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## Don't Foul Lake Gaston

It seems beyond comprehension that as the states of Virginia and North Carolina argue over rights to the relatively pure water of Lake Gaston that the federal government is considering putting a nuclear waste dump near the lake's edge.

Yet that is exactly what is happening. At the same time the City of Virginia Beach was making formal application to run a pipeline to Lake Gaston and withdraw millions of gallons of drinking water daily, a branch of the federal government was reporting that it was selecting a site near the Warren County community of Wise as a potential dumping ground for nuclear waste.

Lake Gaston is attractive, both to persons who enjoy the recreational opportunities it affords and to those who see it as a long-term solution to growing municipal water needs. The lake

is known far and wide for the purity of its water. Now an administrative arm of the federal government threatens its potential as a recreational area and its potential as a drinking water supply by prospecting about its shores for a site for the storage of the most hazardous wastes known to man.

It is time, we believe, for Warren County citizens to insist that Lake Gaston is too valuable to be risked by the location of a nuclear dump in its watershed. We feel that local protests will be joined by many from North Carolina and Virginia who have residential and recreational investments in the lake, and we suspect that residents of Wise will receive a full measure of support from hundreds of thousands of residents of Tidewater Virginia who are looking to Lake Gaston for their daily water ration.

## Richard R. Davis

Warren County can ill afford the death of such a man as Richard Randol Davis who died Monday morning in Duke Medical Center.

The first duty of a man is to provide for his household, according to Edward Bok, whose autobiography this writer is now reading. Richard Davis certainly did this through hard work and imagination. Bok also says that a man should make of his community a better place in which to live. Richard Davis certainly did, through the gift of his time in public service, and in the investment of his time and money in promoting the business life of the county.

Richard loved people, as was evidenced by his participation in fraternal and civic programs, and in the entertainment of his friends, and in many acts of kindness and consideration performed without ostentation when need was apparent. He was an active and faithful member of his church.

We first began to know and admire Richard Davis during the many years he served as Warren County commissioner. We were impressed by his grasp of the problems submitted at the board meetings, the fairness of his action and the imagination of his solutions.

Commenting on Richard's action as commissioner while he was serving as sheriff of Warren

County, Register of Deeds Jim Hundley said Monday afternoon, "He was always forward looking in his action, and he was the first to propose that automobiles be provided for the Sheriff's Department, and as a result of his efforts two used Highway Patrol automobiles were provided for the use of the sheriff and his deputies." Later he was the first to advocate the use of uniforms for members of the Sheriff's Department.

On that same afternoon Leland Gottschalk came into our office with a request that in the notice of Richard's death we be sure to include the fact that he was a promoter, charter member and first president of the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club, and stayed to speak of the good qualities of the man.

Two of the many fine qualities of the man that we admired were his refusal to harbor political grudges and his refusal to speak ill of his fellowman.

After his service on the county board was completed, we would only see him occasionally at some public gathering or in a Warrenton store, but his greetings were always warm and extended with a smile. We shall miss these encounters.

Richard, an unusually decent man, loved and was loved by hundreds of Warren County citizens who will greatly miss him.

## Matter Of 'Humane' Killing

From The Southern Pines Pilot  
Is it more "humane" to kill people with a hypodermic needle than with cyanide pellets in a gas chamber?

The question was debated in the state legislature and its members reached the decision that it was.

In a recent editorial, however, the Smithfield Herald addresses the issue and makes a very strong point when it says:

"By approving a bill to allow capital punishment by lethal injection in this state, North Carolina's legislators may feel they have adopted a more 'humane' approach in dealing with a sensitive public issue.

"But the fact remains that capital punishment is capital punishment — whether it's done by a firing squad or a relatively painless dose of sodium

pentothal injected through a needle. "Whatever the method used, capital punishment is publicly condoned taking of a life in retribution for the taking of another. And it will continue to burden the consciences of many citizens regardless of the 'humaneness' of the state's death act.

"Life imprisonment without parole remains a more acceptable — and perhaps even more effective — punishment for the crime of murder. For it avoids the moral pitfalls of capital punishment; and it would appear to be a fate worse than death for condemned murderers faced with spending the rest of their lives behind bars where they would be reminded day after day of the wrong they had done."

### Mostly Personal

## Forecasting The Future

By BIGNALL JONES

Several times I have repeated the text of a sermon used by my father-in-law, the late Rev. B. N. deFoe Wagner: "I have heard nothing but decay and seen nothing of progress." It again occurred to me in the face of many prophets of doom, the latest being that our young people are soft on account of food they've eaten and the lack of exercise because of a decrease in manual labor. I had heard this before in connection with expression of fear before World War II that our boys would be too soft to make good soldiers. I have also seen it refuted by the number of our people, not only teenagers, but adults, jogging, bicycling, walking and swimming.

Prophecy in the future is rather risky business, not only for the prophets of doom, but those who prophesy the marvelous wonders of 25 years ahead. This is borne out by a recent column in The Wake Forest Weekly, which I have been saving until I completed a series of columns on a visit to Delaware. Carol Pelosi in her column, "Back Room Notes," wrote as follows under the heading, "Forecasters Need Spectacles."

One reason Pauline Harding is such a wonderful person is because of her curiosity about the world. And she also has a sense of history.

Last week, while I was supposed to be interviewing her, she showed me a pamphlet from "Changing Times," the Kiplinger Magazine, published in 1957. It was a forecast of the changes to take place in the next 25 years in all sorts of areas from play to travel.

The magazine had asked all sorts of experts to make predictions, sort of Jeanne Dixon without the gossip. Well, 25 years later, we can safely say foresight isn't all its cracked up to be.

"A morning in 1982. You may wake up in a bedroom that is round instead of square. If it's summer, you'll use a blanket that keeps you cool. If it's winter, you'll use no blanket at all — a dome over the bed will emit warming rays. Breakfast will consist of bacon and eggs that you've kept around the house for weeks (fresh as ever, thanks to atomic sterilization). Your morning paper may be at the door, or it may roll out of your own facsimile machine. It will be as colorful as a slick magazine.

"A wish of air will clean and dry the dishes in three minutes. It will also do the laundry. Supersonic dishwashers and washing machines will replace today's mechanical gadgets.

"House cleaning will be a snap. Electrostatic dust gathers will keep the house shiny. Self-operated polishers, vacuum cleaners and floor scrubbers will do the dirty work. A serious question is posed by psychologists: Will all this produce feelings of absolute frustration in housewives, making them fear that no one needs them now?"

What I want to know is: Just where is this future when I need it?

All those experts didn't have a clue about

some things that have happened — working wives, for instance — or the oil crunch. Listen to their description of the cars we're supposed to have: "Only poor relations will get along with one car, come 1982. Detroit plans for three cars in every garage — one long, low and wide highway cruiser for long-distance travel; a smaller, lighter urbanite job for around town; a slick sports model for commuters.

"The motor may be a fuel-injection type using no carburetor or a turbo-electric or a direct-coupled turbine. It will have about 25 percent more horsepower than today's car, and it may even be powerful enough to drive a hydrodynamic torque converter, thus eliminating the transmission completely. (Is that what DeLorean was planning?) All makes will have air-cushion

springs. Cars will never have to be repainted." Some of the other ideas they had would never fly in Detroit, like tires that would outlast the car and stopping devices to prevent accidents. Oh, and they predicted interstate-highway speeds at 70 to 80.

And while they predicted great advances in everything from curing cancer to chasing dirt, they were very cautious about the great adventure of space.

"To the moon? Maybe. In 25 years the rockets will be ready. Daring scientists will have ridden in them. The moon will be their destination. In some town (maybe yours) live today the boys with the courage of Magellan and the dreams of Lindbergh who, in a short quarter-century, will be the first to make the try." I guess we better tell Sally Ride she's way ahead of her time.

## Dateline: Washington

By REP. TIM VALENTINE

Small businesses make up one of the most innovative sectors of our economy. Avoiding the sometimes stifling effects of large corporate bureaucracy and overhead, small businesses reflect the creative energy of their entrepreneurs.

Unfortunately that creativity is all too often curtailed by limited resources. It is often said that it takes money to make money, especially if you are in "business for yourself."

Fortunately there is more than one alternative for assistance. The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has funds available through September for direct loans to credit-worthy small businesses. SBA is emphasizing making "quality" loans to businesses that can show a reasonable assurance of repayment, but who are unable to obtain financing locally.

In addition, the agency has funds earmarked for veterans loans with emphasis on disabled and/or Vietnam veterans.

If you feel your business qualifies, you may contact SBA through your local bank, or directly at: Northwestern Bank Building, Suite 700, 230 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202, phone number (704) 371-6566; or, 215 South Evans Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834, phone number (919) 752-3798.

### News Of 10, 25, 40 Years Ago

## Looking Back Into The Record

July 23, 1943

A radio address by Congressman John Kerr, Sr., and a statement by Harry Caldwell, master of the State Grange, were yesterday's addition to the ever-mounting list of expressions of approval given tobacco marketing quotas.

The marriage of Miss Viva Louise King and Cpl. Richard Edward Hunter was solemnized in a double-ring ceremony on Wednesday, June 30, in the historic old post chapel at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with Lt. Curry M. Spidell, chaplain of the bridegroom, officiating.

Mrs. Claude T. Bowers has been selected as Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Committee to assist in the national drive being made for women recruits of the U. S. Marine Corps.

July 18, 1958

William K. Lanier was elected president of the Warrenton Railroad Company at a stockholders meeting held here on Tuesday night. He succeeds Pett B. Boyd, who asked that he not be re-elected to the position.

A Warrenton man, Alban C. Fair, has been awarded a special plaque in recognition of having been selected as Outstanding Reserve Airman in Eastern North Carolina, it was announced this week by Lt. Col. John M. Stockton, commander of the Raleigh headquarters of the Air Force Reserve.

The tax rate for Warrenton will remain at \$1.15 on the \$100 valuation under the budget adopted by the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday night.

July 19, 1973

Warren County has the edge in voter registration for a referendum that will determine whether or not Littleton will remain split by Halifax and Warren counties or be located wholly in one of the two counties.

The Town of Norlina has completed negotiations with the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad for the purchase of a multi-acre pond to boost the town's water supply.

Temporary entry permits for workers going to Canada to assist with the harvest of the Dominion flue-cured tobacco crop for this season are now available at the Henderson office of the employment Security Commission.

### Courthouse Squares



Meet a lovable Smurf in person at our Smurfday Party! That's right — one of your true-blue pals will be at Hardee's to join the party and meet the kids. Free Smurf coloring sheets and balloons will be given away. So grab your best blue party hat and come to Hardee's! Buy a medium soft drink at a special price and get a Smurfday Party glass for keeps.

Wednesday August 3

Hwy 158 West, Warrenton, 11:00-12:00 Noon  
Oxford & Dabney Roads, Henderson, 2:00-3:00 PM  
220 Hillsborough St., Oxford, 5:00-6:00 PM