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Using Leaded Gasoline

Nobody can call the Republican-directed Environmental Protection Agency lead-footed in rolling back safeguards for the public," The News and Observer said in its leading sentence in an editorial appearing in its Monday's edition.

"In February," the editorial continued, "in the face of medical evidence to the contrary, the EPA made proposals to relax or rescind 1973 regulations that require refineries to reduce the level of lead in gasoline. Now a congressional hearing has disclosed that the agency consulted only with industries that would benefit financially with the change."

In the face of evidence of damage caused by lead poisoning and its distribution by government agencies, it has been difficult for us to understand why the government has permitted the practice, why the oil companies have encouraged its use through raising the price on unleaded gasoline, as it did with gasohol, and why there has not been a greater outcry from both the public and the public media. This editorial that appeared in The News and Observer Monday, was the first such article that we have seen in newspapers, magazines, television or radio, although, we concede that there must have been some somewhere. We have noticed with some pleasure, however, that a number of foreign compacts warn their owners not to use leaded gasoline.

"A top federal official underscored the omission of health considerations last week. Dr. Vernon N. Houk, acting director of the Center for Environmental Health of the Center for Disease Control, testified that studies clearly demonstrate that as we have

removed lead from gasoline, we have also removed lead from ourselves and our children..." the editorial states.

Continuing, the editorial states "There is no medical support for an end of the lead curb. But the financial gain would be great for a number of industries that haven't met the nine-year-old standards. They add lead to gasoline as a cheap antiknock ingredient. Unhappily for human beings, especially those in urban settings and who live on heavily travelled streets, lead emitted from vehicles amounts to 90% of all that becomes airborne."

"Heavy lead accumulations in the body cause attention and emotional disorders, learning disabilities, severe physical problems and even death. Lead poisoning can also come from lead-based paint and emissions from industry. But in the population overall, vehicle emissions deposit lead in the brain and muscle tissue to a far greater degree."

Lead poisoning is found in about 18.6 percent of urban black children, 4.5 percent of urban white children and 2.1 percent of rural children. Further, Dr. Houk noted, lead contamination in the front yards of homes on congested streets is normally two to three times greater than in the back yards.

"But EPA proposes to relax standards with little or no regard, apparently, for the great cost in human health. The change makes no sense from a medical standpoint. It also would penalize responsible members of industry that have met the standards at considerable expense. The agency reportedly acted to weaken the standards at the urging of the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Reform. If this is reform, it's deadly."

Evaders Cost Us All

By WINGATE LASSITER
In The Smithfield Herald

Income-tax evaders are like shoplifters: Whenever they avoid paying for goods or services they use, they increase the cost of those goods or services for honest members of society.

The U. S. Internal Revenue Service believes Americans will avoid paying \$96 billion in taxes they owe the Federal Government this year. "That's triple the gap of eight years ago — and enough lost revenue to almost balance the federal budget," notes The Christian Science Monitor.

It's amazing that 80 percent of federal taxes due are paid by April 15 each year.

For the U. S. system of tax collecting is still in large measure, a voluntary citizens' system.

Even so, it's disturbing that enough U. S. taxes are being evaded to account for current deficits in the federal budget — deficits that many economists believe must be sharply curtailed in the near future to save the U. S. economy from collapse.

Conventional wisdom has it that most income-tax evasion is done by drug dealers and "conniving corporations," notes the Monitor. But that's not the case. "Ordinary people are the strongest single group prying the tax gap wider,"

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News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

April 17, 1942
Citizens of the county must organize to handle sugar rationing cards at the various schoolhouses of the county on May 4, 5, 6 and 7 or else there will be inconvenience due to inability to buy sugar, J. Edward Allen, superintendent of Warren County schools said yesterday.

One hundred and forty-four sweaters were completed and shipped by the Warren County Chapter of the American Red Cross between the two-month period of February 17 to April 17, it was announced here yesterday. Sixty-one knitters were engaged in the task.

The Warrenton Fire Department will present the Burlington Jubilee Singers at the courthouse on Friday night at 8:30, John Harris, foreman, announce-

ed yesterday. Admission will be 25 cents.

April 19, 1957
W. K. Delbridge will today begin his duties as acting postmaster in Norlina. A directive from the office of the Postmaster General notifying Delbridge of his appointment stated that he would take office at the close of business April 19.

Crowds visiting Kerr Lake on Sunday saw the highest water level ever to be reached in the reservoir. The official depth was given as 306 feet, measured by sea level reckoning. That was some 15 feet above normal.

The adult choir of Norlina Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Weldon, will present an Easter cantata, "The Crown of Life," at the Sunday morning worship

hour.
April 20, 1972
Mrs. Gus Daeke, Jr., president of the Warrenton unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, was elected president of the Fifth District of the American Legion Auxiliary at a meeting held at the Warrenton Rural Fire Department building on Friday, April 14.

Arcola native Willard B. Harris was elected vice president, finance, at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Tully Corporation of Virginia.

Opal Ellis, a junior at John Graham High School, has received notice of her acceptance to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina in Winston-Salem. She will represent Warren County Schools at the 1972 summer session.

By BIGNALL JONES

"Now that you have seen it, you want to read about it," the lady said as I sought some brochures on the Carolina Botanical Gardens in Chapel Hill on Sunday afternoon. "That is correct," I replied.

For a number of years each spring we have gone to Chapel Hill to see the dogwoods, and Sunday after church Grace, Ann and I left for Chapel Hill, where I discovered that the principal goal of both Ann and Grace were the wild flowers growing in the Botanical Garden and in its greenhouses. It was just as well, as the dogwoods were disappointing and not nearly as pretty as they were around home.

After about an hour or more of walking around, I told Grace that I would wait in the car which was parked nearby. I was interested in the garden, but not the way in which Grace and Ann, and no doubt the scores of others passing through the gardens and talking with the botanist on duty were. I wanted to know its size, the promoters, the donors and the cost as well as its age. As I was sitting in the car, it occurred to me that there should be brochures on display that might answer my questions, as well as a number of other matters of more immediate concern to Grace and Ann. I walked back to a small information building where a visiting lady helped me with the brochures, which I am holding for future study.

But it was neither the gardens nor the brochures which occupied my thoughts as we rode toward home, but the lady's remark, "Now that you have seen it, you want to read about it." For this is so often the truth and one of the great joys of reading.

One of my joys over the years has been football games played at Chapel Hill. I have found that while I may have watched and enjoyed games in which my team was the winner, the next day I not only wanted to read about the game that I had seen in The News and Observer, but also in The Durham Herald. More recently, at the time that UNC defeated Georgetown in basketball I was delighted to read about it in The Charlotte Observer after I had not only seen it on television, but had read an account of it in The News and Observer. It may be strange that while I am happy to read about a game that I have watched, I do not care to see a re-run of a game that I have already seen televised.

Not only do most of us like to read about what we have seen, but I think it is fun to read about people one knows or places where one has been. Some weeks ago, I subscribed to The Atlantic, and the first issue arrived last Saturday. Among the articles I read Saturday night was a semi-humorous article about chickens, with some speculation about which came first, the chicken or the egg, and some discussion about the size and shape of a chicken and its parts. In this discussion I found the following sentence about the plumpness of a chicken: "I am not sure that tenderness and bustiness are the absolute virtues that Frank Perdue assumes. I like chicken meat that offers some resistance."

Frank Perdue has on more than one occasion been in Warrenton and always has praised the tenderness and bustiness of his chicken — a conclusion with which I agree.

Howard spent this past weekend with friends at the beach, so I failed to see the blue and white football game at Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon. On the way home from Chapel Hill

Mostly Personal

Viewing And Reading

Sunday afternoon I was able to buy a copy of Sunday's "The Chapel Hill Paper." Turning to the sports page I found a copy of the game and read with delight the following paragraph:

"Brady returned however (after being hurt), and showed why he's come from nowhere to be a surprise star of the spring. He completed six of 14 passes for 110 yards, including a 54-yard scoring bomb to Victor Harrison."

Harrison is a graduate from John Graham High School at Warrenton and has distinguished himself as a player from Warren County.

In reading the "Story of The Institute of Government," by Albert Coates, I rediscovered friends. I not only know Albert and Gladys Coates, but also a number of persons to whom Albert referred. Among these were the late John Kerr, Jr., when he was speaker of the State House of Representatives; the late Frank Graham, former UNC president and U. S.

senator; Terry Sanford, as law student, World War II hero, former employee of the Institute of Government, former governor of North Carolina and now president of Duke University; Robert House, former chancellor of the University of North Carolina, whose sister, Mrs. George Scoggin lived for many years in Warrenton.

Among many pleasant memories is one I retain of sitting on the porch at Mrs. Scoggin's home many years ago talking with Bob House and his telling me about the shortage of milk cows in Warren County as a handicap to farm prosperity.

One of the chapters in the story about the Institute was written by Henry Lewis, who for a number of years was director of the Institute. His mother lived in Warrenton for a number of years and Henry quite often visits Warrenton where he attends Emmanuel Episcopal Church and where his cousin, Mrs. Crichton Davis, has a home.

Russia Has Launched A 'Rain' Of Terror

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WASHINGTON, D. C. —

"Our fighters were throwing up blood as if they had been drinking blood and could not hold any more. There was also blood in their eyes, like tears, and from the nose. Our fighters died quickly. They were vomiting blood...and began to act like crazy people falling down and jerking about."

The above quotation is not from the script of some gruesome horror movie, but from an eyewitness account of the effects of trichothecene mycotoxins — yellow rain — on the freedom fighters of Afghanistan.

While world attention has been focused upon recent events in the Falkland Islands and the mounting turmoil in the Middle East, the Soviet Union and its surrogates in Afghanistan, Laos, and Kampuchea (Cambodia) have continued to use and promote the use of outlawed chemical weapons. This information comes from our State Department.

Chemical weapons such as yellow rain, although internationally outlawed for over 55 years and not even used by Adolph Hitler if the darkest days of World War II, are apparently being "tested" against noncombatant villagers and stockpiled by Russia. Using illegal chemical weapons terrorizes entire countries, not just the villages attacked.

The mycotoxin used in this deadly yellow rain occurs naturally as a fungus in deteriorating grains such as wheat or rice. And indeed, it is particularly ironic and enlightening to note that while the Soviet Union is not even capable of growing enough grain to feed its own people, it is seemingly spending a lot of time and money growing, experimenting with, and storing this deadly grain fungus for military use.

Nearly seven years ago, reports from Laos indicated lethal chemical weapons were being used, and the evidence has mounted steadily since that time.

In fact, last December, as a result of efforts by the United States and other concerned nations, The United Nations General Assembly — over strong Soviet objections — voted to begin an international investigation into the use of chemical weapons.

To date, however, the U. N. investigating team has been denied admission to

any of the three countries where the State Department says these weapons are being cruelly and cynically used.

The symptoms of yellow rain may include severe skin irritation, nausea, bloody vomiting and diarrhea, internal hemorrhaging, and the result is often painful death. The very use of these weapons should tell us something about the moral nature of Soviet leadership and its ultimate aims.

And while yellow rain, nerve gas, and other outlawed forms of warfare are being used by the Russians to subdue and terrorize their enemies, the Soviets may also be meddling in the Falkland Island crisis by supplying Argentina with aerial intelligence on British naval maneuvers. And remember, the Argentine seizure of the Falklands was illegal.

Clearly, the United States must always be extremely careful when negotiating with the Russian government — a government which so openly ignores its obligations and which so callously and deviously makes a mockery of international treaties and commitments.

Recently, there has been much discussion of Comrade Brezhnev's nuclear freeze proposal. It is, of course, in the interest of America and the world to reduce the size and scope of the globe's nuclear arsenal. But, we must be absolutely certain that any such treaty is responsible and that the requirements thereof are fully verifiable. Anything less would be suicidal.

The court of world opinion clearly favors the ban of chemical weapons. That's why it's so vitally important for the United States and other responsible nations to continue to remind the world of the Russian use of these terrible poisons — nightmare poisons from the Dark Ages.

We don't want yellow rain to turn up in this hemisphere, especially in view of Soviet and Cuban involvement in Central America.



Two young men who were joining the Navy were asked, "Do you know how to swim?" They both looked puzzled, and one replied, "What's the matter, aren't there enough ships?"

CALENDAR

Two Plays Are Scheduled

The Warren Academy Drama Club will present "Let Me Out Of Here!" by J. Vincent Barrett and "The Other Side" by Jack Stuart Knapp on Friday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets are available from any Drama Club member.

Live Puppet Show Planned

The Title I District Advisory Council is sponsoring a live puppet show entitled "The Case of the Missing R" on today, April 21, at Northside Elementary School at 7 p.m. This special program will be of educational interest to all parents. They are invited to attend.

Anniversary Plans Listed

The Cooks Chapel Gospel Chorus will celebrate its 17th anniversary on Sunday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the Cooks Chapel Baptist Church, Warren Plains. Many groups and soloists will perform. Pastor Barnes and members invite the public to attend.

Hospital Helpers To Meet

The annual meeting of the Volunteers of Warren General Hospital will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Baptist Fellowship Hall. All members are urged to come. Anyone interested in joining the program is also welcome.

Country Music Show Slated

A Country Music Show featuring Sidney Driver's Country and Bluegrass Band along with Luther Perkinson's Country and Bluegrass Band will be held Saturday, April 24, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Macon School.

Family Reunion Is Planned

The Aaron and Louisa Thompson family reunion will be held at the Warrenton Lion's Den on Sunday, April 25. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Letters To The Editor

Another Resolution Needed

To the Editor: With keen interest in our democratic process, I attended the April 3 Democratic County Convention at the Warren County Courthouse as an observer. A routine agenda was submitted and 25 delegates were announced and accepted by the delegates to attend the Congressional District and State Conventions.

My disappointment came in the resolution area, briefly, the resolutions favoring (a) legislative two-year terms, (b) the extension of the Voting Rights Act, (c) recognition of the poor, and (d) attention to the PCB controversy.

All were very fine resolutions, but a resolution to raise Warren County's economic condition is in order. This would encourage the influx of meaningful business and industry for the county to reduce its high unemployment rate.

To my knowledge, no such resolution was submitted. I hope it is not too late to submit this resolution to both the state and district convention with a sense of urgency.

Resolve: That Governor Jim Hunt and the N. C. legislators find ways to strengthen the Warren County economic condition by encouraging business and industry to locate in Warren County, therefore creating meaningful jobs for the unemployed in Warren County.

The county has most of the natural resources needed to resolve this issue.

JAMES W. BYRD
Littleton

Paper Thanked For Article

To the Editor: The Creative Learning Center takes this opportunity to thank you for publishing our workshop article in The Warren Record. The workshop, conducted by Mrs. Sandra King, was a success.

Approximately 10 guests and parents attended the workshop on Saturday. Mrs. King talked about the Montessori method and each person had the opportunity to work with the Montessori material. Refreshments were served after the workshop. Again, thanks to The Warren Record.

HATTIE RUDD
Receptionist

Spring Accessories Soft

Accessories for spring will be quite different from the dazzling metallics shown for winter, say Harriet Tutterow and Judith Mock, extension clothing specialists at North Carolina State University.

"Desert-dusted rose, yellow, turquoise and brown pastels reign," says Miss Tutterow, "with some shades given a pearlized treatment."

Silver will be more popular than gold, bronze or pewter for spring, often paired dramatically with white, red and black.

"Snakeskins, straw, suede and stone, as well as other naturals, are big from head to toe," adds Miss Mock. The natural influence

will be carried through to earrings, shaped into leaves or shells and bracelets carved of ivory and meant to be worn several at a time.

Both earrings and necklaces will be lighter and more delicate-looking, the specialists note.

Belts will draw attention to the waist and hips this spring. The waist will be wrapped with wide belts in soft, supple suedes, adorned with strands of stone and silver beads.

The hip will attract attention with ultra-wide leather bands.

Not all attention will be focused from the waist down. Miss Tutterow notes that hats of straw, with rolled brims, will be seen in an array of colors from gray to lavender and yellow.