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## Costs Of Operating Cars

Sometime in the twenties, if memory serves us correctly, Joe Taylor, a civil engineer stationed in Warrenton, kept a record for a year of the total cost of operating an automobile. The total cost according to his estimation was seven cents a mile. Of this amount three cents went for gasoline, oil and other operational costs, and four cents was for depreciation and cost of money invested.

We may not be certain of the exact cost figures, but we are certain that interest on money and depreciation made up more than half of the cost then, and suspect that it is still true.

Glancing over an article from Detroit in Tuesday morning's News and Observer, we were surprised to see how much the cost of operating an automobile had risen, based on an UPI article. For the second time in history, according to the article per mile cost of operating an automobile dropped on all types of cars, based on figures supplied by Hertz Corporation.

#### Drop in auto expenses

Type of car	1982	1983
Subcompacts	34.18	34.63
Compacts	44.67	43.28
Mid-sized	49.02	45.46
Intermediates	50.69	49.56
Full-sized	55.42	52.31

Most persons have known for vears that a great part of the cost of living could be blamed on the cost of operating an automobile. They also know that our mode of life is geared to the automobile, and is not apt to be given up. We not only found the figures interesting, but feel that they can be accepted as a major cost of inflation.

## Writer Takes Exception

Elsewhere on this page may be found a Letter to the Editor from The United Postal Service in Raleigh, from R. M. Cassell, Sectional Center Director/Finance, Raleigh, N. C. 27611-9995.

In the letter Mr. Cassell took exception to a recent editorial in The Warren Record, based on figures in a public letter written by a Mrs. Carter of Wake Forest concerning junk mail. We do not usually reply to Letters to the Editor in our editorial columns, and will not do so in this week's paper. However, we trust our readers will read Mr. Cassell's letter carefully, particularly his view of what constitutes "junk mail," for we will probably have more to say following research of a less concerned source.

## A Bogus Campaign Ploy

In The Smithfield Herald

U. S. Senator Jesse Helms, who filed for re-election this week, continues to sound like a candidate who knows he's in trouble and therefore resorts to rhetoric of desperation to rally his troops.

"I think it would be a tragedy for anybody to be elected to the Senate, or defeated for the Senate, with the people not understanding where the candidates stood," Mr. Helms told reporters when he filed for re-election Wednesday. "That's the reason

I have ...suggested to Governor Hunt...that he and I sit down and discuss the issues, and all I get are remote-control responses from one or more of that battery of press agents he's got up there. The Governor never says anything himself."

Not true, Senator Helms. When Governor Hunt came to

Johnston County this past Monday to attend a fund-raising dinner to benefit his anticipated candidacy for the U.S. Senate, he went out of his way to make himself available to citizens as well as reporters who wanted to talk to him and ask him questions about anything on their

During a press conference follow-

ing Mr. Hunt's after-dinner address. the Governor sat down with reporters, including a representative of the Herald, and opened the floor to anything we wanted to ask him. Furthermore, Mr. Hunt was willing to sit with us as long as we wished. And there were no "press agents" on hand to speak for him or tell us when to quit our questioning.

Candidate Hunt also restated his willingness to debate Senator Helms before next November's General Election — on condition that they postpone their public debating until this spring's primary elections are finished. Mr. Hunt noted that he has never shied away from debating his political opponents in the past, and he reminded us that Mr. Helms didn't debate his Democratic opponent (Insurance Commissioner John Ingram) when the Senator sought reelection in 1978.

"Where do you stand, Jim?" has become a trademark of the Helms for Senate media campaign in recent months. But it is a bogus ploy to suggest that Governor Hunt hides from the people and isn't willing to face the real issues before North Carolina's electorate in this year's race for the U.S. Senate.

## Law Ended This Marriage

The Durham Morning Herald From Durham, England, comes news, in fine British understatement, of the failed attempt of a wife to poison her husband with weed-

Mrs. Margaret Edgerley, 40, had. according to the Daily Telegraph in London, liberally poured the weed-killer over her husband's curry supper and into a glass of sherry. He wined and he dined but he didn't die.

The weed-killer manufacturers exlained: Their product was fine for reeds but ineffective for eliminating husbands. They even recalled t

case of one man who wanted to commit suicide. He drank a bottle to

Considering that no harm was done and unwilling to penalize Mrs. Edgerley severely for ill intent, the judge gave her a year's suspended sentence and two years of probation.

Hours earlier, the Daily Telegraph story concluded, she was granted a decree to end her three-year marriage on the grounds of her husband's unreasonable behavior.

Advice to wives who might consider the same: Read the label

## Much Beauty In Capital

By BIGNALL JONES And finally I did what I went to Washington to do: I entered George Washington University School of Journalism night school. Classes actually started in late afternoon and ran for one hour and two hours on alternate nights. Students of all ages were enrolled in the university and among the students were a

University class rooms were scattered all over the city. If it had a campus I never discovered it, although it must have had a basketball court as it was to become a basketball power.

large number whom I

then thought were real

As I remember, one night I would go to school for an hour and the next night I would go for two hours and eat at a restaurant or cafe after classes

We had three courses of study, each taught by someone whose name I have forgotten. Our journalism class was taught by an editor of The Washington Star, who was easy on his students, emphasizing who, when, where, what and sometimes why, and who gave out assignments for essays of our own choosing. I had had some previous experience in writing on The Record and the Franklin News, and the course was easy. I felt good real about receiving an A on every essay and on both examinations until I learned that our instructor never gave any lower mark than a B.

I also had a course in Political Science. By whom it was taught or what it contained I have forgotten after 60 years. I presume I passed it.

While I have forgotten the name of our instructor in economics, I still recollect that he was young and of slender build and I still remember much that he taught me. I may nave earned a C on his course.

I think his favorite word was ramification. I learned its meaning and have found it helpful on many occasions. I learned the also relationship between quantity and prices, and that capitalism in America was divided into two schools. He said that one school was exemplified by J. P. Morgan who believed in monopoly to keep prices and profits high. The other school was exemplified by Henry Ford believed who lowering prices on his cars through volume production.

Each afternoon on my way to class I would pass the White House, which I have never entered, and the statue of General Andrew Jackson, which was located across the street from the White House. I found the statue of the general riding a rearing horse very appealing.

Washington had a professional baseball team, the Senators, at that time. Although I am now a sports fan, I never visited the ball park but one time. That was to see the Washington Senators host the New York Yankees. I don't remember who won, but on that afternoon Babe Ruth was playing for the Yankees and Walter Johnson was pitching for the Senators. Both were to be inducted into

the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The most spectacular thing that I saw in Washington was the thousands of Shriners attending the National Shriners Convention. I can still see in memory thousands of Shriners marching at night with tiny lights attached to the toes of their shoes, and Shriners from Iowa marching and singing, "Iowa, That Is Where the Tall Corn Grows."

The most impressive thing I remember was the funeral march of President Harding, as thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines marched in front in perfect cadence and behind the cason bearing the body of the dead president. I particularly remember the cadets from the United States Military Academy wearing white gloves and their arms swinging as they marched in perfect unison.

There was then, as now, much of beauty to be seen in Washington. Among the sights were the Lincoln Memorial, which to me is beautiful; the Capitol and its grounds, and the mall where Washington Monument is situated. I think I can never forget the beauty of Washington when the cherry blossoms are in bloom. And there are the museums, the art galleries, the Congressional Library and the United States Congress. I particularly remember with pleasure the library, where I spent

many hours and where I first read Ingersol. largely forbidden in Warrenton.

I often visited the Capitol, where I occasionally used the bathing facilities, including showers and a steam bath, courtesy of Ben Cook. I can remember taking a shower amid marble walls and then lying on a marble table while an attendant rubbed me down with salt and massaged my body with tiny and rapid slaps.

Many times I was in the galleries listening to the senators debate. I remember Senator Carter Glass of Virginia as he opposed efforts to prevent the passage of a farm bill. I remember his saying "The poor farmer, the poor bleeding farmer, the poor bleeding farmer; I am sick and tired of hearing about the poor bleeding farmer."

Years later I read of another senator who was in the Senate when a bill to help revolutionary soldiers had been introduced. This Senator declaimed: "The poor bleeding soldier, the poor bleeding soldier; I am sick and tired of hearing about the poor bleeding soldier."

And now as I type these remarks. I think of how few new things there are under the sun, and reflect that Senator Carter Glass may have said with a great deal more accuracy, "The poor suffering farmer," with less plagiarism.

### Looking Back Into The Warren Record

**January 28, 1944** 

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duke have purchased the home on Wilcox Avenue formerly owned by Thomas Tunstall and will move there from Macon at an early date.

A search will be made in Warren County for deposits of sheet mica, badly needed by war industry, W. A. White, assistant state geologist, stated this week while at Warrenton making arrangements to have samples brought to the county agent's office on Thursday.

Miss Alice Robinson of Norlina and Henderson has accepted a position as secretary to the superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford.

January 23, 1959

General Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton was elected president of the Capital Area Development Association for the year 1959 at the annual dinner meeting of the association at State College Union in Raleigh on Monday night.

Mrs. H. M. Williams, Sr. was elected president of the Warrenton Woman's Club at a regular meeting of the club held last Thursday night at John Graham High School cafeteria.

Branch Bobbitt returned last week from the tobacco market in Bowling Green, Ky.

January 24, 1974

Production of tobacco per acre last year ranged from a high of 1,986 pounds in Hawtree Community to a low of 1,608 in Fork Community.

Patricia Gayle Currie, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas C. Currie of Norlina, performed in a concert by Appalachian State University's University Singers and the Brass Choir Sunday. Miss

Stephen Rodwell of Warrenton, newly appointed clerk of Superior Court, this week paid his filing fee to run for the post in the May 7 Democratic Primary.

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

January 26, 1950-First babysitter's insurance policy is-

January 27, 1967-Three astronauts, Virgil Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee, die in Apollo I spacecraft fire at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

January 28, 1960—United States bounced first photo-

graphs off the moon. January 29, 1924-Ice-cream cone rolling machine pa-

muary 31, 1934-U.S. Dollar devalued to 59.6 cents. February 1, 1914-First motion picture censorship board appointed, Pennsylvania.

#### A Racist Letter

As you know, but perhaps some of your readers do not know, I am a retired Naval Officer with over 21 years of active duty. I am also an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as North Carolina, and was at one time associated with one of the largest law firms in New York located on Wall Street. During the course of my law practice in New York and duty with the U.S. Navy, I have been absent from Warrenton for over 40 years during which time I have had occasion to travel abroad and be associated with people of all races and nationalities. While in the Navy I served tours of duty in the Pacific, Europe and Puerto Rico. I have eaten with and had sociable drinks with people of many nationalities, many of whom were Black. I know some Black people in Warrenton for whom I have the highest regards. I have had sociable drinks with Representative Frank Ballance not only at Bar Association meetings, but in at least one private home here in Warrenton. I have always been on friendly terms with him and hope that this relationship will continue. I was born in Kentucky, but we moved to Warrenton in 1920; so, I am a Southerner at heart, but I consider myself one of the least racially biased persons in this town and that includes Blacks and Whites.

I have cited these personal facts because I think my following comments should be weighed in the light of my travels and associations with people of all races and nationalities.

I have just read Representative Frank Ballance's letter to you in the January 18th edition of The Warren Record and I consider it to be the most racist article I have ever read. I say this with regret because he is a fellow attorney and I will continue to be associated with him professionally and want to continue our friendly relationship. However, I see no reason whatsoever for his comments concerning Mr. Jack Harris, former chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and which at the same time praise the work of the Black members of the Board. Mr. Ballance says, among other things, "As citizens of Warren County we have a great opportunity to show the State and the Nation that Blacks, Whites and Indians can live, work and prosper together in a spirit of cooperation and brotherhood rather than simply exist in a state of recrimination and hostility." If Mr. Ballance really felt this way, he should "practice what he preaches" and, if so, he would never have written such a letter.

I am not an elected official, never have been, never want to be and never will be anything other than just a plain citizen, but as such a citizen I felt called upon to comment on Mr. Ballance's remarks and to ask him to join in showing "that Blacks, Whites and Indians can live, work and prosper together in a spirit of cooperation and brother-

Since Mr. Ballance has praised the action of the Black majority of the Board of County Commissioners, I cannot help but comment on the action taken by the Board concerning Warren General Hospital. It is inconceivable to me, when the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital made recommendations for new Trustees, that their recommendations were completely ignored by the County Commissioners who, for reasons best known to themselves, chose entirely different new Trustees and installed as a new Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees a man who had openly clashed with the Administrator. I, for one, cannot believe that the Administrator can continue to work and perform his duties under these conditions.

GEORGE A. BURWELL

#### Harris Is Defended

To The Editor:

Since I am sure many citizens of Warrenton and Warren County express similar sentiments, I want this opportunity to defend the qualifications, character and capability of Jack Harris. If there is one individual in this county who has given himself in constant, concerned, unselfish service to the welfare and improvement of this county for all the citizens, that man is Jack Harris.

I deeply resent the remarks made by Frank Ballance in a recent letter to your paper, and I know that hundreds of citizens of Warren County join me in giving unqualified support and confidence to Jack

MRS. JAMES R. FRAZIER

## 'By Their Words. . .'

To The Editor:

Representative Ballance's letter didn't bother me as it did some people I heard about. As Fred Sanford would probably say when he quotes the scriptures "By their words you shall know them."

I read a definition recently about the three classes of people. At the top are those who talk about ideas and issues, in the middle are those who talk about things, and at the bottom are those who talk about

Makes sense, doesn't it?

WILLIAM H. BENDER

### **Bulk Mailing Aired**

To The Editor:

Who is Mrs. Carter from Wake Forest that you give authority status by quoting in your recent editorial? Prior to being overly critical of bulk business mailers that are paying a postal rate that fully covers the cost of handling to this class of mail, January 30, 1958-First moving sidewalk began opertell your in-county subscribers that you are mailing The Warren Record to them each week for approximately .035 cents a piece, are you saying that (Continued on page 3)