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Voting Machines' Value

Judging from returns two years ago, the Warren County Election Board did well to complete its count in the May 8 primary as early as it did when the large number of candidates and the county's largest vote are considered.

The vote in the 14 precincts of Warren County totaled 6,098 for an average vote of 434 per precinct—only they did not average out that way. The largest vote was in the West Warrenton precinct where 937 votes were cast. In second place was East Warrenton with 789, with Norlina in third place with 669.

Roanoke Precinct reported the smallest vote, 116. In second place was Fork with 193 votes, and Smith Creek, with 219 votes, was in third place.

Seven of the precincts reported less than 434 votes, and seven more than 434. The vote cast in each of the 14 precincts of Warren County as reported to this newspaper on Monday afternoon by Mrs. Ruby Jones, elections chairman, was as follows:

River, 325; Sixpound, 297; Hawtree, 463; Smith Creek, 219; Nutbush, 512; Sandy Creek, 478; Shocco, 303; Fishing Creek, 470; Judkins, 321; Fork, 193; Roanoke, 116; Norlina, 669; W. Warrenton, 937; E. Warrenton, 789.

Mrs. Jones said that the first precinct to report was Norlina, which has a voting machine. The

voting machines will kick out any ballots not properly marked, which means these have to be hand-counted. In spite of this, she said that the precincts with voting machines were among the early precincts reporting.

The last precinct to report was Judkins, with 321 votes which reported at 3 a. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Jones said that this was her second primary, and that she feels that she has learned something. One of these things is that those who have kept the polls for 12 hours should not be asked to tally the votes. Whether or not this was responsible for Judkins delay, she did not say. But it is obviously a matter of common sense.

It is to be expected that the accuracy of voting will be increased with time. A suggestion is that on each non-official ballot used as a guide as how voters should vote, should be added instructions on how to vote — to use a special pencil on the right of the ballot, and not a cross on the left.

But the greatest lesson the past primary has taught us is the value of voting machines. It is to be hoped that they will be furnished each precinct in the county by the next time we hold a first primary. Their purchase will not only mean early reporting of votes, but the saving of enough money to pay for themselves in a few years.

Young Doctors, Pay Up

By WALTER SPEARMAN
In The Smithfield Herald

Washington investigators for Senator Charles Percy of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee are justifiably upset that so many young doctors around the country are failing to repay the federal loans given them to help get through medical school.

These grants would have been marked "Paid" if the young doctors had kept their pledge to practice in doctor-short rural areas, but many of the doctors ignored the pledge and went to work in large cities where the pay was so much better.

"Many health professionals have taken a free ride at the taxpayers' expense," said Senator Percy. "Of the 13,490 students who received \$446.3 million in federal aid, 12.8 percent have refused to either work in

hardship areas or to repay the loans."

The outraged senator noted that such doctors now owe the government \$61 million in debts and have agreed to repay only \$6 million. One Los Angeles woman physician listed her last year's income as \$152,000 but was willing to repay only \$300 a month on her debt. Other doctors said their spouses were unwilling to go to hardship rural areas. And one woman psychiatrist said she would not go to a rural area because she would be separated from her own psychiatrist, whom she was paying \$13,000 a year.

If these young, defaulting doctors would pause in their big-city money-making long enough to take the temperature of the public, they would find a rising anger over their public-damned attitudes.

Remember Great Orators?

W.E. H. In Sanford Herald

Who is the most eloquent orator you ever heard?

I never had the privilege of hearing the silver-tongued Charles Brantley Aycock, whose oratory laid the foundation for today's public-school system in this state. He had great vision and a great subject to talk about; the very fact that he had a vision which the common people of his day accepted with enthusiasm and hope for the future was the real basis for the power of his eloquence. It's always been a fact that a speaker must have something big to talk about before his speeches are great.

In my recollection, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the most eloquent speaker, although Prime Minister Winston Churchill was a close second. I heard Hitler and Mussolini on radio, and though I couldn't understand their language,

I know they were exceedingly powerful speakers.

In North Carolina, the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey was the most eloquent of his time. Mr. Hoey simply swept you off your feet with his speaking; it seemed all he had to do was open his mouth and the words and sentences poured forth. (Actually, they seemed to me to pour forth too freely, for despite the fact I have sat many times entranced by his speaking, I don't seem to remember much of what he said.)

Among our governors, Cameron Morrison was another great orator of the old school. His political pronouncements were powerful, although his florid and redundant speaking was never too convincing to me. J.C.B. Ehringhaus was another masterful speaker. J.M. Broughton was still another—and he had the most relaxed platform manner of any of them.



Mostly Personal

Touring An Old City

By BIGNALL JONES

For the past two issues of The Warren Record this column has been concerned with a weekend trip to Myrtle Beach, S. C., with the last issue being about the family's visit to Brookgreen Gardens, a short distance from Myrtle Beach.

After spending several hours in the Gardens whose beauty is indescribable, but whose heat was oppressive, it was a relief to crawl into an air-conditioned automobile for the 18-mile trip to Georgetown, S. C. The road was lined with mature pine and hardwood trees, although only a few miles from the ocean.

We spent little more than an hour in Georgetown, a well kept and beautiful city that reminded me of New Bern, North Carolina, with beautiful buildings and churches. Many of the Georgetown buildings had on their fronts brass plates upon which the date they were built was inscribed. Lots of them had been built in the early 1770s. I remember that one of the houses had been built in 1737, probably because that was the date on which our family moved from Virginia to what is now Warren County.

My wife, the daughter of an Episcopal minister, who had been reared in the Episcopal Church, stopped a young woman to ask directions to the Georgetown Episcopal Church. One of the nicest things about our trip was the way the young woman directed us to the church, as she answered every question asked by my wife with either a "yes mam" or a "no mam." She had a nice voice, and it reminded me of the old South of my youth. Thank God that there are still thousands of young people in Warren County who still show that courtesy to their elders.

A marker in front of the large brick building told us that Prince George Episcopal Church was founded in 1750. Services are still being held in the church. Unfortunately, the church was locked, and we did not have time to find the rector. We would have been happy to view the inside of the

old church. The churchyard is tremendous, occupying a city block, and entirely surrounded with a high brick wall, with iron gates here and there. The churchyard is practically filled with graves, with many tombstones showing the deceased were born in the early seventeen hundreds, and many in recent years. The monuments, the mausoleums and the large shade trees made the site beautiful. Time has made the inscriptions hard to read, particularly for one whose eyes have dimmed. But it must be a treasure trove for those who collect epitaphs.

We had originally planned to spend two nights in South Carolina, but decided to spend only one night. We returned home by way of Dunn and Raleigh, reaching Warrenton about dark, and were happy to sleep in our own beds.

The next day, being a Sunday, we drove to the

North Carolina Zoo in Randolph County, in order to see the Aviary which had been installed since our last visit.

The South Carolina heat of Saturday had reached North Carolina on Sunday, and it was a hilly and long walk from the parking ground. Overcast skies made it hard for me to see the birds under their cover.

As we were leaving the Aviary we saw a number of flamingoes resting on one foot, and I got Howard to take a picture of these birds, and not without reason. I remember that when I was a young man in Washington, D. C., a very attractive young woman asked me did I know why a flamingo stood on one foot. When I said I did not know, she laughed and said that if it picked up the other foot it would fall down. If I had not wanted to share this joke, I probably would not have mentioned our Sunday trip.

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

May 19, 1944

Alston Twitty was re-elected Commander of Limer Post of the American Legion at a dinner meeting of the post held at Hotel Warren on Tuesday night. S. M. Gardner was elected adjutant; Henry Horne, service officer and Boyd White, vice commander.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, Democratic candidate for governor, is expected to be in Warrenton on Monday, according to an announcement made by his campaign managers in this county.

Mrs. Barker Williams entertained 17 members of St. Mary's Guild Tuesday night with Mrs. J. G. Mitchell in charge of the program.

May 15, 1959

Two John Graham High School Seniors, Bill Henry Burwell and Jim McDonald, have been accepted for admission to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Col. for the 1959 class.

C. V. Whitford, local agent for Southland Insurance Company, has won an all-expense paid trip to Dallas, Tex. where he and Mrs. Whitford will spend several days as guests of the company at its home office.

Mrs. W. L. Wood was unanimously re-elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary for the 1959-60 year at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. C. P. Allen on Thursday night of last week.

May 16, 1974

Barring a change of heart on the part of Warrenton's governing body, metered parking here may soon expire.

First Citizens Bank & Trust Company will observe the completion of its new Warrenton office with a formal opening ceremony and an Open House at 5:30 p. m., Monday, May 20.

Janet Forte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Forte of Norlina has been named state winner of the Girls Personal Appearance 4-H Project.

Dr. J. P. Green, M. D.
Dr. James E. Kenney, M. D.
Dr. Cynthia Krishna, M. D.
Mr. William M. Davis, PA-C

Wish to announce their new office hours at the Warren-Beckford Medical Center:

8:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

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