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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

## True Economy

The Columbia State commented editorially on "True Economy" in its last Friday edition. Impressed with its reasoning we decided to copy much of it and had actually considered a new lead. False premises leads to false conclusions when we discovered that section of the paper placed in our car could not be found.

Someone had advanced the idea that the destruction caused by the recent tornados in North and South Carolina would actually stimulate the economy. This premise was based on the idea that broken windows, for instance, would have to be replaced and this would not only

furnish employment to carpenters, but to manufacturers of glass.

The State pointed out that the economy does not work that way. Instead the person whose windows were broken would have to spend all the money he could raise to repair his house and thus would not have any money to buy shoes, and other necessities, and thus local business would be destroyed.

That was the gist of the paper's rebuttal, and there was much more. We comment to the limited extent we have under the idea that half a loaf may beat no loaf.

## Abstracts Are Printed

Warren County history buffs will be interested to learn of the recent publication by a Rocky Mount historian of a 253-page volume "Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Franklin County, North Carolina, 1779-1797."

Franklin County was formed in 1779 when Bute County was abolished and divided into Franklin and Warren counties. The early deeds of the county were recopied in 1802 and 1803, but are not in chronological order.

The volume contains abstracts

of the first seven deed books.

An introduction by genealogist Hugh Buckner Johnston and an early map of the county prepared by cartographer Garland P. Stout are included in the volume.

The names in the book are in capital letters and are indexed. The cloth-bound volume is available for \$22.50 from Joseph Watson at 406 Piedmont Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801. All books must be postpaid. North Carolina residents should add a three percent state sales tax and a 1 1/2 percent county sales tax.

## Worth Quoting

The Charlotte Observer publishes in each of its Sunday papers a column headed "Observations, a collection of notable quotes." The quotes collected each week are compiled by Ed Williams, Observer Associate Editor.

From the issue of Sunday, April 22, we select two quotes, "On Praying In Public," and "The Limits of Government." They follow:

### On Praying In Public

Editor R. G. Puckett in the *Biblical Recorder*, journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, on a scene at a fast-food restaurant:

One man seated near me was typical of many in the place at that time of the morning. He was neat, clean and well-shaven but dressed casually. He was definitely not the banker, lawyer, doctor, minister type. I do not know his name or what he does for his living.

He arranged his food on the table, neatly organized for consumption. Then he bowed his head and closed his eyes. I assumed he was praying.

No one told him to pray; no one told him he couldn't. He seemed oblivious to the presence of others around him; he didn't know I was there or was observing...

As I drove to my appointment through a small monsoon that hit Raleigh that morning, I reflected on what I had witnessed...With so much talk about prayer in public these days, my impression is that here is a man who has found the answer. He doesn't talk about it; he just does it!

**The Limits Of Government**  
Columnist Robert J. Samuelson in *Newsweek*:

Few would contest government's responsibilities to alleviate hardship and poverty, though people...argue over how much and where. An economic system that cavalierly discards anyone it can't use isn't much as a social system. The welfare ethic

grafted onto capitalism during the Depression has eased poverty and insecurity. Without Social Security payments, roughly 50% of the over-65 population would be counted as "poor" compared with only about 15% after Social Security.

But what started as an effort to aid capitalism's worst casualties and reduce its most crushing insecurities has turned into a broader belief that any unwanted economic change deserves to be protected against or compensated. We are now learning that this quest for absolute security is both futile and self-defeating. Domestic price controls couldn't keep oil prices low in the mid-1970s, because low prices stimulated demand and increased imports of high-priced oil. The effort to deny change, by causing individuals and firms to delay adapting on their own, often makes the ultimate change more traumatic. Do we really help auto-workers by protecting them against imports if protection leads to higher wages and a less competitive industry?

Politicians do not want to admit the limits of government power, because the whole post-Depression political enterprise is to soothe insecurity. But what insecurities can, or should, government soothe?...By evading issues that almost everyone senses are there, politics feeds our anxieties.

### 25 Years: A State

Twenty-five years a state as of January 3, 1984, Alaska boasts the largest national parks, refuges and forests in the country, totaling 150-million acres, *National Geographic* says. The Alaskan territory was purchased from Russia for \$7.2 million in 1867.

### Fence Isn't A Platform

As I see the Helms and Hunt TV ads, both are standing on a fence trying to convince us it's a platform.—Billy Arthur in *Chapel Hill Newspaper*.



A sculptor's rendition of geese in flight is dwarfed by the centuries-old oaks draped with Spanish moss at the Brookgreen Gardens located midway between Myrtle Beach and Georgetown, S. C. The gardens will be featured in *Mosely Personal* next week. (Staff Photo)

## Mostly Personal

## Visiting South Carolina

By BIGNALL JONES

The family, Grace, Howard, Ann and I, left Warrenton shortly after 9 a. m. Friday bound for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on our first trip of the spring. It had been more than 50 years since my last trip to the famous South Carolina beach, and the first trip for both Grace and Ann. Howard had often visited this beach.

Grace, who always furnishes transportation for these family trips, said that she had figured that the shortest way from Warrenton to Myrtle Beach was by Louisburg. So we turned off just south of Louisburg for Bunn, Selma and Smithfield in Johnston County, by way of the Bentonville Battleground. From there we continued southeast to Clinton in Sampson County, the largest county in North Carolina, stretching 50 miles one way and 35 another, for a total of 963 square miles. This we learned Monday from a reference book in the office. Sampson County, my reference said, is only a few miles smaller than Rhode Island.

Clinton is the home of Lauch Faircloth, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, who had said recently in a Raleigh meeting that while Sampson County produces a lot of tobacco, that tobacco only represents a third of its farm income.

From Clinton we went to Elizabethtown, to Whiteville where we ate lunch. From Whiteville we went to Tabor City to Loris, South Carolina, only a short distance from Myrtle arrived in the middle of the afternoon and soon found quarters for the night.

As soon as we had found our rooms, we went to Captain Juel's Hurricane Restaurant at Little River overlooking an inlet for a fish supper and salad. After dinner we rode to Calabash, a settlement on the edge of North Carolina where scores of restaurants and mercantile specialty houses are located. On the front of many restaurants

were signs advertising "all the shrimp you can eat for \$6." One restaurant advertised shrimp for \$3.00. "All you can eat," no longer appeals to me now that I am a senior citizen.

We stopped at one rather large conglomeration of individual stores, where stuffed animals, pictures, and many other gifts were on display. I thought the stuffed animals were rather attractive and became separated from the family while I wandered through several stores.

Finally Howard came up to me and said that one of the stores was selling G. A. Henty books, and he thought I might want to buy one for Charles White. I read several Henty books as a boy, but they were not my favorite, but I had learned several months ago when a friend sent me a Henty book, that Charles still likes to read them. My favorite adventure books as a child and teenager were Alger books, Frank and Dick Merrill, the Castle-men Series, The Rover Boys, Tom Swift, and several others. I went to the store where I not only found a Henty book, but a copy of *The Rover Boys*, "On Board Ship" and a book written by Booth Tarkington. There were many other old volumes, but the three were all the books that I wanted at the moment. I have not had time yet to see if they still have any appeal to me.

Much of the day the sky had been overcast, and it was sprinkling when we returned to our rooms. For many years we have visited the beach at least once a year. Although it has been many years since we have been in swimming, but we have enjoyed walking on the beaches at night. But we did not Friday night because of the rain. However we were pretty tired after riding most of the day, and went to bed early.

The next morning we were up early and ate breakfast in the motel restaurant. The others ate pancakes, but I set

bled for eggs, bacon and grits. I am glad I did, but I thought the grits were the best that I have ever eaten.

After riding around Myrtle Beach where I was greatly impressed by its size, we managed to reach a beach where we stretched our legs for some time. Then we headed for Brookgreen Gardens, billed as America's most beautiful sculpture garden, with its beautiful giant live oak trees, its flowering plants, and magnificent lawns.

Monday morning before I could write any account of our two-day trip, I had to read a number of papers that had accumulated over the weekend. I noticed with much pleasure as I read Pete Hulth's column in *The Smithfield Herald*, that he had devoted half of his column to the Brookgreen Gardens, which he visits every year. I shall quote freely from his column in next week's column.

On this trip, Howard carried his camera, took no pictures on the first day, but several in the Gardens, and later at Georgetown. Several of the pictures taken in Brookgreen Gardens will be used in this article, and others in next week's column.

## Cancer Crusade

### Is Said Off To

### Good Beginning

The Warren County Cancer Crusade is off to a good start, according to Mary D. Williams, chairman. The first report from volunteer workers on April 27 indicates that \$1,200 was collected, a little more than 25 percent of the 1984 goal.

Mrs. Williams will receive reports on May 4 and May 11 at the Community Center on Franklin Street in Warrenton from noon to 4 p. m.

"We are hoping to have all kits turned in by May 11," the chairman said this week. "We are really trying to help find a cure for this killer, cancer."

## Letter To The Editor

## Lawmaker Is Thanked

To the Editor:

I want to publicly thank Rep. Frank Ballance, Jr. (Warren, Halifax and Martin counties) for his support and leadership role in correcting an unfair situation in automobile insurance. The insurance industry had been charging people excessively for one speeding ticket even though they had an otherwise safe driving record (no points in a three year period). With Representative Ballance's support and leadership role, we were able to get a law passed stopping this unfair practice. Now, if you have no traffic offenses for a period of 3 years and receive a speeding ticket of 10 miles per hour or less, your rates will not go up. This law does not, however, apply if the speeding is in a school zone.

This new law will save North Carolinians millions of dollars on their auto insurance bill. The insurance companies argued that it would cause auto insurance rates to go up generally. But, as a result of the hearings my office held in November, 1983, auto liability insurance rates will not increase one penny. Physical damage rates, which include collision and comprehensive, will actually drop. It is because of support like Representative Ballance's that North Carolina has, according to a UPI article (January, 1984), the 4th lowest auto rates in America.

Again, I wish to publicly thank Representative Ballance for helping to fight for the people of North Carolina.

JOHN INGHAM  
Commissioner of Insurance

## News Of Yesteryear

## Looking Back Into

## The Warren Record

MAY 5, 1944

Efforts are being made to have 250 German prisoners brought to Warren County to work on farms and at sawmills, Bob Bright, county agent, said yesterday.

Edward Price Grant, son of Mrs. Mary Eleanor Price Grant, of Warrenton has been commissioned as a warrant officer. This was a direct appointment in the field and in the war zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Shearin entertained the faculty of Macon High School at a dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers of Warrenton, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Parrish, Mesdames Lauren Leete, Helen S. Moore, Misses Carrie Brame, Emily Milam, Irene Latham, Marjorie Rice of Macon attending.

May 1, 1959

The Rev. Edward Laurence Baxter, 44, of Lake City, Penn. has accepted a call as rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Warrenton, effective November 1.

C. V. Whitford was nominated for president of the Warrenton Lions Club for the coming year at a regular meeting of the club held on Friday night at Hotel Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Jones of near Warrenton have recently moved to their new home, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bobbitt on Snipes Street.

May 2, 1974

Charles Alston Hayes, 27, a native of Norlina, has been named by Warren County commissioners as county manager and industrial director and will take office in July.

Richard Holtzmann, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holtzmann of Norlina, has been named state winner of the Conservation of Natural Resources 4-H Project.

Bruce Bell, Macon postmaster, was this week named Postmaster of the Year by his fellow postmasters in Warren County.

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