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A Healthy Indication

The regular June meeting of the Warrenton Town Board on Monday night was marked by the largest citizen participation that we can remember in many years, and we think it is a very healthy indication of community interest.

The meeting and a meeting of the Town Planning Board prior to the regular meeting of the town board has its own lessons, we think.

This is particularly true of the Planning Board of seven members where it is hard to obtain a quorum of four. For the meeting Monday night, nearly half an hour after the advertised time of the meeting, a fourth member was reached by telephone and hurried to the meeting. It is our understanding that one member has never attended a meeting. While those who do attend deserve to be praised for their loyalty, it seems to us that those who never attend should be replaced. This, we think, is a view held by the board.

The citizens of Warrenton should make up their minds about mobile homes within the town limits of Warrenton. It is our impression that it is the town's policy not to allow any additional mobile homes in town, in the hope that if no more are added eventually all will disappear.

A developing trend of the

Planning Board is to think that mobile homes placed in the town before the zoning laws were passed are an excuse for an additional home, particularly if it is a hard-luck case. We are reluctant to criticize the Planning Board, where we have friends, but it is hard for us to understand how temporary in the case of Mrs. Henderson can mean three years. As slow as things move, it is hard to see why a house cannot be started in nine months, as suggested by John Kerr, III, in his letter to the chairman of the Planning Board.

We think that enforcement of the two-hour zoning ordinance will possibly lessen the parking of merchants on Main Street. We have been attending board meetings for 50 years, and since the day that parking meters were placed in the town it has been a common complaint. However, police vigilance may help.

Condemnation has long been a difficult problem. However, talking with a merchant Tuesday morning about the bad behavior of visitors to Warrenton near Champions Pool Hall and Mrs. Robertson's charges at the commissioners meeting on Monday night, he said, "What she says is true; I have watched it for four years. That the town is to take serious action is welcome news."

When Preaching Changes

By RALPH DELANO
In The Benson Review

I told the preacher Sunday that since I agreed with him on every detail in his sermon, he was bound to be right.

I'm sure he recognized that our conceptions of personal morality depend largely upon whose ox is being gored.

It reminds me of the story they used to tell about Aunt Alice Mary Elliott, back home. As the parson was preaching fervently against all the common sins, ranging from murder to liquor-drinking and simple crapshooting, Aunt Mary kept nodding vigorously in her pew, saying, "Amen, Amen!" at each

prohibition.

Then the parson started on the subject of snuff dipping, at which Aunt Alice Mary sat bolt upright and started muttering, "Now he's stopped preachin' and took to meddlin'."

Quotes

So long as you're green, you can grow. It's when you think you're ripe that you begin to get rotten. — Billy Southworth.

Economists are finding that getting the economy straightened out is about as easy as putting socks on an octopus. — Lou Erickson.

News Of 10, 25, 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

June 11, 1943

Warren's campaign against typhoid fever and diptheria will get underway over the county on June 29 and will continue for four weeks, ending on July 26, according to the schedule worked out by members of the Warren County Medical Society this week.

The Junior Thursday Card Club met this week with Mrs. W. R. Woodall with Miss Dorothy Walters the only extra guest. She received a gift and Mrs. Alpheus Jones won high score prize, a Defense Stamp.

Mrs. W. L. Long left this week for Chapel Hill to spend sometime taking a special course in welfare work.

June 13, 1958

Dr. Frank S. Love will conduct his last official service as pastor of Macon Methodist Church this Sunday morning. Dr. Love is retiring after 50 years in the Methodist ministry.

Mrs. W. R. Baskerville attended a meeting of the Boydton, Va. U.D.C. last week and was in the receiving line at the tea as one of the "Real Daughters."

Jane Riggan of Littleton was crowned Warren County Dairy Princess at John Graham High School auditorium on Friday night. Runners-up were Patricia Perkinson, Norlina Dairy Princess, and Mary Brodie Jones, Warrenton Dairy Prin-

cess.

June 14, 1973

Richard E. Harris of Warren County has been awarded the Manly G. Mann Memorial Scholarship at North Carolina State University.

The staff and county committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service honored three retirees at a lunch at Warren Plaza on Wednesday. Those honored were Miss Christine Felts, Charles J. Ball, and Van Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shearin and children, and Bernard Shearin of New York are visiting their father, Johnny Shearin of Macon this week.

By BIGNALL JONES
For a number of years the family has been taking short weekend trips ranging from Florida to Canada and many interesting sites over the state. Accounts of these journeys have become part of this column. We have found these trips so much fun that we have wondered why more of our friends have not done likewise. It is not necessary to take a long trip or to be away from home overnight to find places of interest.

This was brought home to Grace and me on Saturday of last week when we were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heck of Rocky Mount on a tour of Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Heck picked us up at our home at 10 a. m. Saturday and we reached home following a delightful day at around 5 p. m.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heck were reared in Raleigh, and both were educated in the public schools at Raleigh and at North Carolina State University, where she was a freshman and he was a senior when they met.

Mr. Heck was the son of the late Charles Heck, who was a physics professor at State College, and the grandson of Jonathan McGhee Heck of Pennsylvania, a capitalist and successful promoter, who was allied with Dr. Hawkins and other prominent men of the state in the development of what is now known as the German-town section of the Ridgeway community.

He also bought Jones Springs from my great-grandfather, William Duke Jones, and built what is now known as the Heck Place for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Heck, where we lived for several years while I was a child. It was probably the first house in Warren County with indoor plumbing.

When Col. Heck built his home in Raleigh during the Civil War period, the home was not only an imposing and large building, but it is said to have been the first home in Raleigh to have indoor plumbing. Water at Hecks Hill and at Raleigh were pumped to the residences from springs by a ram. It was Charles Heck's interest in history that led him to Warren County and to our meeting.

Mr. Heck was reared in Raleigh as a son of well-to-do and prominent parents. During our tour of Raleigh, when he often bemoaned civic neglect that caused the decay of many beautiful and historical places, he often would say that he had first visited such places as a child while riding his pony. In reply to a question, he said that he had never owned a pony cart, but added that he had owned a goat and goat cart. He also spoke of setting rabbit gums.

Perhaps the most interesting site on our tour was what is known as the Henry Clay Oak, which is said to have sprouted in 1400. Here in 1844 while Clay, a Whig, and James K. Polk, a Democrat, were each seeking the Presidency, Clay wrote a letter that is believed to have cost him the Presidency. It was written

Touring Our Backyard

beneath the shade of this large tree on the lawn of what had earlier been the home of William Polk on the corner of Blount and North Streets. The tree remains, but not the home. Clay took the position that the United States had no moral or legal right to annex Texas without the permission of Mexico, and predicted that such annexation would lead to a war with Mexico, as it did. Annexation was a popular issue and is believed to have caused him the presidency. He realized that it was apt to, but stuck to his guns, saying that he had "rather be right then President."

The next most interesting place we visited, to me, was Oakwood Cemetery, where many prominent Raleigh former citizens are buried, including Jonathan McGhee Heck, and many members of the Mordecai family, including Jacob Mordecai, who opened a girls school in Warrenton in 1809. The Mordecai section adjoins that of the Hecks, which is marked with a tall shaft upon which stands the figure of a woman in memory of J. M. Heck.

I would like to return to Oakwood and spend some time walking over the beautiful cemetery when I feel like walking, but this past Saturday, I did not.

Raleigh was laid out on a 1,000-acre site, purchased from Joseph Lane, and surveyed by William Christmas, and divided into 276-one acre lots in 1792. The town was in the form of a square, and bounded by four streets, North, East, South and West. As we reached each of these streets, Mr. Heck pointed out their designation, and told us of many other facts and personal incidents con-

nected with them in an interesting manner.

As a result of the tour, I went by the Warren County Memorial Library where I borrowed a book about Raleigh entitled "North Carolina's Capital, Raleigh," by Elizabeth Culbertson Waugh Contemporary Photographs by Ralph Mills," which I am reading with interest.

I found many items of interest about North Carolina not connected directly to Raleigh but a part of the state's history, and concluded that if one is to know North Carolina history, one must know the history of Raleigh.

Among many quotable items, I quote two as follows:

"Travel was also expensive. The stagecoaches left Petersburg, Virginia, at three in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arriving in Warrenton at eight o'clock, after seventeen hours on the road. They left Warrenton at three o'clock the next morning and were due in Raleigh the same day at six in the evening - fifty-five miles in fifteen hours at a cost of about \$3.50 to \$4.00." - page 7.

"The General Assembly back in 1802, when Eli Whitney had demonstrated his cotton sawgin in Raleigh, had bought the patent rights and imposed a five year tax of two shillings and sixpence on all machines used." - page 7.

The stage coach from Warrenton to Raleigh traveled 55 miles in fifteen hours. This figures at 3.6 miles per hour, or little more than a fast walk. This is quite a departure from the stages being pulled by racing horses in western films.

Brunswick Stew Sale Set

Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a brunswick stew sale on Saturday at the cataloupe shed. Stew will be ready by 11 a.m. It will sell for \$2.75 per quart if you bring a container and \$3 if the department provides the container.

Firemen To Sell Stew

Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a brunswick stew sale Saturday. Stew will be ready by 11 a.m. and will sell for \$3 per quart.

Fish Fry Planned Here

The Ladies Auxliary of the Warrenton Fire Department will have a fish fry, along with a chicken plate dinner, on Friday, June 17, at noon. The plates will consist of fish or chicken, slaw, potatoes, rolls or hushpuppies. The dinner plates will be sold at the Fire Department on Bragg Street.

Men's Day Program Set

Chapel Hill Baptist Church will observe its annual Men's Day program Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Darwin Howard of Oxford will be the guest minister. The Warrenton All-Male Chorus will render special music. The public is invited to attend.

Stew Sale Is Planned

The Churchill-Five Forks Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a brunswick stew sale Saturday at the firehouse beginning at 11 a. m. The stew will be sold in quart containers. Everyone is welcome.

Bible School Scheduled

Gospel Baptist Church, located on 158 East in Norlina, will be having Vacation Bible School Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24, from 7 to 8:30 nightly. Children through the age of 13 are invited to participate and visitors are welcome. Other upcoming activities include a four-day Bible Conference in August with Dr. Jerry Kroll of Liberty Baptist College.

Boyd Family To Gather

The Boyd family reunion will be held at the Ruritan Club in Stovall on June 19 from 1-5 p. m. Family members may bring a picnic lunch and drinks.

Smiley Reunion Planned

The Smiley family reunion will be held at the Macon Firehouse Sunday. Lunch will be served at 1 p. m. All families are asked to bring a picnic lunch and drinks. Ice will be provided.

Paid Pol. Adv.

JIM HUNT Shouldn't Play POLITICS With Our SCHOOLS



Disruption In The Schools

North Carolina School Boards Association:

Hunt's Union Dues Bill is "extremely dangerous," "would damage public education" and "do considerable harm." The NEA (Union) supports teacher strikes.

The Charlotte Observer Reported:

"In Hunt's view, education and politics have always been intertwined."

No Wonder The Teachers Said:

"The Governor's program does more for Hunt's political image than for education."

And, all this at a time when our public schools are in trouble!

Help Our Children:

Contact Your Legislator To Defeat Jim Hunt's Teacher Union Bill.

1. NCSBA Letter 5-11-83 2. Charlotte Observer, 5-8-83 3. The Raleigh Times, 4-18-83

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