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## Allegiance And Loyalty

The purpose of a political primary is to select the most capable candidate to represent the party in the general election.

In a recent brief talk with Jim Martin, personable candidate for North Carolina on the Republican ticket, he said he feels that North Carolina would be better off with two strong parties. We as a life-long Democrat, would concede that point, but with reservations.

We feel that to be beneficial to the state, a Republican Party should be built from the grass-roots up and able to stand on its principals for good government and not be dependent upon disgruntled Democrats to elect an occasional governor, who finds himself in office opposed

by a Democratic legislature, and with few Republicans whose experience qualified them for appointed office. That was the experience of Governor James Holshouser, a high-toned and able governor, and it could well be the experience of James Martin, a likeable and able person and presumably one who does not betray the party to which he pledges allegiance.

But the sad truth is if in the General Election Jim Martin is elected governor of North Carolina, it will be only because thousands of North Carolinians who allege that they are Democrats have forgotten that party membership should mean party allegiance and party loyalty.

## The Black And White Gap

The following article by Gary Packerstein in The Wilson Quarterly, was clipped from The Charlotte Observer's "Observations," a collection of notable quotes, compiled by Ed Williams, Observer Associate Editor.—

### How Are Blacks Faring?

At first glance, the Big Picture, so often publicized, is sobering — black median family income in 1982 (\$13,598) continued to lag far behind that of whites (\$24,603). But the median in this case is not the message, or at least not the whole of it. When statistics for the nation's total black population of 28 million are presented in the aggregate, the growing plight of the urban underclass tends to overpower some important distinctions.

... Black married couples are the "haves"? the "have-nots" are black

single mothers and their off-spring. Subtract the 2.9 million female-headed black households (now 42% of all black households) from the picture and the circumstances of blacks and whites in America appear far less divergent.

Thus, in 1982 the median annual income of all black married-couple families was \$20,586, compared to \$26,443 for the white married-couple families. In households where both spouses were employed, the gap was even narrower — about \$5,000, and, in households where the husband and wife, both working, were between ages 24 and 35, the difference was less than \$3,000. With these young couples leading the way, the proportion of all black families earning \$25,000 or more (in 1982 dollars) grew from 10.4 to 24.5% between 1960 and 1982.

## Pacific Policy Lacking

The Christian Science Monitor Beyond the pageantry of the Peking visit, the Reagan administration still must face fundamental policy decisions for the Asian region.

Basically, the administration still hasn't a Pacific basic policy, analysts contend. It has yet to decide between a "Pacific Rim" policy or a "land mass" policy, in the analysts' jargon.

Some argue that a rim approach would be enough—linking strategic and commercial bonds with Japan, Korea, and Taiwan—to have a solid defense policy against Soviet expansion in the Pacific. Others, and the Chinese themselves, argue that China has the most significant strategic position as a land-mass power in Asia—even as China says it does not want to play the strategic card.

Within the administration, a new undersecretary of state, regarded as an Asianist, is being brought in to replace the outgoing undersecretary, known as a Europeanist. Some suggest in this that Secretary of State George Shultz is anticipating a new emphasis on the region.

Of course, if Mr. Reagan is re-elected, the tenure of Mr. Shultz and others in the State Department and on the National Security Council must be considered an open question. Appointments now are too slim a limb for the projection of policy decisions.

The United States has not really had an Asian policy since Vietnam. It has only one armed division, in South Korea. The Pacific Fleet is stretched thin. Mr. Shultz and others are talking about China as a regional actor in the Asian balance of power. Mr. Reagan the other day came

close to calling China an ally. But the internal administration debate is far from over. And so is the November election.

Many Asian states feel bypassed by the administration—notably the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand, again left off the President's Pacific itinerary. Future diplomacy must better embrace them.

As in the Middle East and Central America, the Reagan Asian outlook reflects a tension. The administration seems caught between a vision of revived U.S. strategic power and the historical, cultural, and military realities of the region it would influence.

If nothing else, the President's trip to China can help the administration better understand what an effective Asian policy should and should not include.

### County Within Country

Country within a country; Spain's Catalonia marks five years as an autonomous region within the Spanish democracy. Catalonia lost its autonomy in 1714. Its language was suppressed by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, but has been recognized as co-official with Spanish since his death in 1975, National Geographic says.

### Will Not Go Away

Even 40 years after a crime, FBI lasers can disclose the otherwise unidentifiable print left by the finger of a fugitive, says National Geographic. Lasers can also weld car parts, husk peanuts, and drill holes in baby-bottle nipples.

## D-Day Is Approaching

By BIGNALL JONES  
Occasionally, when the family has taken a trip, I find that I have accumulated enough material to fill this column for two and sometimes three weeks, but usually I am able to hold it to one column, which I prefer. This week, instead of one subject, I have a few shorter subjects upon which I will comment.

After the paper was out last week, I received a long letter from a former Warren County native, who asked that if we used the letter that we would not use his name, as he preferred no publicity.

The writer said that as a draftee he left Warren County in April 1942 and was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg and has not been a resident of the county since that time, although he still subscribes to The Warren Record, and particularly likes "Looking Back Into The Record" each week. He said that on June 6, 1944, he participated in the assault on Omaha Beach. June 6 is now celebrated as D Day, and my correspondent suggested that if we listed other men from Warren County who took part in this event, that we send him a list of these men in order that he might correspond with some of them. With his request he included a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

According to Russell Currin, Warren County Veteran Service Officer, it is easy to find the area in which any veteran participated, but very hard to find a single battle. He suggested that we inspect the discharges (filed in the Register of Deeds Office) in the hope that such information might be given on the discharges. We looked over a small number of these without finding any such information. As the court house has been closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of this week, we have not been able to continue our search. I was rewarded in finding the discharge of my late brother, Howard F. Jones, which contained a record of his service in the Mediterranean Theatre.

If there are any readers of this column who know of any veterans of World War II from Warren County who took part in the assault on Omaha Beach, please send me their names and addresses in order that I may forward them to my correspondent.

A few weeks ago another Warrenton native, who has distinguished himself in the field of business, was the subject of the Fort Wayne, Ind., newspaper on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pontiac Automobile Agency in Fort Wayne, a copy of which Haywood Davis sent me asking that we change his address from Florida to Fort Wayne.

I wrote Haywood asking that he send us the picture used in the Fort Wayne Sentinel, as we thought it would still be of interest in Warren County. Haywood replied that he left Warrenton over 61 years ago, and he feels that few here now would remember him.

During the past week I received a nice letter from Mrs. Fair Polk Mitchell who now lives in Florida. She has been a close friend since childhood, and one of my staunchest supporters when the going got rough in the sixties. She has also been a reader of The Warren Record for some 50 years.

Fair wrote me a personal letter congratulating The Warren Record for receiving an award for outstanding journalism. She was nice enough to say that she was not surprised. I appreciated her letter as I have always appreciated her friendship. Actually, I had little to do with the award, as my son Howard is now managing the paper. To him and the excellent staff of The Record goes the credit.

Another subscriber and friend, Johnny Hunt of Beaufort, wrote me a short letter enclosing an account of the Warren County Shrine Club at Henderson on Tuesday, March 30, 1948 as published in the Sudan's Red Fez. Johnny wrote: "In looking over a copy of the Sudan Temple Red Fez, dated May 1948, I found the article about Warren County which may still be interesting." It reads:

The regular quarterly meeting of the Warren County Shrine Club was held at the Capitol Cafe, Henderson, N. C., on Tuesday, March 30, 1948, with 30 Nobles present. Noble P. J. T. Rawlins of Henderson, N. C., Assistant Alchemist of Sudan Temple, was a guest and made a brilliant address which was enjoyed by all present. Noble H. M. "Hank" Hardy, chairman of the uniform committee, presented a suggested uniform to the club and the ensemble was unanimously adopted as the official club uniform. The club discussed plans looking toward participation as a unit in the parade at the Wilson Ceremonial and a parade committee was appointed to handle details.

Election of officers for the new year resulted in the following unanimously elected: President, E. M.

Gilliam, Warrenton, N. C.  
Vice-President, J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, N. C.

Sec.-Treas., Harry W. Walker, Norlina, N. C.  
Asst. Sec.-Treas., Kenneth Severance, Norlina, N. C.

The club gave a rising vote of thanks to J. E. Rooker, Jr., 2nd Ceremonial Master of Sudan Temple, for his work in organizing the Warren County Shrine Club and serving as its first president.

Howard had been asked to take a picture of a meeting of the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club at the Middleburg Steakhouse at 8 o'clock Friday night. He invited Grace, Ann and me to accompany him and eat dinner as his guests prior to the club meeting. After dinner we rode to the Henderson Mall to see an art display. Among those participating with sketches and oil paintings was Carolyn Steele, our receptionist at the office of The Warren Record. The show was quite interesting. After viewing Carolyn's exhibits, I walked through the mall until I came to the exhibit of Jean McCamy of Wake Forest, who writes a weekly column for The Wake Weekly. I have been reading her columns in The Weekly for years, but I had never met her or knew that she was an artist. My wife and I had a delightful if short visit with Jean and her husband, whom Grace later said was quite handsome.

We got back to Middleburg Steak House in ample time to take pictures around 9 o'clock.

### Courthouse Squares



### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 6/3-6/9/84

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Take advantage of educational opportunities that come your way. Be open to new trends and innovative thoughts.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
Acquiring assets is a motivating force. A business transaction could find you on top of the heap.
- GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
Powerful forces are at work to bring you success in business ventures and in your personal life.
- CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Confidential matters keep you working behind the scenes. You'll have your day in the sun before long.
- LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
Social life takes a definite upswing. Be ready to celebrate at the slightest excuse. Exciting times are coming.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Career opportunity takes a new direction. Old dogs can learn new tricks as you will find out.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
Open your mind to distant horizons. An academic challenge can change your point of view completely.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Sharing a confidence with another puts the burden of responsibility on you for the successful completion of a venture.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
With your skillful maneuvering, a dear one is led straight to the altar. Are you the one with outstretched arms?
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Hygienic conditions on the job are important to your well being. Practice all rules of safety and security.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Separation from one who has been a part of your recent past is inevitable. The break is advantageous to all.
- PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Family relationships are emphasized. Eruptions are quickly followed by peacemaking efforts. You must be the wise arbitrator.

## Should Be Required

To The Editor:

Being certified and becoming an A-rated member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association should be requirements of every fire company existing in Warren County.

Fire insurance on all real estate and property in the county would be cheaper.

Compare the benefits available to members of a certified fire company which belongs to the association to those of members of a company with no rating, which is not a member of the association.

The association's annual membership fee is only \$3 for each individual.

Each child of a firefighter who is an association member may compete for a scholarship or apply for a college loan from the State Firemen's Association.

If a firefighter is killed in the line of duty, educational benefits will be available to his children from the State Firemen's Association. His family will also receive \$25,000 from the State of North Carolina and \$50,000 from the federal government.

There is an optional Life Insurance Fund available to members of the association.

All firefighters who are members of a rated and certified fire company are eligible to join the Fireman's Pension Program for a small contribution of \$5 per month. After 20 years and at the age of 55, the firefighter may retire and receive \$75 per month as long as he lives.

Every rated fire company that is a member of the association participates in the local relief fund which is funded annually from the N. C. Department of Insurance so that no firefighter shall suffer a financial loss as a result of service-connected sickness or injury. After the local fund is exhausted, a claim may be made for benefits from the State Relief Fund.

Firefighters should demand visible evidence from their fire chief that their company is certified and rated and that the rating and membership with the N. C. State Firemen's Association is maintained.

We trust that the county commissioners are aware of and concerned about the certification and rating of each fire company in the county.

ELVIRA J. KIRKLAND  
Mother of a firefighter  
Manson

## News Of Yesteryear

### Looking Back Into The Warren Record

June 2, 1944

Lina McCarroll, daughter of Captain Shipp McCarroll of Illinois and Mrs. Mary Burwell McCarroll of Warrenton, won two silver trophies and a ribbon for her riding at the 24th annual Horse Show of the Deep Run Hunt Club of Richmond, Va., on Saturday.

The awarding of the Distinguished Flying Cross to S-Sgt. James Howard Riggan, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Riggan, Macon, has been announced by the Ninth Air Force Headquarters.

Pinch-hitting for Jack Dowtin, Jr., William Allen Connell gave Hickory Wood, Warrenton merchant, a short wheelbarrow ride here on Sunday afternoon before around 300 persons, many of whom had come to town early to see the paying off of a campaign wager before attending Memorial Services on Courthouse Square later in the afternoon.

May 29, 1959

Jane Link, a Warrenton High School senior, was crowned "Warren County Dairy Princess" at a beauty pageant staged in John Graham auditorium here on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Sue Dossett Skinner, Warren County assistant home economics agent, was voted the most typical assistant home economics agent in the state at the State Agricultural Extension Conference in Asheville last week.

J. Allen Kimball, Jr. of Manson is completing the first year of his major in the field crops on an agriculture-connected scholarship at North Carolina State College.

May 30, 1974

A quarter-million-dollar budget to operate the Town of Warrenton during the 1974-75 fiscal year has been adopted by town commissioners, subject to final approval during a June 10 public hearing.

Miss Patricia Dishmon of LaCrosse, Va., whose marriage to Ronnie Baker of Norlina will take place on June 15, was honored at a miscellaneous shower last Thursday evening, May 23, at the Norlina Clubhouse.

Fourteen seniors comprising the first graduation class of Warren Academy put on caps and gowns Sunday night to hear a baccalaureate sermon preached by the Rev. Wayne Young, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

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