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Saving Is The Key

Among the Democratic candidates visiting the office of The Warren Record prior to the recent primary was Harrill Jones of Gastonia, one of the also-ran candidates for the nomination of U. S. Senator from North Carolina.

Jones appeared when it was too late to get his story until after Wednesday following the Primary, but as he seemed to think he was going to be in the Second Primary with Jim Hunt, we interviewed him just the same. We enjoyed the long interview most of which we taped.

The result of the Primary, in which he was swamped by Governor Hunt, proved that Jones's political judgment was far from good, but his economic judgment, and his life plan refutes the argument that "no man can make a million dollars honestly." Not that Jones has or has not made a million, but that he was on a true and tried track.

Jones told us that he would have been a high school drop-out if he had not become involved in the Selective Education Program which permitted him to study half a day and work half a day. At graduation, Jones said, he received a telegram of congratulations from a local banker, which he carried to the local

banker and told him that he wanted to borrow \$2,000 to go into the real estate business. He told the banker he wanted to eventually purchase ten houses, one at the time, which he would only rent.

The banker not only lent him the \$2,000 loan, but told him that his plan was sound and warned him not to be diverted from his plan by some get-rich-quick plan. Jones did not tell how many houses he has acquired, only that he has never sold any houses. He did say that he had been to Russia and to Panama, as well as other places, and we gathered that he financed his own campaign.

Jones' experience demonstrates the truth of the old maxim that if one is to meet financial success one must spend less than one earns and re-invest the profits. Rose's chain of stores, with headquarters in Henderson, is an example of this. P. H. Rose started a small retail store in Littleton, added a second store in a nearby town, and with profits from two stores, it was easier to start a third; and so on into hundreds of stores and millions of dollars. There are other ways, but saving is basic to all.

Boycott Is No Surprise

In The Smithfield Herald
Boycott: official sport of the Summer Olympic Games. The United States boycotted the 1980 Games in Moscow. Now the Soviet Union plans to boycott the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

It is a distressing measure of deteriorating relations between the world's superpowers.

Our initial feelings of regret go out to the athletes who are deprived of their long-awaited chance to compete with the world's best. But then our thoughts turn to all the peoples of the world, who are reminded once again of the fragility of international diplomacy which, if ever broken, could set off our nuclear self-destruction.

It does us Americans no good at this point to rationalize the U. S. boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow because we objected to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghan-

istan. The Russians could just as easily rationalize their boycott of the 1984 Games by citing recent U. S. aggression in Central America.

The underlying reason for this year's boycott may be the same reason that prompted the Soviets to shoot down that Korean airliner last year — and that is an almost total lack of meaningful communication between President Reagan and the leaders of the U.S.S.R.

Again, we Americans could blame the Russians for increased alienation between the two nation's governments; for it seems the Soviet Union is always bad-mouthing the United States for one thing or another. But President Reagan is surely not blameless for this dangerous state of affairs—and it is one of the key liabilities of his administration that voters should take into account when they go to the polls next November to choose who shall be President for another four years.

Means And Ends

In The Southern Pines Pilot
A congressional committee last week used some strong language in condemnation of FBI tactics in the North Carolina Colcor and similar operations around the country.

Colcor was the "sting" type operation undertaken by the FBI to root out corruption in Columbus County, and several people, including a judge and a legislator, were caught in the trap and went to prison. Two prominent officials, a state senator and the lieutenant governor, went to trial and were acquitted. It was obvious as their trials proceeded that the FBI had over-played its hand, and the tactics employed were questionable.

The House committee is recommending that such FBI undercover operations be undertaken only through the approval of the judiciary. Legislation may be introduced and the pros and cons can be debated.

It may well be that the only way to uncover corruption in many places is through undercover operations, but

what concerned the congressional committee was the FBI appeared to create crime where crime did not exist before it appeared on the scene.

Everyone interested in American rights and freedoms should be concerned that those rights not be violated by those sworn to uphold them. Colcor and Abscam raised questions about tactics employed, and a rigorous examination of those tactics is called for by the congressional committee.

Certainly law enforcement should be as above-board as the law itself. In a democratic society the means to an end are as important as the end itself. That is the distinguishing characteristic between a democracy and a dictatorship, and we should never lose sight of that truth in this country.

First Monument

America's first National Monument was Devil's Tower, so designated by Theodore Roosevelt. It's in Wyoming near America's first National Park, Yellowstone.



Mostly Personal

Henderson Family Recalled

By BIGNALL JONES
Among my tasks at the office of The Warren Record is the reading of the obituary columns of the many papers reaching my desk. The purpose of such reading is to find the funeral notices of those who have a link with Warren County.

In reading the deaths in The News and Observer Sunday morning, I found the funeral notice of Agnes Henderson Taylor of Goldsboro, who died Friday at the age of 83, and whose funeral was held at 2 p. m. Sunday from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Goldsboro. She is survived by one brother, Douglas Henderson of Philadelphia; and a daughter, Mrs. Douglas H. Bennett of Cary, whom I knew when she was a child.

There are too many happy memories of the Henderson family, too many laughs from this witty family who lived in the small cottage on the corner of Front and Fairview Streets in Warrenton when I was a child to mark the passing away of Agnes with only a small head and a brief funeral notice under a Goldsboro dateline.

My sister, Ella Brodie Jones, married Dr. Rives Taylor of Oxford. His brother, Joe Taylor, a civil engineer with the State Highway Commission, married Agnes, and they lived in Warrenton for several years before moving to Goldsboro.

Our family moved to Warrenton in the spring of 1909, when I was nine years old, and by the fall of 1909 when we entered the Warrenton Graded School Robert Davis and I were bosom friends. In spite of our close friendship his love of teasing caused him to divulge a bit of information which I had given him in what I thought was confidence.

I had told him that Agnes Henderson was my sweetheart. She was pretty and petite with many young beaux, of which Robert may have been one. When we were gathered on the school-ground, Robert told Agnes, "Bignall said you were his sweetheart." She instantly replied, "I ain't neither." I was both hurt and embarrassed, but no permanent harm was done.

Her father, I think, was a tobacco buyer, but he had died a short time before we moved to Warrenton. His widow, Cousin Daisy Williams Henderson and her sister, Alice Vaiden Williams, and the three Henderson children, Douglas, John and Agnes, were living in the cottage on Front Street at that time. Alice Vaiden was an accomplished musician, and taught piano with private lessons. Douglas was my classmate in school for many years. John worked as an automobile salesman here for several years before moving to Goldsboro, where he married and where he died several years ago. I don't know when or why Douglas went to Philadelphia, but he returned to Warrenton for a short visit ten or more years ago and paid a call on me. I remember his telling me that it was embarrassing to ask about old friends, for fear that they were dead. He also told me a witty story about his wife, Bell, which I have used in this column at least once.

I don't remember too much about Agnes growing up, as I was out of Warrenton for much of the early twenties. But she married Joe Taylor and they lived in Warrenton for several years before they moved to Goldsboro, where I think that Joe engaged in the insurance business until his retirement or death. Joe

always addressed Agnes as Half Pint.

At one time the Hendersons operated a five-and-ten-cents store in a building adjacent to the Warrenton post office which was located in a frame building near where the Taylor building is now located. I presume that it was operated as a family affair, with the children helping when needed.

The Henderson children came by their wit and humor quite naturally and their home was often filled with laughter. Once, as an example of Cousin Daisy's wit, I went with her and some of her children to attend a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darden of Littleton. That was the first time that I had ever eaten a turkey stuffed with oysters. On the way down to Littleton Cousin Daisy told us about spending the night with an affluent friend. I can't remember whether or not it was the Dardens. At any rate, Cousin Daisy said, her bed was covered with linen sheets. She said when she awoke during the night, she could not decide whether she was a bride or a corpse.

The Henderson family added much to the pleasure of those who lived with them in Warrenton and it remains a source of pleasant memories to all of us older citizens who still remember them.

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

May 26, 1944

Increasing interest in the gubernatorial race between Gregory Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald and in the congressional race between Congressman John H. Kerr and Cameron Weeks of Tarboro has turned what once promised to be an uninteresting affair into hot political contests and indications are that a sizeable vote will be the case in Warren County tomorrow.

Robert Hill Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shaw of Macon, was initiated into the Order of the Grail, one of the highest honorary societies at the University of North Carolina last Thursday night.

Misses Mary Frances Rodwell and Elizabeth Rodwell are spending this week at Virginia Beach, Va.

May 23, 1959

Approximately 3,000 large-mouth bass fry were poured from a bridge overlooking Ryders Mill Pond south of Littleton on Tuesday morning. The one-inch fish were part of 8,000 such fish placed in Warren County waters under a program of stocking set up by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

For the second straight year, Norlina High School's baseball club failed in their bid to reach the

Letters To The Editor

Passing Is Mourned

To The Editor:
The late Julian R. Allsbrook was not only one of North Carolina's leading citizens, but he was also a Tar Heel institution. His passing is being mourned by a host of friends across the land.

Senator Allsbrook served our State and Nation with dedication and with great distinction. He never hesitated to involve himself deeply in the cause of progress. He never hesitated to raise his voice in defense of truth and justice.

On many occasions I had the privilege of seeing Senator Allsbrook in action in many forums, including the General Assembly of North Carolina. I know personally of the extremely effective leadership he gave.

He will be greatly missed.

TIM VALENTINE
Washington, D. C.

Action Is Deplored

To The Editor:
I am extremely concerned about our public school system in the hands of a few of our present board members. It seems our board members have a sordid idea of their jobs as elected officials. They were elected to a position to maintain and improve our school system and, to promote what is best for our young people not what provides them with personal gratification to their own self ideas.

First, if you want to talk racism, may I remind Mr. Yarborough Williams and Mr. Henry Pitchford exactly who the minority is in Warren County. One can apply the misused term nationally but not locally. What is local is my concern and should be theirs.

Now, who do you think is actually getting the fair shake here? On a board that should be concerned with the good of all the citizens, it seems that we have a Board of Education that is working for the black population only. I personally don't give two-hoots about what color my child's teacher is as long as my child is obtaining the necessary skills and educational growth. I want my children's teachers to be in their positions because of their capabilities and qualifications to do the job, not because they are a ratio number required. This is not having the best interest of our young people as the highest priority and this is the job of the board, as I see it. If board members like Mr. Pitchford and Mr. Williams cannot project objective attitudes then somebody is in the wrong position—me or them!

I have, up to this point, stood firm in my support of our public schools but if this absurd idea passes I will lose faith. In my opinion, it is not the students, teachers, or curriculum that give our schools a bad name, but men like Mr. Williams and Mr. Pitchford who promote such bigoted notions of the way a school system should operate.

I don't call this progression in our county but regression. These attitudes of 50-50 for the sake of race don't allow us to live and work together. We don't learn to respect each other for our own personal capabilities and talents. It just keeps us always stirred up in unrest.

I realize this letter is strong, but I feel so helpless. Our young people have the abilities to live and work together in this county, and to learn to respect each other as individuals if the "grown-ups" would not harbor such constant racial "attitudes." These "attitudes" are contagious, just like a bad disease.

At this point, I demand that I, the minority here, get fairness. I want quality education for my children, as does every other parent. Fifty-fifty for the sake of race cannot have quality as the priority when a teacher, whether white, black or Indian, is put in a position to satisfy a ratio.

I am a parent with the right to say "I don't like it — not one bit." I have contained my feelings many times in the past when I read accounts of other such absurdities of Mr. Williams and Mr. Pitchford but this time I cannot. They can make these prejudiced demands when it comes to secretaries, teacher's aides, janitors, etc. but they have no right to make these demands when we are dealing with the future of our young people as a result of professional educators.

In conclusion, I would like to see our present Board of Education spending their time and energies over more original ideas to make our school system better and more proficient before we lose the progress we have made.

ANN COPLEY
Warrenton

Class A competition. Rock Ridge of Wilson County proved to be the thorn in Norlina's side for the second year as they spotted Norlina the first game of a two-of-three game series and raced back last week to take the series.

Dr. Sam H. Massey was elected a member of the board of trustees for Warren County school district No. 1 at a meeting of the board at John Graham school on Monday night.

May 23, 1974

Al Fleming, headmaster at Warren Academy since its beginning five years ago, has announced his resignation effective at the end of the current school year.

Edmund White Holt of Warrenton is one of 588 seniors who will receive degrees from Sanford University in Birmingham, Ala. on Saturday, May 25. The son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holt of Warrenton, Edmund will receive the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence.

The Rev. and Mrs. James S. Spruill of Rt. 2, Macon were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at a dinner party given recently by their 11 children and 17 grandchildren, at the Holiday Inn in Henderson.