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Regulating Morality

As many of our older people will remember our people adopted an amendment to the U. S. Constitution forbidding the manufacture, possession or sale of intoxicating liquor. They remember the appearance of the moonshiner and the bootlegger, and illicit moonshine being sold all over the state from gas stations and from the highways under cover of darkness without regard to its quality, or to the age of the purchaser. It corrupted morals and increased disrespect for law, and provided funds for the underworld in a manner similar to the present day traffic in drugs. It was a noble experiment that soured, and was finally repealed.

In spite of this, there is pressure for another Constitutional Amendment that would prohibit the performance of an abortion. As a great many "good people" turned to the moonshiner, a great many young girls, actually children, would turn to quacks where they would be butchered, or mutilated by attempts of self-abortion.

And now, the Congress of the United States, with much of its

work undone, is wasting its time trying to get another Amendment adopted concerning prayer in school adopted, in spite of the First Amendment to the Constitution that plainly states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion...."

This effort is headed by the Moral Majority, and is supported by the President of the United States, who has never been known for his piety or church attendance. The issue here is not so much a question of prayer in school but whether a church should be permitted to take over our government. We remember as a child when we were forbidden by the church to play games or fish on Sunday, to listen to any but sacred music on Sunday, and to dance at any time.

A long life has convinced us that probably more harm has been done by well-intentioned people than by evil men; and that laws opposed by a third of the people can not be enforced, and that it is impossible to control morals through the passage of a Constitutional Amendment.

Budget Insanity

In The Southern Pines Pilot
The 1985 budget submitted to Congress this past week by President Reagan is dangerously flawed and should be seriously examined by the Congress. Certainly it cannot be accepted as submitted.

It's a record-setting budget in amount—\$925 billion for the year—and it continues the outrageously high deficits at \$180 billion. Within the budget are provisions for \$164.7 billion in interest payments alone.

But the really shocking figure in the Reagan budget is \$264 billion for so-called defense spending, an increase of 14.5 percent over this year's record high of \$250 billion.

This year's deficit by the Reagan administration is placed at \$200 billion, and the reason for that deficit is the unnecessary \$250 billion in

defense spending. There is no way in the world that such "defense" spending can be justified, and the worst part of it is that instead of providing security for the nation it has promoted an arms race with Russia which makes world peace even more unlikely. An arms build-up on such a gigantic scale is more likely to provoke war than to promote peace.

The Reagan budget continues to cut funds for the welfare and betterment of people while spending such outrageous amounts for killing. This is an insanity, which should not be tolerated.

Surely someone in Washington will subject this budget to the cold reality which is necessary. This country cannot survive with such fantasies and misplaced priorities.



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Janice W. Haynes
Tax Supervisor
114 West Market Street
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Politicians Pay Visit

By BIGNALL JONES
The article recently published in this newspaper by Crichton Davis about John Philip Sousa, famous composer and band leader, hunting in Warren County, has created quite a lot of comment. The latest came on Thursday night of last week while Howard and I were attending a precinct meeting at John Graham High School gymnasium. The meeting was quite an interesting affair and was attended by around 150 interested voters. As we were leaving we met Mrs. Susan Thompson who kindly told us that she had particularly enjoyed the article about Sousa and the husband of her great-aunt had been a member of Sousa's Band.

Her great-aunt and her grandmother recently spent several months here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson. While here both women attended Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

The next morning we were up early to attend a continental breakfast at the Lion's Den, given in honor of Lauch Faircloth. Around 100 people were present for this event, and during his interesting and informative speech, Faircloth thanked Mrs. William Delbridge, who was in charge of breakfast arrangement, for serving in this capacity Friday morning in spite of the death of her husband's mother on the previous afternoon. He mentioned that Mrs. Delbridge was a Clinton native and that her father was one of the staunchest Republicans in Sampson County, of which Faircloth is a native.

Evidently, difference in politics did not interfere with the young couple's courtship which ended in a very successful marriage. Her husband has for years been very active in Democratic politics, and her taking charge of breakfast for a Democratic candidate for Governor is just another indication that she may have been converted to the Democratic Party. We like to have women of the charm and ability of Mrs. Delbridge as members of our party.

Warren County is a small county, but most of the men and women seeking district and state office every two or four years find their way to Warren County and this year has been no exception.

Bob Jordan, candidate for lieutenant governor, was a visitor in Warrenton on Monday of last week, and greeted a number of citizens at the Rafter's in a get-acquainted meeting. He made no speech, but chatted with individuals present.

Faircloth, Democratic candidate for governor, met around 100 citizens at a breakfast called for 7:30 a. m. Friday morning. Introduced by Charles Hayes as "the next Governor," Faircloth spoke for about 40 minutes, stressing the need for better education and the need for more jobs, as well as the need to put an end to expanding government in North Carolina.

When I met him before the speaking, he

told me that he had been reading and enjoying The Warren Record for about a year, which naturally pleased me. He is a splendid speaker, with a fine sense of humor. For instance, he said that all the candidates for governor were trying to outbid each other in their support for schools, as a result when he spoke at Raleigh, he asked what was the prevailing high bid.

I liked the way he fielded what could have been two explosive questions. The first was asked by Betsy Simmons, staff member of the Henderson Daily Dispatch. She asked the speaker did he not think that if a better method of treating PCB is found, that the PCB in the Afton dump should not be dug up and treated? He said not so long as it is safely contained where it is stored. As a matter of fact, he said, our waste should be recycled and not buried.

Several years ago I read a long article in the National Geographic about recycling waste and have felt since that it was but a matter of time until this sensible method of handling waste would reach North Carolina. Furthermore, I am one of the many less vocal inhabitants of Warren County who believe that PCB has never been a real threat to the health of Warren County.

The second question of an explosive nature was asked by Joe Lennon, Warren County health director and a member of the "Right to Life" group. He asked Faircloth how did he stand

on the state of North Carolina spending tax money to pay for abortions?

Faircloth replied that the idea of abortion is repugnant to him, but that the Supreme Court had ruled that this is a matter between a woman and her doctor. As for the state contributing \$150 a case to help pay the cost of an abortion, he said, a great many of these cases involve 13, 14, and 15-year old children having children, and many of these have no money for abortions at hospitals, but would seek the services of quacks and be butchered.

"As the father of a 14½-year-old daughter, I hope that she will never be involved in an unwanted pregnancy, but if she did and had no money or place to turn, I would be glad to have my state pay the cost of an abortion."

Neither the PCB case nor the abortion cases provoked any emotional outburst following Faircloth's explanation.

Personally I would like to hear less about the "Right to Life" and more about the "Right to a DECENT Life." I would like to hear the President of the United States and both of North Carolina members of the United States Senate talk less about a Constitutional Amendment and do more to lower the United States high rank in infant mortality, and provide more and not less care to all expectant mothers, and lend more effort to see babies born into a healthy environment.

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into

The Warren Record

March 10, 1944

The strange bird captured in Shocco Township last week, which The Warren Record staff and several townspeople were unable to identify, was a Florida Gallinule. This information was supplied by the science class of John R. Hawkins High School.

The patrons and New Farmers of America of J. R. Hawkins High School have purchased a 1,200-egg incubator for the purpose of helping Warren County meet its 1944 production goals. H. G. Rose, vocational agriculture teacher of the school stated yesterday.

Mrs. S. O. Nunn was hostess to the United Daughters of the Confederacy Friday afternoon with Miss Amma D. Graham, president, in charge. She discussed the book, "Judah F. Benjamin," by Dr. R. D. Meade.

March 6, 1959

Tasker Polk of Warrenton, freshman pianist at East Carolina College, won top honors in the biennial state competition of the Students Division of National Federation of Music Clubs held at the college Saturday.

One of the most sought-after entertainment groups in the area is the "Mimics," three Warrenton teenagers who have adopted the art of pantomime to rock and roll music. They are Alan Jones, Alvin Weaver, and Mike Robinson.

John Lee Hamme has returned home after serving in the Navy in Cuba and Puerto Rico for several years.

March 7, 1974

The issuance of \$5 million in federally guaranteed bonds to finance construction of Soul City will be announced today at a press conference in New York City.

The board of directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company has announced the appointment of A. B. Hair, III and Erich E. Hecht to the Norlina board of managers.

Gospel Baptist Church of Norlina will move from its old location on U. S. 1 to its new church building on U. S. 158 Sunday, March 10, the Rev. Raymond Ayscue announced yesterday.

Letters To The Editor

Firemen Commended

To The Editor:

We commend the Warrenton Rural Fire Department for the quick response to our call on Feb. 28, Feb. 28.

The chimney fire was not as damaging as it could have been. However, the firemen did not leave our home until they had made a thorough investigation and were assured that there was no danger of sparks starting another fire.

One has to experience the need for an organization such as this to fully appreciate them. We forget they are not paid for their services and often interrupt their jobs or family times when called upon by the community.

BOB AND BARBARA KINTON
Warrenton

Voting For Jackson

To The Editor:

As primaries are being held across the nation, many people may be undecided about whom they want to cast their vote for in the Democratic race for president.

Everyone wants their vote to count, and they want to vote for a winner. That brings up the question of whether to vote for Mondale, Hart or Jesse Jackson.

If either Mondale or Hart is ahead, then why should I cast my vote for Jackson? I will be casting my vote for someone who can't win, and therefore my vote will be lost.

The fact is that even though Jesse Jackson probably won't win the Democratic nomination for president, a vote for Jackson will have more impact than a vote for any of the other Democratic contenders.

If we don't vote for Jesse Jackson in the primary, there is no doubt that we can't vote for him in the General Election in November because he won't make it.

If we do vote for Jesse Jackson in the primary, even though he still probably won't make it to the General Election, we will be giving him and those of use who support him a voice at the Democratic National Convention when the Democratic nominee is chosen.

There is yet another possibility. If Jackson gets enough support in the primaries, he may run as an independent against Ronald Reagan and the Democratic nominee. Then we will have to make a decision all over again. That is another question. First he needs support in the primaries.

MILTON GOODWIN DAVIS
Warrenton

Appreciation Given

To The Editor:

On behalf of the entire staff of all Vocational Education teachers of the Warren County School System, please allow me to thank you for your splendid coverage of our Vocational Education Week activities.

We would like for you to know that we appreciate your cooperation and help in informing the public of some of the many activities that are taking place in our Vocational Department.

A. M. WARD, Director
Vocational Education
Warren County Schools

Lets Enforce Law

To The Editor:

Not one out of a hundred take their children spotlighting or deer hunting. People do not spotlight deer unless they intend to kill them.

It is a nuisance as well as dangerous. The current law says that hunting or shooting from the public highway and roads is prohibited or restricted in Warren County.

Most club hunters disregard posted land, especially the hunters who do not own land in this county.

We have representatives in Warren County to make our laws and not a bunch of out-of-county deer hunters.

Most other counties do not allow hunting from public highways and roads. They know it's dangerous.

It is less dangerous hunting in woods than on public highways. There are 100 to one more persons on highways than in the woods. The present laws in Warren County are not enforced.

Highways are made for people to travel on, and not to hunt deer from.

To solve this whole problem, we ought to enforce the law as it's stated in statute, being that it's against the law to shoot any type of firearm up and down and across or from a public road.

If this is the case, is it not the duty of not only the game warden but any officer of the law to see that the law is enforced?

HENRY F. TWITTY
Warrenton

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

- DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS**
- March 8, 1951—Iranian assembly voted to nationalize oil industry.
 - March 9, 1862—U.S.S. Monitor, "Cheese Box on a Raft," battles C.S.S. Virginia, formerly U.S.S. Merrimac, to a draw in first action between ironclad ships, at Hampton Roads, Va.
 - March 10, 1876—Alexander Graham Bell transmits first telephone message to assistant in next room: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."
 - March 11, 1941—Lend-Lease Act gives President Franklin D. Roosevelt authority to provide World War II allies with war materials.
 - March 12, 1912—Girl Scouts organized by Juliette Low, Savannah, Georgia.
 - March 13, 1930—Discovery of planet Pluto announced.
 - March 14, 1964—Jack Ruby found guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald.