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A Big Step Forward

Warren County took a big step forward on Monday when the Board of County Commissioners authorized the lease-purchase of three voting machines. It is to be hoped that their use will lead to purchase of a programmer and additional voting machines as the savings in time and money become apparent.

Prior to the meeting of the commissioners Monday, Mrs. Janice R. Crump, chairman of the Board of Elections, wrote the county manager submitting a list of three options, stating that her preference would be the purchase of three tabulators and a programmer, at a total cost of \$17,480, to be paid at the rate of \$5,225 a year. She said that Mrs. Miriam Coleman would attend the board meeting to discuss the priorities.

The commissioners after hearing the views of the executive secretary of the Board of Election, voted to purchase three tabulators and have the programming done at Nashville, as recommended by Mrs. Coleman,

at a total cost of \$12,500 or \$4,775 per year.

Mrs. Coleman said that one of the tabulators would be used at West Warrenton precinct, one at Norlina precincts, and the third machine would be used as a back-up machine. She said that the votes would be tabulated at the Warrenton and Norlina precincts within a few minutes after the polls are closed and in these precincts there would be no manual tabulation and that savings in man hours would more than pay the cost of the tabulators.

In a recent election at West Warrenton precinct, election workers, after keeping the polls open from 6:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., remained on duty until 10 a. m. the following day. Not only was the cost high, the difficulty of hiring extra help increased and the general public inconvenienced, but we were embarrassed at the lateness of returns from Warren County arriving at and being announced by State headquarters.

Better Than Confrontation

The Southern Pines Pilot It is encouraging to see the Moore County commissioners and the Board of Education working together in an effort to determine school needs.

A select committee made up of members from both bodies has been visiting the schools of the county and discussing needs prior to the business of settling down and drawing up a budget for the coming year.

This certainly should help in the budget-making process, and might possibly end the confrontations between the two bodies which have been so familiar in the past.

Such a confrontation developed last year and was not settled until court action was initiated and the Clerk of Court ruled on the issue of school funding. The Clerk ruled that the schools were entitled to \$600,000 more than the commissioners had appropriated. It was after that action that the two boards decided to try the present approach.

This doesn't mean that differences will not develop next spring. The schools will probably ask for more money than the commissioners are willing to provide. But these preliminary visits to the schools and the discussions within the select committee should make it easier

to resolve the differences which may arise.

Certainly cooperation is better than confrontation.

Quotes

Rummage Sale

Sign advertising Sunday School rummage sale: "A good opportunity to get rid of everything not worth keeping but too good to throw out. Bring your husband." - Mrs. V. Myers in The Saturday Evening Post.

I have never accepted what many people have kindly said, namely that I inspired the nation. It was the nation and the race dwelling all around the globe that had the lion heart. I had the luck to be called upon to give the roar. - Winston Churchill.

When we treat a man as he is, we make him worse than he is. When we treat him as if he already were what he potentially could be, we make him what he should be. - Goethe.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

Dec. 16, 1971

Warrenton's beer law, which permits Sunday sale of beer to begin at 7 a. m., will be changed to conform to State law which forbids Sunday sale of beer before 1 p. m.

The Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas and Ladies Night Party last Saturday night at the Warrenton Lions Den. The wives of the Jaycees were honored and the Jaycee of the Year and the Outstanding Farmer of the Year were announced.

The Outstanding Young Farmer Award went to Leon Williams of the Inez Community. The Jaycee of the Year Award went to Don Manley.

A representative crowd of Warren County citizens were present at a breakfast at Warren Plaza Inn on Wednesday morning when Lt. Governor Pat Taylor of Wadesboro, candidate for governor, was the guest of honor. He was accompanied from

Henderson by Gus Zollicoffer.

Dec. 14, 1956

J. R. Peeler, superintendent of Fremont City Schools, was on Monday night elected superintendent of Warren County Schools by the Board of Education.

As a guide to aircraft the name Warrenton, N. C. has been painted in large letters on the roof of Tarwaters Warehouse.

Mrs. Jack Scott, chairman of the civic affairs committee of the Warrenton Woman's Club, yesterday announced the completion of a project for writing the town's name on the roof of the warehouse.

James Crockett Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harris, has been commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Lt. Harris is stationed at Hunter Air Force Base and lives with his wife in Savannah, Ga.

Dec. 12, 1941
The outbreak of hostilities

between the United States and Japan on Sunday was followed two days later by an appeal from the American Red Cross for Warren County residents to contribute \$3,000 in the nationwide drive to raise a minimum of \$50,000,000 for war aid.

At least two Warren County boys are known here to have been on duty with American army and naval forces guarding this country's possessions in the Pacific when Japan launched its attack there on Sunday morning against the United States. They are Leon Pridden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pridden of Norlina and James Gilliland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilliland of Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball entertained a number of Warrenton guests on Wednesday night with a "Fresh Meat Supper." Mr. William Duke of Richmond, Va., a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, Jr., was a special guest for the occasion.

By BIGNALL JONES

This may be a cruel and hard world for many unfortunate people, but it is a remarkable world and an intensely interesting world due to the scientific advancements that have increased our standard of living, our leisure, and the knowledge of not only our world but our universe.

It is particularly interesting to me because I have lived in two eras - the horse and buggy and the atomic age, and many of the world's giant industries have been incorporated during my lifetime. - General Motors, Pilot Life Insurance Company, the radio and TV industries, and scores of others. It has been my good fortune that I have always liked to read, and now that cable television has come to Warrenton, my problem has been not what to do, but time to get it all in.

And then there is the automobile, now with air conditioning and heat. There are so many interesting places to go, and good roads leading to them - wonderful, but cutting down on the time that I have for both TV and reading.

The past Friday night the family motored to Macon where we joined scores of friends at the Macon United Methodist Church for a mini-bazaar and a delicious buffet dinner. We received a heart-warming welcome, enjoyed delicious food, and renewed acquaintances. Later, my wife picked up a few items for Christmas gifts. I will not try to list the many tasty items on the menu, but will mention that there were a variety of pies, cakes and puddings for dessert, as the ladies of the church kept our glasses and cups filled with hot coffee or iced tea. Again it was demonstrated that the Macon community has many excellent cooks.

We returned home in time for me to enjoy a number of my favorite programs on television channel four, starting with the MacNeil-Lehrer Report, where the subject was the leasing of tax exemptions. The Reagan administration, in an effort to help business recovery, has granted certain tax exemptions to businesses which show a loss. In addition, it allows businesses which have made a profit to lease the losses of business from losing businesses and use them as a tax deduction to increase their profits. The proponents said it was a wonderful way to help business and opponents said it was a shameful method of favoritism, and one which would cost the government billions of dollars in lost taxes.

Following this report there was a discussion on "State Line" of beach erosion and the treatment of Vietnam veterans. Next was the Washington Week In Review, when several Washington correspondents discussed activities of the President and reflected upon what effect they might have on his popularity. The program was concluded at 9 p. m. with Wall Street Week. Nothing of particular interest was reported, but I was reminded of the report of the previous week when viewers were told of the savings that would accrue to the stockholders due to changes in the tax law by the Reagan administration. The speaker said, for instance, that the reduction in inheritances taxes could in some cases save citizens as much as a million dollars. Naturally, I thought of all taxes saved by taxpayers that would be lost as federal revenue.

I think in a previous column that I mentioned that I had read in The Atlantic, a copy of which I found in the Warren County Memorial Library, the article by David Stock-

Mostly Personal

Two Wonderful Ages

man, which was quite revealing. His reference to the Trojan horse and the "trickle down theory" reminded me that my father told me many years ago that the Republicans believed in the "trickle down" policy. I know that I have commented on "The Young Alexander Hamilton," which not only revealed quite a lot about Hamilton, but also about the conditions of this country in the Revolutionary period.

Perhaps my enjoyment of this fine biography was responsible for my return to the library last Thursday in search of a biography of Alexander Mellon. Mrs. Limer found for me "The Mellon Family." On my way home I went by the office of Glen Newsome with the book in my hand. The title of the book reminded Glen of a question asked him on a history examination by his history professor. The question was "Who was Alexander Mellon?" Glen said that he had not the slightest idea, but wanted to answer all the questions, so he wrote that Alexander Mellon was a brother of Watermelon. He said the answer amused the professor and he was not given a lower grade because of his flippancy, and that as a matter of fact he made a good grade on the examination.

I started reading about the Mellons on Thursday night and had become so interested in it, that I did not look at television Saturday night except to

see one basketball game at Chapel Hill in which Chapel Hill and a team from Yugoslavia were involved. When I finished looking at "Wall Street Week" on Friday night at 9 p. m., I returned to my book which I read until after midnight. Sunday night I gave up all TV programs and reluctantly laid the book down about 11:30 p. m.

The Mellon family came to America from Scotland and lived for a generation or so as farmers. They settled in Pennsylvania where coal, iron and oil were to be discovered, and where members of the family built up one of America's largest fortunes starting about the time of the Civil War.

Alexander Mellon became secretary of the Treasury at the start of the Harding administration and served under President Coolidge following the death of President Harding. The Republicans referred to him as the "greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton." He believed in money and its use to get what he wanted for himself and for his government. One reading of the Republican Party in the twenties as revealed by the Mellon biography, for better or for worse, must be struck with its similarity to that of Reagan in 1981. For instance, the oil depreciation allowance was first adopted during the Harding administration, and when the Mellons owned Gulf Oil Company.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

The controversy concerning the Warren County PCB landfill should cease, and then cooler-thinking heads could come up with a plan that may solve the problem to the satisfaction of the county citizens.

Why should the county commissioners wait for the state or federal officials to clean up the PCB mess? Why can't we as county citizens take the bull by the horns and clean up the contaminated soil ourselves? Warren County may be short on funds, but we can awaken the old pioneer spirit and solve the problem ourselves.

It is said that the proposed landfill in Warren County will accommodate 40,000 cubic yards of soil. Our county employees can dig up the contaminated soil from our roadsides and place the soil in metal containers to be shipped to abandoned coal mines, or placed in abandoned oil wells, or buried at sea. I recommend that the county commissioners seek expert advice concerning the county disposal of the PCB with the idea of placing the soil outside of Warren County. With unity, we can make progress in this cleanup.

The funds to undertake this task can be raised by an increase in the ad valorem tax, assessments for each person living in Warren County, including renters, a bond issue or applying the many fund-raising activities the county people are known for. We, together, can make this project a unified effort and show the world that we can keep the county a beautiful place to live.

JAMES W. BYRD
Littleton

To The Editor:

I have been very disturbed about this PCB ever since it was put along Highway 43 in Warren County.

Why can't some intelligent minds come up with a better idea as to where to store it? It came from Raleigh, and why couldn't it have been left in Wake County?

I am a native of Grove Hill, 10 miles east of Warrenton, and I am proud to say I am, having lived in Rocky Mount since 1935.

I own property in Warren County, and citizens of the county, I am calling you to action.

Let's see what we can do to alleviate this problem and see that this PCB is not stored in Warren County again.

MRS. IRENE DAVIS CAPPS
Rocky Mount

DID YOU KNOW?

ALTHO HER LAST MOVIE WAS MADE BACK IN 1941,

Greta Garbo

IS STILL REGARDED AS A LEGEND IN HOLLYWOOD.

SHE WAS A PLUMP, YOUNG SWEDISH ACTRESS WHEN FILM DIRECTOR MAURITZ STILLER DISCOVERED HER.

SHE STARRED IN A NUMBER OF MOVIES AND IT WAS RARE WHEN ANY OF HER SCENES HAD TO BE RE-SHOT. GARBO GOT TIRED OF LIFE IN TINSLETOWN, OPTING FOR TOTAL SECLUSION IN NEW YORK CITY.



LLOYD'S OF LONDON

ORIGINATED IN A LONDON COFFEE HOUSE AROUND 1688, WHERE SHIP OWNERS AND MERCHANTS GATHERED. THIS FIRM DOESN'T SELL LIFE INSURANCE, EXCEPT ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS.

Endless Money Supply

Needed For Cleaning Job

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. - One hundred and ninety-five million square feet. That is the total amount of Federal office space across the country which the General Services Administration (GSA) is responsible for cleaning every day - year in and year out.

That figure, 195 million square feet, is so large as to be almost meaningless unless it is compared with some building, such as the White House, which most of us have either seen in person or in pictures.

The main six story White House building is a huge place; but, the GSA must supervise the daily cleaning of office space which equals more than 2,262 White Houses - 2,262.

In a job of this magnitude, a certain amount of waste and inefficiency is bound to occur. But, the GSA spends 59 percent more to clean offices with Federal employees than it does with private cleaning contractors. And the GSA spends almost twice as much as private landlords pay to clean the space they lease to Uncle Sam.

According to a recent report from the General Accounting Office (GAO) - the waste-watching arm of the Congress - low productivity and often unrealistic wage scales are the major culprits in the government's wasteful cleaning program.

In fact, the GAO estimates that plans to improve efficiency and tighten cleaning procedures now being implemented will take 15 years to complete, at GSA's present snail's pace. And during that time, the extra, and unnecessary, cost to the taxpayers would be a quarter of a billion dollars. That's too long and too costly.

The General Services Administration - the agency responsible for this cleaning bill - is under the direction of our Executive branch of government; and, therefore, it is ultimately up to the President and his GSA Administrator to rectify this costly situation. I have been in contact with officials at the GSA; but, while we wait for improvements, this wasteful use of funds continues.

As the GAO report has confirmed, low productivity is a major part of the cleaning problem. For one

thing, the GSA contractors are required to clean mainly during the day; but, industry sources indicate that night cleaning is 20 to 30 percent more productive.

Another problem which contributes to low productivity is that the GSA often requires its cleaning contractors to work a specified number of hours. While this may sound like a good idea on paper, it takes away incentive for a contractor to speed up work and save.

And in this case, time is definitely money. If the contractor could do the job more quickly, and just as well, then he could make a lower bid. He could compete more strongly with other contractors and therefore save the taxpayers money.

Furthermore, the GSA should more closely examine the work of a contractor before hiring a particular service. The independent Office of Inspector General at the GSA - in place through legislation I sponsored - is currently working on this problem; and will, hopefully, help root out the unreliable and irresponsible contractors.

Apart from low productivity, however, Federal wages, often much higher than private businesses can pay, account for the greater cost of cleaning Federal office space.

In Boston, for example, the starting salary (note, just the starting salary) for GSA cleaning personnel was over \$10,750 a year (based on a 40 hour work week); and that doesn't begin to include fringe benefits such as insurance and retirement programs. By comparison, private sector cleaning employees in Boston start at just over \$8,200 a year.

In these inflationary times, the sums to be saved by improving cleaning efficiency may not seem stupendously large. But, this is just the sort of wasteful inefficiency which can and must be cut from government agencies. These "small" sums can soon mount up to billions and billions of dollars.

When so many worthwhile programs are being streamlined, it is inconsistent and wrong to allow poor management, with such waste and extravagance, to continue in any area of government. The taxpayers just cannot afford it.

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- December 10, 1958 - National Airlines inaugurates the 1st domestic jet airline passenger service.
- December 11, 1946 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr. announces gift of 6 blocks of land on East River in New York City for permanent headquarters of the United Nations.
- December 12, 1917 - Frank Sinatra, "crooning" idol of 1940's and film actor, born Hoboken, N.J.
- December 13, 1927 - Ten-year-old violinist Yehudi Menuhin makes his New York City debut.
- December 14, 1799 - George Washington dies at Mount Vernon, in Virginia, at 67.
- December 15, 1791 - First 10 amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, ratified.
- December 16, 1835 - Fire hoses freeze and firemen pour brandy into their boots to keep their feet from freezing, as New York City is gutted by \$26 million fire, in -17° temperature.

GARDEN

Thoughts About Next Spring's Vegetable Garden

The debate carries on and at this point in time there appears a fairly equal division of opinions as to whether the 1981-82 winter season will be moderate and short-lived or cold, long and hard. For the avid vegetable gardener, it is always long. One can spend only so much time poring over seed catalogues and outlining a garden plot on paper.

There may be things that need doing, however. In the warm climates of the southern states some garden work now can set the stage for increased quality production next growing season. Plant stalks, vines, weeds and stems left in the garden serve as a winter home for both insect eggs and disease organisms. These should be removed, or shredded and used as part of a mulch. When weather and soil conditions permit, the garden spot should be tilled or roughly plowed. Plowing destroys debris that contains disease organisms or insects' eggs, bringing eggs to the surface where they



cannot survive. If winter has closed in on you, check your garden tools and store them under cover. Sand away any rough spots. Apply a coating of oil to all metal parts. Don't overlook your most important helper, the rototiller. Clean the tines, paint or coat them with oil and check manufacturer's directions relative to draining oil and gas and the removal of spark plug for storage.