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Developing Dreams

On Monday of last week we listened to an interesting conversation between UNC President William Friday and Elizabeth Aycock on TV Carolina People concerning the Research Triangle. We don't know Mrs. Aycock's title but she seemed well informed about her subject, as she traced the founding and growth of the Triangle. She said that the state's contribution to the promotion of the silicone industry in North Carolina was probably responsible for DuPont coming to the state. Since some criticism had resulted from Governor Hunt's leadership in the promotion, it was good to hear that his action has been vindicated.

Even more important, when there seems to be so much dissension in this world, it is nice that here in North Carolina,

politicians, educators and businessmen working together have developed a dream into such a reality. And it is also gratifying to know that there are many other examples of government, educators and businessmen working together for the good of the state.

Then on Wednesday of last week we read an article about a trimester system being adopted by the Warren High School which had appeared on the Front Page of Sunday's issue of The Charlotte Observer and which was reproduced in The Warren Record. It appears to be working out fine for both teachers and students with considerable saving in time which is devoted to study. It is encouraging to see a Warren County school being cited for its work in education.

Selection Praised

Unfortunately, Mary Mc-Lauchlin Pope is not a native of Warren County. That distinction goes to Moore County. She is the third woman in North Carolina appointed to the North Carolina Superior Court. She is not only the only woman judge but the youngest judge on the superior court bench, explains The Southern Pines Pilot in the following tribute to Judge Pope:

Governor Jim Hunt made a good choice when he appointed Mary Mc-Lauchlin Pope as a superior court judge.

Next week Miss Pope will take the oath of office and become not only the only woman judge but the youngest judge on the superior court bench.

There have been only two other women who have served as superior court judges in North Carolina. Governor Terry Sanford appointed the first one — Susie Sharp, who went on to become the chief justice

of the North Carolina Supreme Court—and Governor Bob Scott appointed the other, Winfred Wells of Wallace.

Judge Susie Sharp set a distinguished record in North Carolina, and Mary Mac Pope can be expected to follow well in her footsteps.

Miss Pope has served seven years as an assistant district attorney, and she has learned a great deal about the criminal justice system of North Carolina. She admits that she has a great deal more to learn about the state's judicial system, but she has the background, the education and the overall qualifications to learn and serve well in this most important position.

As Judge Pope she will be assigned to preside over superior court sessions in all parts of the state, but she looks forward to the experience with enthusiasm.

Her Moore County friends and neighbors wish her well as she embarks upon this new phase of her career.

Getting What You Pay For

In The News and Observer

It's probably safe to say that most North Carolinians like the idea of the state replacing obsolete bridges, especially those unable to handle the weight of a fully loaded school bus. It's also safe to speculate that most of the same people would say, reflexively, that they oppose higher taxes.

And yet, now a lesson is at hand in the link between paying taxes and receiving adequate public services. The North Carolina Division of Highways expects to spend \$363 million this fiscal year, more than in any previous year, on highway and bridge reconstruction and repair.

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Study Commission, headed by Dan K. Moore, reported in 1981 that 4,600 bridges could not carry loaded school buses. And now, under congressional guidelines, the spending on bridge replacement is to go up to \$84.6 million, four times more than what the state spent three years ago.

This record spending, including bridge replacement, is directly attributable to the 5 cents per gallon increase in the federal gasoline tax enacted by Congress in late 1982. In its 1983 session, the General Assembly appropriated \$59.4 million and set aside another \$19.4 million in a reserve fund, specifically to have matching funds available to bring in additional federal money. Now

Washington has allocated North Carolina an increase of \$122 million.

The 5-cent gasoline tax increase, it may be recalled, was contained in legislation that North Carolina's senators, Jesse Helms and John East, opposed. Indeed, Helms led a pre-Christmas filibuster, which angered several of his colleagues, as part of his fight against the measure.

Earlier, Helms' political organization, the National Congressional Club, had fought the 3 cents per gallon state motor fuels tax increase recommended by Governor Hunt. That increase permitted the state to begin responding to the highway repaving needs spotlighted by the Moore commission.

In both instances, the public officials who had the courage to support tax increases served the interests of the people more than those who took a stand against higher taxes. Shouldn't the filibuster in which Helms and East engaged be seen in light of the highway and bridge improvements coming to their constituents?

The stepped-up highway and bridge repair activity brings three crucial benefits to North Carolina: heightened safety, an increase in jobs and an improved transportation network vital to the state's economic development. That's what modest gasoline tax increases have bought.

By BIGNALL JONES

When we moved to Warrenton in the spring of 1909 the population of Warren County was largely made up of white citizens of English descent, whose families had been in Warren County since before the American Revolution and black citizens who played little part in the political life of Warren County and who had their own churches. There was a colony of Germans at Ridgeway who had their own church and school and a French family. At the time I was a teenager there were two or three Jewish families and one Roman Catholic family in Warrenton. Most of the families earned their living by farming.

So far as I can remember all other churches in Warrenton were Protestant—Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian. I believe all the members of these churches, or those who attended, were fundamentalists, believing the Bible word for word, although the Episcopalians and Presbyterians were not evangelistic. The Baptists and Methodists were, and held frequent revivals. I, as an 11-year-old boy, joined the Methodist Church in 1911 with my pal Robert Davis, during a revival conducted I think by the Rev. Mr. Browning. I attended both church and Sunday School during all of my boyhood. I can only speak for the Methodist Church, but the teachings of the Baptist Church were similar I imagine.

Miss Mattie Brown was my Sunday School teacher, a good and devout woman. It was she who told us one morning that there was nothing new under the sun, in spite of our argument that the automobile was new. Later, Dr. Charles H. Peete taught our Sunday School Class. He was also our family physician whom I always admired for his kindness and true Christian character. Among our Sunday School superintendents were Mr. John Dameron, Sr., Mr. Henry Boyd and his son, Mr. Norwood Boyd. After a short religious service, which always ended with a recital of the creed, the superintendent would add "Teachers, take charge of their classes." For years as I heard the Creed recited in other churches, I would instinctively listen for "Will the teachers take charge of their classes."

The ministers were respected and guided the religious life of the town and also affected the social life. They were firm in their belief, which was largely based on the Old Testament and was Puritanical. They, as a rule, did not smoke or drink, but stressed the evils of Demon Rum, and the evils of card playing and dancing. My neighbors, Robert's family, would not play set back, but would play Rook, which we called Methodist Setback. There were no pool tables available in the town, but we played caroms over at Cousin Hannah's, a true Christian woman, who I think loved me as if I were one of her own, and later in life she told me she prayed for me every night. I was pleased,

Mostly Personal

Changes In Population

because I believe the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

From their preaching one would think that man was created to keep the Sabbath according to the Mosaic Law. No playing of games, no singing or playing of music except hymns; cooking (as a matter of theory) was not permitted on Sunday. But most of the congregation had repeated the ten commandments, and had been instructed that the command to keep the Sabbath Holy, also included the man servant and the maid servant, but was conveniently overlooked insofar as the cook was concerned. Sunday dinner was usually the finest meal of the week.

In the days of my youth Wesley Memorial Methodist Church faced south. Near the pulpit on the right hand side of the church were several seats reserved for old men and known as the Amen Corner. The ministers wore business suits and often called on a member to pray. There was then no vested choir.

Due to the generosity of the late George G. Allen, Wesley Memorial Church has been largely rebuilt in a beautiful job of renovation. A new organ has been installed and the minister and choir members wear

robes and candles are burned during the services. Seldom is card playing, dancing and Sabbath observance the subject of sermons. The services are much more beautiful than in my youth, although the warmth of fellowship still persists.

Sabbath-keeping no longer restricts members of the congregation from traveling, card playing, playing golf or watching athletic contests. It is often used as a catching up period. Puritanism has just about died in the four old churches, with the recollection that the sabbath is made for man and not man for the sabbath.

A Roman Catholic Church has been established between Norlina and Warrenton and a number of other churches have been built in Warrenton, two of whom are the Church of God and Jehovah's Witnesses whose congregations are very loyal.

In my boyhood most of the family names were English. Now we have many citizens whose names are almost unpronounceable, but who are good citizens, although of foreign origin. Blacks and whites are working together in the county administration, as Warrenton changes with the rest of the world.

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

March 31, 1944

J. A. Dennis, chief of police of Franklinton for the past 10 years, is expected to report for duty as a member of the Warrenton Police Force next week.

A runaway freight car on the tracks of the Warrenton Railroad Company caused several hundred dollars worth of damage on Wednesday morning when it broke through a track stop near the depot and crashed into a storage house owned by Allen, Son & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyce entertained the Rev. H. S. Cobey of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Louisburg on Thursday evening when he was the guest speaker at Lenten Service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

March 27, 1959

Pittard Motor Service began operating in its new quarters on Macon Street this week, after having completed moving from its Main Street station over the weekend.

J. E. Daniel of Warrenton recently toured Florida for one week with a party of friends, including M. M. West of Marion, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas West of Orange Lake, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Chenault of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Finch of Oxford announce the birth of a son in Granville Hospital on March 18. Mrs. Finch is the former Miss Janet Crinkley of Warrenton.

March 28, 1974

Patrick Dudley Neal, 24, was ordained as a Baptist minister on Sunday afternoon in special services at Warrenton Baptist Church. It was the first time in the church's 125-year history that it has ordained a local person.

Dr. W. T. Ellington of Miami, Fla., son of A. J. Ellington of Warrenton, left March 22 for Sidney, Australia, where he will attend the second International Health Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holtzmann were honored Saturday evening at a dinner party and reception at the Norlina Clubhouse in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Letter To The Editor

Officers Are Thanked

To The Editor:

I want to express my appreciation to Warren County Sheriff's Department Lawrence Harrison and Auxiliary Deputy Johnny Williams who saved my son's life when he became ill Monday night at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Manson.

The deputies went to his assistance immediately and knew right away what to do. One could tell that these officers were well trained.

Warren County citizens can be proud of their fine Sheriff's Department.

ROSA BOYD
Manson



BEAK TO BEAK... Lovebirds Elmo and Cleopatra, along with about two dozen other macaws will be exhibited during Sea World's 15th Anniversary Season, beginning May 19 at Aurora, Ohio.

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