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Feeling Of Goodwill

To those of us who were privileged to be present at the Warren County Court House early Monday afternoon and to see black and white persons working together, and to feel the mutual goodwill between the two races, it is not hard to agree with Mrs. Eva Clayton that this is an historical day.

For years we have entertained the idea, without doing enough about it, that if we are to build a better county and a better life, all of our people must work at it.

And when Mrs. Clayton praises what has happened as representative democracy, and as Warren County's first black and first woman ever to serve as chairman of the board of county commissioners in Warren County's long history, and says that "we accept the challenge that black and white together can

work through creative leadership to make this county increasingly a climate where it is good to do business, we may provide the county that indeed will be the example for the northeast," it is not too hard to believe that this is the beginning of a new and better day.

Alvah Ward, director of Industrial Development with the N. C. Department of Commerce, who followed Mrs. Clayton as a Monday speaker, also points out the need for working together. No industry is going to come to a county or a section where friction abounds, no matter how much state pressure is brought to bear, he warns, and both speakers join in cautioning that success lies in all working together to make Warren a better county in which to live and in which to work.

Anyone Using Octagon?

W.E.H. In The Sanford Herald

At the office the other day, Margaret Wicker and Eunice Tedder were talking with me about the efficiency of Octagon and lye soap in cleaning spots and soils in various fabrics.

We had some draperies laundered and relaunched in effort to get some very badly-soiled spots about the size of one's head rubbed out. One big spot came clear after the second laundering; the other big one and some minor ones did not.

Mrs. Iris Pendergrass allowed she could spot wash these out with Octagon soap, which she did. Margaret said that was fine; Eunice allowed lye soap would do it quicker.

You have to be dated to even know what lye soap is and what it will do. That was the soap your grandma made from the leavings of pork rinds and skins, plus lye, and boiled in a big wash pot in the back yard. Everyone knows about Octagon soap, and there's still a fair sale of it in grocery

stores and supermarkets. However, most housewives today stay with perfumed soaps, which, while they do a fairly good job, don't have the cleaning power in them that the older soaps did.

Oldsters remember when, as kids, they usually had the job of clipping the coupons from the Octagon wrappers, which were good for gifts when sent in to the manufacturer for redemption.

Quotes

I'm trying something new next summer: I'm sending my dogs to camp and my kids to obedience school. — Lynn Redgrave.

You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward. — James Thurber.

I was going to thrash them within an inch of their lives, but I didn't have a tape measure. — W. C. Fields.

News Of 10, 25, 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

Dec. 6, 1942
President Roosevelt today announced dissolution of WPA. Demand for labor has made the agency unnecessary, Mr. Roosevelt said, and added that the agency is receiving an honorable discharge, according to a radio announcement.

Pfc Samuel T. Arrington has returned to Camp Bowie, Texas after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Arrington, of Hollister and visiting in Warrenton where he made his home for several years with Mrs. W. W. Cawthorne. He formerly held a position with Boyce Drug Co.

Warren County farmers' gross incomes for 1942 will be nearly \$5 million, according to Bob Bright, county agent. Mr. Bright said that he believed this production record was the greatest in the history of the county,

probably exceeding the income of 1918-19 when farmers received around 56 cents a pound for their tobacco and more than 40 cents a pound for their cotton.

Dec. 6, 1957
Mrs. John Kerr, Jr. was elected to the Governor's Executive Committee for Clean Highways at a meeting held Monday in Raleigh.

A picture of William Eaton, Jr. was this week placed on the wall of the office of the clerk of Superior Court. Eaton was one of three or four men from Warren County who served as attorney general of the state.

Warrenton commissioners will decide on Monday night whether or not this town will go along with eastern North Carolina towns in raising \$10,000 with which to fight a proposed telephone rate increase in the area served by Carolina

Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Dec. 7, 1972
General Claude T. Bowers was re-elected chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners at an organizational meeting of the new board on Monday morning. William T. Skinner was elected vice-chairman.

Mrs. Pete Fleming was named Club Woman of the Year by the Norlina Junior Woman's Club at the Christmas party on Sunday night at the home of Mrs. C. C. King, Jr.

Frank Holt, cross-country runner for Blue Ridge School in Charlottesville, Va., won the Junior Division of the Virginia Prep School Meet held at Woodberry Forest School last week. Frank came in ahead of 45 boys representing seven prep schools and broke the record by 18 seconds.

By BIGNALL JONES
Growing very old and sometimes wondering if one's friends are not going to run out before one does, it is nice to meet a new friend, even if within 24 hours you learn that a childhood friend is no longer in the land of the living. So much for the start of this week's column, which I warn may require the verbosity of the famous old fox hunter of Sandy Creek Township as I follow memory's ramifications.

On Thursday afternoon of last week as I was sitting in my office, I heard this young man talking with Carolyn Steele, our receptionist, say something about writing a column for the Chase City, Va., newspaper, which remark caused me to walk to the front office where I was introduced to Munsy Adams Moore, a personable young man from Chase City, and to buy from him a copy of his recently published "Cemeteries of Mecklenburg County," which I have given to the Warren County Memorial Library in the knowledge that many Warren County families came from Mecklenburg.

Destiny is a strange thing, and it was through a chain of events that I met this young automotive parts salesman with the unusual hobby of searching out and recording the gravestones of a county. The start, one deducts, was an admiration for homes built by Jacob W. Holt, architect and contractor who built many of the old homes of Warrenton. Several months ago he saw the old John White home in South Warrenton, built by Holt, and recently renovated by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Geddie. This home built in 1850 was also the Warrenton home where General Lee and his daughter, Miss Agnes Lee, spent a night in 1870 when they visited the grave of Annie Carter Lee.

Mrs. Geddie having died and Mr. Geddie not being at home when Moore went to the home, he went next door to the home of Charles and Sally Tarry to inquire about the Geddie home. This led to a friendship between the Whites and Moore and he frequently calls on them when passing through Warrenton.

Mrs. Steele, who has considerable artistic ability, recently painted a picture of the Geddie home which was recently hung in The Carriage House, where Moore saw it and came to the office of The Warren Record to see the artist and buy the picture, and while here told me that he had found the grave of John Speed, which he said he would show to me at my convenience.

John Speed had two sons, James and Joseph and my great-grandfather William Duke Jones married Joseph Speed's daughter, Mary, and from this marriage I owe both of my given names. I like to tell of an incident that I found rather amusing. Joseph Speed remained in Mecklenburg County but James went to his home. Joseph wrote to his mother in Kentucky, according to a letter copied in the Speed family history, in which

he told him about the crops, the health of the family, the weather and some small items, signing his letter, "Your affec. brother, Joseph W. and then adding the following postscript: "I married Col. Bignall's daughter, Ann, last week."

Earlier in the afternoon Mildred Allen Adams was in the office and addressed me as Speed. She is one of the few persons who ever addresses me with affection by that name. Others being my father in writing to me, because he was very proud of the Speed kin, the late Katherine Arrington, and Bobby Jones Cook. When Carolyn asked me did anyone ever call me Speed? I told her that many did in a spirit of derision that causes one to call a fat person, "Slim," or a tall person, "Shorty."

When I was growing up in Warrenton one of my young friends was Hunter Moss who's brother Oscar worked for Mr. Jim Tarwater. He was very close to Will Price and John and Jim Kerr, but I only remember him as one of a number of young boys who lived here for a few years, and who moved back to a place near Keats, Va., where in later life he was to become a farmer. In glancing through Moore's Mecklenburg County Cemeteries, I read the name "Hunter Moss, 1899-1976."

I am reasonably certain that he was my childhood friend, as he was within a year of my age.

Many years later one of our mutual friends told me of an incident

concerning Hunter Moss. I am not certain but it may have been Pat Hunter. As I remember, he said that one day he went with Will Price to see Hunter Moss. When they arrived, Will put on his sternest and most dignified manner as Hunter walked up to the car, "My young man," Will said, "you have a mighty rough road leading to your house and I don't see why you don't fix it." As Hunter began to make excuses about the bad rains, he suddenly recognized Will and all laughed. Sometimes I feel sorry for people who never knew Will Price.

Another incident that is a fond memory of growing was concerned with Oscar, and not Hunter. Early one evening I was escorting Will Jones, now Mrs. Branch Bobbitt, to a party, holding my arm as suited a young man escorting a girl, and she had her hand on my arm. That is until we met Oscar Moss, when her hair all of a sudden needed some attention. Oscar's reaction, to our embarrassment was to say "Grab a wing, grab a wing." "Couple up, couple up."

My new friend, I have been told, is a buff of Jacob W. Holt, architect and contractor who built many of the old homes in Warrenton and whose own home still stands at the corner of East Franklin and Bragg Street. I was interested in glancing through Moore's book about Mecklenburg County cemeteries to note that the grave of Jacob Holt is in Chase City.

News Of Littleton

Mrs. Joe Threewitts spent the weekend with her two grandchildren, Nicole and Mathew while their parents were in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Belle S. Bright of Warrenton and Woodrow Shearin of Norlina were visitors of their sister, Mrs. Gladys Stansbury on Monday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. (Dick) Fugitt at their cabin at Lake Gaston on Thursday were Mrs. Douglas McLawhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McLawhorn of Richmond, Va., Mike Shurant and Chuck Fugitt of Rockville, Md.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sykes Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jones and children, Michael and Ray of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Peggy O. Stansbury and son, Joseph, III of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cheek and daughter, Denise of Warrenton and Larry Cheek of Charlotte.

Mrs. Bobby Ross and son, Braxton spent a night recently with her mother, Mrs. D. E. Bennett in Murfreesboro.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and children, Mary Elizabeth and Charles, Jr. of Danville, Va. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Acree.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Moore and children, Jonathan and Holly of Salisbury and Mrs. Ethel Herbert of Enfield were also visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Moore during the weekend.

Mark McIntyre of Raleigh spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stainback. Mrs. Viola Etheridge of Guardian Care Nursing Home in Louisburg spent four days this week with her daughters, Mrs. Stuart West of Littleton and Mrs. Chesley Stokes of Smithfield. Other visitors over the weekend were Chesley Stokes of Smithfield, Vernon West of UNC-Charlotte, Danny West of Newport News, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Henry West and children, Reggie and Pamela of Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sharpe, son, Greg, of Newport News, Va., were visitors of her parents, Thursday and attended the funeral of her uncle, Luther Perkinson in Jerusalem United Methodist Church at Paschall.

Mr. and Mrs. James Myrick of Iowa spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Herman Shearin and also visited his mother, Mrs. Lila M. Myrick in Warren Plaza Rest Home in Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oreshack and son, Craig in Raleigh during the weekend. Mr. Bonney Harris of Knightdale joined them for lunch Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Stansbury and son, Joseph of Raleigh were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Gladys Stansbury.

This Word Conjures Up Different Images

By REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Government. It's a word which conjures up all sorts of images — images of the local courthouse, City Hall, the State Legislature, the Governor's Mansion, the Congress and the Capitol, and the President and the White House.

In fact, government covers all of this and a lot more, and it's vitally important that the various branches and divisions of government at all levels cooperate and work in as unified and responsible a manner as is humanly possible.

The decisions governmental bodies make can and do affect the way we live as individuals, the way our towns and cities are run, and the way our state and nation are directed and led. And, of course, those same governmental decisions can and do affect us in the pocketbook. When government at all levels works well, it means our American system of federalism is working well.

To help achieve the goal of responsible, efficient and effective government, back in 1959 I introduced legislation establishing the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (the ACIR). My friend, Ed Muskie, graciously introduced and led the fight in the Senate for its passage there.

Back in the 1950's, the ACIR was viewed as a political innovation in that it was set up as a genuine intergovernmental group, made up of public officials from all levels of government, rather than as an agency dominated or controlled by any single part of government.

Furthermore, its permanent mandate was then, and remains today, to continuously review intergovernmental programs and problems at all levels of government with an eye toward maintaining the workability of our federal system.

The stage for the establishment of the ACIR was set by the work of the temporary Commission on Intergovernmental Relations — better known as the Kestnbaum Commission — which conducted the very first official study of federal-state-local government relations since the

Constitutional Convention in 1787.

The findings and conclusions of the Kestnbaum Commission clearly suggested the great value of a continuing study in all areas of intergovernmental relations, especially into intergovernmental programs and problems.

Shortly after the Commission's report in 1955, my Government Operations Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources Subcommittee began an in-depth study of the Kestnbaum Commission's recommendations. We held public hearings in many areas of the country.

After three years of detailed study by our subcommittee — known as the Fountain Subcommittee — and based upon its conclusion and recommendations, the full Government Operations Committee issued a report which recommended the establishment of a permanent and broadly-based Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Our subcommittee drafted appropriate legislation which passed the House and Senate with strong bipartisan support, and President Eisenhower signed the ACIR bill into law on September 24, 1959. Incidentally, I have had the privilege of serving on the Commission since its inception. I'm the only member still serving on the commission since it was created and I will, of course, go off when I leave the Congress.

The Advisory Commission is composed of local, state, and federal elected officials, federal executive officials, and private citizens. Hopefully, the ACIR will continue to provide essential evidence, findings, and recommendations to the Congress, state and local governments, and to others as to the directions which our country must take if our federal system is to become more responsible, economical, and efficient, and if we are to survive as a free and prosperous nation.

Clearly, government must be made less pervasive, less intrusive, more manageable, more effective, and more accountable to the people.

The ACIR continues to have an important role to play in accomplishing the worthy goal of better government.

African Violet Flowers Through Most of Year

The African violet is favored as a house plant for its long flowering season—virtually the full year. It's a good plant for apartment dwellers because it is a small evergreen. Leaves are oval and violet flowers are arranged in clusters.

Cultured varieties offer an array of colors including red, white, and pink.

Depending upon the variety, African violets are propagated by seed or leaf cuttings. Seeds require bottom heat for germination. Cuttings are rooted in equal parts of peat and sand.

The African violet likes plenty of water. In less humid areas, the pot is placed in a container of peat to help retain moisture. Watering is done at the roots, always sufficiently to keep the soil mixture moist.

The plant does not like excessive heat or cold—55 degrees F to 70 degrees F—is best, and the most suitable location is light and bright, but away from direct sun.



The aluminum plant, native to Vietnam, is an excellent houseplant because it offers eye-catching foliage. Leaves are oval and fairly broad and spotted with silvery patches.

Unlike the African violet, the aluminum plant is watered frequently, although sparingly. Overwatering will induce leaf rot. The plant should be potted in ordinary garden soil mixed with sand and peat. The plant needs good light, but away from direct sun.