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## A Worthwhile Position

Residents of those areas served by Kerr Lake in both North Carolina and Virginia should be grateful to Congressman Tim Valentine of the Second District of North Carolina for seeking an impact statement on plans to withdraw waters from Lake Gaston.

While a plan to pipe water from Gaston Lake to Virginia Beach would draw water from the lower end of Lake Gaston, the principal danger of excess withdrawals would fall on Kerr Lake which must maintain the level of Lake Gaston.

Congressman Valentine has asked the Army Corps of Engineers to study the environmental effects of the proposed 85-mile water line to tap Lake Gaston for the Tidewater city. He said he believes that an impact statement is greatly needed and he is going to press for it.

Virginia Beach proposes to withdraw 60 million gallons a day from Lake Gaston. Opponents fear that other Tidewater

cities would line up for more of the water if Virginia Beach gets the lid off.

A public hearing on Virginia Beach's application for a permit to proceed with the \$195,000,000 project has been scheduled by the Corps. It will be held Thursday, August 25, at Brunswick Senior High School auditorium at Lawrenceville, Va., at 7:30 p. m. Congressman Valentine will not be able to attend this meeting but his office will be represented.

Valentine, who represents several of the Tar Heel counties around or near the lakes, said, "An environmental impact statement would provide the public with objective information on the feasibility of alternative sources of water supply. It would serve to verify the amount of water needed by Tidewater Virginia and would determine the extent to which this need can be met by existing sources and by more efficient use of water."

## Doing More With Less

**In The Durham Morning Herald**  
The Reagan administration says it never intended to create the impression that the private sector would be able to make up for all the budget cuts.

Still, leaders of non-profit organizations complain that the president's tendency to mention federal budget reductions and private sector initiatives together has raised expectations impossible of realization.

"The gap is there and it's getting wider," said John J. Schwartz, president of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel in New York City. "Philanthropy simply can't make up the difference."

Philanthropy did, however, increase by a record 12.3 percent in 1981 over the previous year for a total of \$53.6 billion—in spite of the recession.

Yet, non-profit organizations would have to increase their incomes by 30 percent to 40 percent, or three to four times, to maintain their 1980 service levels, according to an Urban Institute study—and private-sector giving is not likely to oblige.

Many agencies are therefore employing dollar-stretching techniques such as replacing paid personnel with volunteers. Others are raising money on their own. Some groups are merging or combining administrative services.

"There is a commitment to do more with less," said Barbara J. Oliver, executive director of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations.

Apparently, agencies are more and more aware that Uncle Sam is simply not there to the extent he once was and are taking steps to take up the slack.

Noting this may not make additional cuts easy, but it does do something for confidence that worthwhile services will continue and that resistance may not prevent judicious deficit-reducing cutbacks.

### Sound Judgment

Most parents who insist on their children taking music lessons aren't using sound judgment. — Frank Walsh in The Wall Street Journal.

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

## Looking Back Into The Record

**August 14, 1943**

Drought over most of Warren County and particularly in the western part of the county from Drewry to Afton-Elberon has reduced prospects for crops this fall by at least 20 percent and practically destroyed many gardens, County Agent Bob Bright said yesterday.

Mrs. J. Edward Allen entertained 20 guests at an informal tea on Wednesday afternoon for her sister, Miss Edith Broom, of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Sol Fleming and three small children and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ayscue visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gettings in Petersburg, Va. on Saturday.

**August 8, 1958**

Warren County is one of only eight counties in the state without a Civil Defense organization, the board of county commissioners was told here Monday morning.

Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest and Mrs. Arthur Lord of Henderson lunched with Mrs. Russell King of Warrenton and Mrs. Maude Duke of Centerville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coleman, Jr. of Inez and Miss Harriet Daniel of Warrenton entertained at a dance at the Club House on Friday evening honoring Miss Mildred Stewart Crinkley and Charles Johnson, bride and groom elect.

**August 9, 1973**

Littleton voters by a margin of more than 2-1 Tuesday indicated their wish to have their town located wholly in either Warren or Halifax County.

A two-year-old band program at John Graham High School and John Hawkins Junior High will be dropped this fall because of lack of funds.

Warren County's rate of alcoholism is more than twice the average of the nation, Warren County commissioners were told Monday morning by a representative of the Alcoholic Section of the Regional Department of Mental Health.

## Mostly Personal

# Mountains Are Visited

By BIGNALL JONES

When I was a small boy living in Warrenton, air conditioning had not been invented and the few who could afford it went to the mountains of North Carolina to escape the summer heat. Perhaps it is because it was so rare for one to take a vacation then, I remember that Mrs. Ben Green (Cousin Alice Gregory Green), a widow, spent her summers in Hendersonville. In later years, after her children were grown, Mrs. Adelle Jones, a widow, and her daughter, Miss Rowe, spent their summers in the mountains. I think they stayed at Waynesboro, one of the most beautiful places in the mountains.

Now, when money seems more plentiful and families are smaller, and vacations are often taken more than once, and cars are more powerful and equipped with air conditioners, it is nothing unusual for a family to ride into the mountains in the spring to view the rhododendron and the beautiful foliage in the fall. We have done this several times and I have usually given my impressions of these trips in these columns, but now I hesitate because a trip to the mountains is so commonplace, and yet the mountains are always beautiful and our trip last week was different in that we visited one spot where we spent each night in a cabin at the foot of Mount Mitchell as guests of our daughter, Mary Brodie, her husband Pat Raiford and two children, Patrick, Jr., and Grace Elizabeth.

We left Warrenton at 11 a. m. on Wednesday of last week and arrived at the cabin around 6 p. m. where we were welcomed by our hosts and were soon served supper. Feeling that I would have some time on my hands I carried a rather serious book with me. However, soon after supper I found it was going to be a fun-time, with only Pat catching up on his work, and the rest of the crowd, with the exception of me, working on a couple of jig-saw puzzles and playing scrabble. I decided that that was no time for serious reading. I took advantage of Mary Brodie's offer of an Agatha Christie detective story written around 1940. Later we were to find other things to do, and I just did finish it late Friday night, before we returned home Saturday afternoon.

The weather had been very hot on Wednesday and Thursday morning, but after that, so cool that by Thursday afternoon it was very comfortable, and by Friday a jacket was needed.

The cabin was located just over the S. Toe River, not a big stream, but just before it reached the cabin, it cascaded over a stretch of rocks, making a very pleasant sound. After I had gone to bed I was soothed to sleep by this sound, but in spite of sleeping under a spread, I awoke to close the window on account of the cold.

Thursday morning we ate a late breakfast, and then after Grace and Mary Brodie had cleaned up the dishes



One of the scenes in Western North Carolina, although uncommon, caught the eye of photographer Hugh Morton, developer of Grandfather Mountain. The three cubs were photographed up a tree at the Mildred the Bear Environmental Habitat at Grandfather Mountain.

and Mary Brodie had attended to a few other household duties, and even before Pat was studying, I was reading my "who done it," and the rest of the group, including Grace and Mary Brodie, were gathered around a table working on a large jig-saw puzzle which they had started the night before. Sometime all six of them were trying to hunt pieces, and for the rest of the morning, some of the group were busy at work.

Pat and Mary Brodie decided that we would have a light lunch on Thursday and ate Thursday night at the Nu Wray Inn in Burnsville which we had called the night before for our reservations. The inn is a large three-story house, where meals are served family style and only to those with reservations. When dinner was ready at 6:30 p. m. a bell was rung, doors were opened and we found our places at a heavy laden table. The ringing of the bell, the passing of the dishes, the bathrooms equipped with tubs with legs, guests seated on the porch and a player-piano in one of the rooms, furnishing stimulating music, were all reminiscent of days of fifty years ago. The inn is quite well known.

After dinner and a little shopping, we returned home where puzzles and scrabble and reading were resumed, with Pat this time taking a hand in scrabble. This time it was growing cooler and a heavy rain and thunder storm came up, and it rained all night.

Friday was a beautiful morning, and Pat and Mary Brodie decided that we should visit the Linville Falls

and Caverns. However before we visited the falls, we enjoyed a picnic dinner and some of the group were watching for bears, as they had on previous nights while walking near the cabin, because blackberries were ripe. We saw none, but Grace could not resist a black and white picture of three of these she found in a gift shop.

After visiting the caverns, Pat decided that we would visit the top of Mount Mitchell, highest peak east of the Rockies. We had been on Clingman Dome, second highest peak, but not Mount Mitchell. It was beautiful if a little frightening at times for any of us suffering from acrophobia. The sky had become cloudy and on Mount Mitchell we were in the clouds. At a restaurant on the mountain top we ate dinner.

It was a long way home, and it was nearly 9 o'clock before we got back. We were expecting company to visit us Saturday night, and had decided to leave early the next morning, without disturbing our hosts, who were to leave Sunday. I finished my book and I think Howard finished the second jig-saw puzzle. Grace and Ann were too busy packing up for anything else. We got up quietly at 7 a. m. and left at 8 a. m. We arrived at Warrenton around 3 p. m. Shortly afterwards, Belford and Bennie Wagner came in. They were to attend Bennie's 40th high school graduation reunion. Howard, who was class mascot, 40 years ago, went with them. The next day we had a family reunion, with all the Wagner sisters and brother present.

### from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- August 18, 1953—Mossedegh overthrown in Iran by Shah and CIA.
- August 19, 1960—American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers found guilty of espionage in the Soviet Union and sentenced to 10 years in prison.
- August 20, 1910—J.E. Fickel fired first gun from airplane, over Long Island.
- August 21, 1936—Wilt Chamberlain, professional basketball's all-time leading scorer, born Philadelphia.
- August 22, 1787—John Fitch gives successful demonstration of his steamboat on the Delaware River. Operated by mechanical oars, it speeds along at 3 mph.
- August 23, 1904—Automobile tire chain patented.
- August 24, 1912—Congress decrees that Alaska shall be a territory with a bicameral legislature.

## Letters To The Editor

### 'Landmark Decision' Hit

To The Editor:

In what has been described as a landmark decision, the Warren County Board of Education on Monday, Aug. 8, denied the request that my five-year-old child be allowed to bypass kindergarten and begin school this year in the first grade.

In making such a request, I was not only thinking about the welfare of my daughter, but that of all the students who will come under the auspices of the Warren County Board of Education.

The superintendent indicated that "The administration has little, if any, information to base their decision on, and any information that would be available would be an opinion provided by an outside agency or individual." That statement in itself is indeed a lie. My daughter was tested by the director of exceptional programs within the school system on June 27, 1983. She was administered the Wide-Range Achievement Test (WRAT) and the Kuhlmann-Anderson intelligence test.

On the WRAT, she rated as follows: arithmetic, 1.4 grade level (86 percent percentile rank); spelling, 1.4 grade level (99 percent percentile rank); reading, 3.4 grade level (99 percent percentile rank); and on the intelligence test, 114 (high average range).

In addition to those tests, she was tested by the Mental Health Clinic of Vance and Warren counties. Her testing there also indicated an IQ in the high average range. The psychologist's evaluation clearly indicated that my daughter requires and enjoys more advanced educational programming than the average five year old to meet her educational needs. She was sent to the clinic after consultation with the administration of the school system.

Superintendent Mike Williams indicated my daughter had never been a student in the system. I don't recall that criteria being a prerequisite for admittance into any grade. Maybe he was insinuating that if you're coming from a private school or another school system you cannot expect to be put on an equal tier as students within the system. You see, my daughter has been attending a Montessorian Learning Center for the last two-and-one-half years.

Mr. Williams also indicated that there are other factors to consider. I agree. To support my daughter's physical condition, a doctor's statement was presented, and as far as social factors are concerned, maybe he was saying that some folks are somewhat culturally deprived and thus won't fit in in certain instances.

It is apparent that the board and the administration do not have the best interest of our children at heart and it's about time something was done about it. If I have to fight this battle alone, you can rest assured it will be fought.

CHARLES J. WORTH  
Manson

### Many Factors Involved

To The Editor:

It was reported in your August 10, issue that during the August Warren County School Board meeting, requests from me were denied concerning placing my son in first grade, instead of kindergarten.

This is true, but I failed to obtain from the article, as well as from Superintendent Williams, and several board members the justification for doing so.

There are a lot of factors involved with this case, and I feel they are paramount in that two children's educational enhancement has been severely handicapped. This is in direct conflict with the supposed goals and objectives of the school board.

Being a responsible journalist, I am sure you are interested in investigating this matter more, and ascertaining from all parties involved reasons for first grade placement, and more importantly reasons against.

ROBERT D. KIRK, JR.

### Letter Writer Responds

To The Editor:

Mr. Bill Phillips, Assistant Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, alleged in his August 3 letter to the editor of The Warren Record that in my letter of July 20, I had "once again made wrongful accusations about the policies of the North Carolina state government regarding the PCB landfill."

I shall respond to each of his main points, leaving the question of "rightness" or "wrongness" for the reader to decide.

Point: The purpose of the landfill was to resolve the PCB problem.

Response: This statement is self-evident. The problem with it, however, is that it is misleading. It does not acknowledge other purposes, purposes related to politics, to economic-industrial development, and to vested interests. Nor does it acknowledge that these other purposes involved serious conflicts of interest among local, state, and national levels of government.

Point: In deliberations over the need for a landfill to store the PCB contaminated soil, no consideration was given to a nuclear waste storage facility in North Carolina.

Response: For this statement to be reliable, we would have to assume that Mr. Phillips had been present at virtually every significant deliberation involving local, state, federal, and industrial officials, and/or that he has reliable knowledge of these deliberations. But this is unlikely since the many deliberations that took place, deliberations dating at least as far back as 1978, it is reasonable to assume that while some of them were recorded, others were only partially recorded, or not recorded at all. Furthermore, to say that no consideration was given to a nuclear waste storage facility in North Carolina is to contradict documented facts. We do know, for example, that one of the reasons mentioned for the state's purchase of the Warren site was the need for a chemical waste dump in

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