further from the truth. To say "committed to Butner" is as absurd as saying "committed to Warrenton."

Finally, to my knowledge there does not exist a Chapel Hill Memorial Hospital but rather North Carolina Memorial Hospital located in Chapel Hill, N. C., whose sign at the front entrance proudly proclaims that it is "operated for and by the people of North Carolina." It is my hope that likewise The Warren Record is operated for and by the people of Warren County, and for this reason I have offered here what I hope is useful information. I and the state hospitals of North Carolina, I'm sure, would be grateful if in future articles your newspaper would exercise more care and tact when referring to such institutions, resulting in a product of more professional journalism.

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RE-ELECT

WILL S. HICKS, JR.

NOV. 3, 1981

Town Councilman of Norlina

Experienced & Dependable

READY FOR A CHANGE!

THEN
VOTE
ON

Nov. 3 1981

FOR

JAMES VAUGHAN

Town Councilman of Norlina

Thank You

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN NORLINA

On Tuesday, November 3, 1981

VOTE

"For"

Wayne Aycock

Ernest "Butch" Bolton

William Leonard

James Vaughan

For Norlina Town Council

THESE ARE SOME OF THE MAIN ISSUES:

- REASONABLE WATER AND SEWER RATES
- IMPROVED REFUSE COLLECTION
- EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE FROM TOWN EMPLOYEES
- SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- ORDERLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- FAIR AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY FUNDS
- INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AND FIRE HYDRANTS BASED ON NEED
- MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH BETTER REPRESENTATION OF EACH CITIZEN

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED

PAID FOR BY CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT