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The Moralizing Dross

There is nothing unusual about The News and Observer saying unkind words about Republicans, making little distinction between good and bad Republicans. But in Sunday's News and Observer, Editorial Director Claude Sitton draws something of a distinction between conservatives and right-wing radicals seeking to pass as Republicans.

Sitton said "Ownership of the Republican Party passed from conservatives to right-wing radicals last week in Dallas while Ronald Reagan stood by and smiled...." "So unconventional was the conservatives surrender that most of the radical leaders skipped the session in which the convention rubber-stamped their handwork. Instead they trooped out to Bunky Hunt's Circle T Ranch to rub shoulders of the tycoons of oil, business and the Mural Majority in a spirituous celebra-

tion (24 bars manned by 60 bartenders, reported the Dallas Herald) of their unholy alliance.

"One deceptive aspect of this whole scene is the penchant of radical leaders, among them Jesse Helms, for calling themselves Conservatives and Republicans. In truth they are neither."

We have a great deal of sympathy for the views of Editorial Director Claude Sitton, having personally known some Republicans of high charter and good will, but our hats are off to Editor Sitton for writing the paragraph in which he stated:

"This new order is to be presided over by a family man who seldom sees his family, a self-styled religious man who goes to church occasionally at best and a tither who doesn't tithe. This is just more of the moralizing dross that wraps the radical package."

Red Means Danger

By WALTER SPEARMAN
In The Smithfield Herald

Everybody knows that the color red signifies danger and means "Watch out!"

But hummingbirds haven't learned that lesson yet—and are still sitting on the fence. Out in St. Paul, Minn. that proved to be a very dangerous thing to do as hundreds of hummingbirds were electrocuted.

The trouble was that the nation's largest manufacturer of electric fences was using red insulators, which hummingbirds took to be some beautiful new red flower from which they expected to draw nectar. But when the tiny birds stuck their beaks into the insulator in search of nectar, they contacted both the electric fence and the metal pole inside the insulator at the same time—and were electrocuted.

When word got around to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, state officials contacted the makers of the electric fences and requested a color change for the insulators—from red to black.

The company obliged—and the hummingbirds are no longer killing themselves when they sit on the fence and probe for nectar. And farmers in the Midwest who have the old red insulators have been advised to paint them black so they won't tempt the hummingbirds.

There's a lesson in this for us humans, too, so take warning: When you see your bank account or your family checkbook is "in the red," you'd better hurry to put it "in the black" again. "Red is for danger" is a warning note for folks as well as hummingbirds!

Uninsured Motorists

In The Greensboro Daily News
Disclosure that North Carolina's compulsory automobile liability insurance law is being enforced only haphazardly, if at all, comes as a shocker to drivers who dutifully pay and have paid the constantly rising costs for protection they are not getting.

And the biggest shock lies in the fact that responsibility for this laxness apparently lies in an arbitrary—if not capricious—decision made on its own by the state agency charged with seeing that registered vehicles are properly insured.

The heart of any compulsory automobile insurance law must lie in the fact that everybody participates,

thus affording adequate protection against injury and loss of property on an equal basis to every driver who puts a car on the road. If that's not the case, then something is wrong with the system. And in North Carolina that has been the case since 1981 when the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles abolished a rule requiring insurance agencies to notify the state of any change in auto insurance policies.

If the state is going to operate under a compulsory automobile insurance system, then the law must be applied fairly and equally and the state must see that the law is thoroughly enforced.

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This large A-frame building contains the kilns used by glassmakers at Jamestown, Va. Craftsmen employed by the U. S. Department of the Interior turn out glass items similar to those produced nearly 400 years ago on the shores of the James River. Some of the tourists standing in line to purchase glassware are shown above. (Staff Photo)

Mostly Personal

A Visit To Mathews

By BIGNALL JONES

Because my wife lived as a child with her family in Mathews, Va., where her father, the late B. N. deFoe Wagner was rector of three churches, we have often visited this small but changing village. This past Saturday our family again revisited Mathews Court House on the shores of Mobjack Bay.

At first, when the children were small, there remained several friends of my wife's childhood, but they grew fewer as the years passed, and on Saturday there remained the churches of which Mr. Wagner had served as rector, or at least two of them, the third now serving as a community center, and a few buildings unchanged, but we saw no Mathews citizens that we knew Saturday. But the hours we spent in Mathews were pleasant ones, with the principal regrets voiced by Grace, Howard and Ann, that they had not come dressed for crabbing and fishing. But how could we when we left Warrenton on Saturday morning at seven o'clock, we didn't know that we were going to Mathews at all?

The Saturday trip was conceived almost on the moment, and in response to a Friday night weather report promising that both Saturday and Sunday would be cool. As we were riding Friday night, Grace said, "let us get up at six o'clock in the morning and go to Jamestown and to Yorktown," one of my favorite meccas. And then someone remembered that our rector, Dr. Ray Selby had said there was an excellent restaurant at Surry, Va., where we could eat breakfast. We had a breakfast at home of cereal and coffee, thinking that we would get a heavier breakfast at Surry. A little more than a hundred miles later, Grace drove into the yard of the attractive Surry House, where we made the first mistake of the day when we ordered pancakes and sausage with our coffee—three pancakes and two cakes of sausage in the case of Ann and me. The meal was delicious and the service was good, and it was not until hours later that we realized our mistake. Finishing breakfast and feeling "good" we drove past the pretty Surry County Courthouse and drove to the pier where

we joined a line of cars waiting for the Ferry to Jamestown.

Grace pulled in behind a car bearing a Henderson license, where we waited for the Ferry to unload and send its passengers by the line where we waited. When in turn we drove on the ferry Grace parked behind a car bearing a Rocky Mount license. About 30 minutes later the Ferry pulled into Jamestown, and we found our way to the Jamestown Glasshouse. After parking we found we had a long walk to our destination, but the walk was shady and led by an old-fashioned rail fence like the ones so familiar for pastures when I was a boy in Sandy Creek Township in Warren County.

At the Glasshouse, we watched glassblowers blow glass instruments and insert them into the kilns. Later we had an opportunity to view and buy pitchers and glasses, and other glass vessels, and I think Grace bought a vessel for a Christmas gift. She buys her birthday and Christmas gifts throughout the year.

Lots of people from Eastern North Carolina cross the James River on the ferry en route to Williamsburg, Va., but we drove from Jamestown to Yorktown through the parkway. Much of this route bordered the blue waters of the York and the remainder was along shady roads bordering green fields upon which, in several occasions, deer grazed. At Yorktown we drove by a restaurant where several weeks ago I had left my hat. Surprisingly, the restaurant employee found it in his business office where it had been placed.

Grace was driving, as usual, and Howard was riding on the front seat with her, and Ann and I were riding on the back seat, when Grace drove on to the bridge that crossed the York River and led to Gloucester, Va. As we drove through Yorktown, Howard had told Grace that Mathews was only a short ways from Gloucester, and thus we soon landed in Mathews, Va.

Near Mathews we reached the marine motel and restaurant where many persons traveling by their yachts through the Inland Waterways have their meals. Although it was after 2 p. m. before we ordered our meal, I

was not hungry due to the heavy breakfast at Surry and I think my companions felt the same. We ordered seafood of various description, and unfortunately they served large portions, and before we finished eating the delicious meal we realized that our heavy breakfast at Surry was a mistake. In spite of light meals for dinner, breakfast and Sunday lunch, only for dinner Sunday night did I again feel hungry.

As we left the motel, we noticed a beautiful yacht moored to the wharf. It was large, painted white and bore on its top a small sailboat flying an American flag. Howard guessed that it must have cost at least \$100,000, and we both thought of J. P. Morgan's reply to an acquaintance who asked him what it would cost to own a yacht. Morgan said "if you have to ask that, you can't afford it."

After driving around Mathews for a short time, Grace and Howard visited Christ Church and took pictures. I noticed the churchyard contained many monuments as well as small grave stones. From Christ Church we drove to Trinity Church where Mr. Wagner had served as rector. Here Grace and Howard went to the church where they found a Roman Catholic group was preparing to hold mass. The Bishop from Richmond came up to the car in which I was seated and introduced himself. He said that the Episcopal diocese still owned the church, but was kind enough to allow the Catholics to hold mass in the building each Saturday until they could build their own church. I thought this was not only nice, but noteworthy.

We visited one more Episcopal Church before reaching home. In Gloucester County, Grace pulled into a short lane that led to Old Ware Church, a placard at the entrance to the lane revealed that the church was built in 1690. It has, presumably, been in constant use since that date. We did not enter this church, but Grace drove through the churchyard. It was shady and well-kept and was perhaps the prettiest cemetery I have ever seen.

Clean or replace your air conditioner filters at least once a month.

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

September 1, 1944

Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, Nazi radio commentator, admitted last night that the defeat of Germany is drawing closer and in perhaps the strongest peace note yet voiced by a German propagandist, implied that the Reich would like to talk compromise terms on a basis somewhere short of unconditional surrender.

Pvt. and Mrs. Creed Satterwhite and daughter, Carolyn, spent Sunday afternoon at Silver Springs, Fla. Pvt. Satterwhite is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Warrenton stores and businesses, which have been observing half-day holidays each Wednesday during the summer months, will next week abandon the half-holidays for the winter months.

August 28, 1959

Members of Vaughan Baptist Church are building a new, \$25,000 church and funds have been raised altogether by tithes and offerings. A building fund was set up in 1952 when the first homecoming service was held at the church.

Dr. William Alexander Mabry, a native of Ridge-way, has been appointed dean of the college at Randolph-Macon Men's College, effective September 1, it was announced today by President J. Earl Moreland.

Mrs. J. E. Banzet honored her niece, Miss Dickey Watkins of Oxford, at a Coca-Cola party on the porch of her home Wednesday morning. Eighteen guests attended.

August 29, 1974

Newly completed doctors' offices on the grounds of Warren General Hospital have been occupied by two Warrenton doctors, Dr. D. A. McLaurin and Dr. Charles Bunch.

Construction of a regional water system to serve portions of Warren County—stalled several months by a \$3 million bid overrun—is being pushed again following governmental pledges of the necessary funds.

Andy McLaurin, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. McLaurin of Warrenton, will spend the 1974-75 academic year at the University of Sevilla in southern Spain.

Remedy Is Outlined For Missing Check

The following column was prepared as a public service by the staff of the Henderson Social Security office.

A person whose Social Security check does not arrive on the day it is expected should wait for two more mail deliveries before contacting the Henderson Social Security office.

If the check still has not arrived after two days, the people at the Henderson Social Security office can begin action.

The most common cause of delayed or unreceived checks is failure to report a change of address. Many people fail to notify Social Security when they move, even though they rely on their Social Security checks as their primary source of income.

Some think it is enough to report their change of address to the post office. The post office, however, will forward mail to the person's new address for only one year. After that, they will send the check back to the U. S. Treasury.

If the person's check is returned and the new address provided, it usually takes four or five days for a new check to be sent. If the check was not returned, a stop order will be put on it and the matter will be transferred to Washington, D. C. to see if the check has been cashed.

If it has not been cashed, a new check will be sent immediately. This process can take up to three weeks. If it has been cashed, a new check cannot be sent until the person who cashed the check is identified.

Even though a person's check is deposited directly into his or her account in a financial institution, he or she should notify Social Security of any change in address.

More information about Social Security checks can be obtained at the Henderson Social Security office, located at Northside Plaza Shopping Center, Henderson, N. C. The telephone number is 257-2426.

DID YOU KNOW?

SHERLOCK HOLMES
THE FICTIONAL DETECTIVE CREATED BY BRITISH WRITER SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
—FIRST APPEARED IN 1887.
DOYLE, WHO HAD AN M.D. DEGREE, TRIED TO SPECIALIZE IN OPHTHALMOLOGY, AND WROTE STORIES WHILE WAITING FOR PATIENTS TO COME IN. HE WROTE 60 ADVENTURES ABOUT SHERLOCK HOLMES. DOYLE WAS AN INVENTOR TOO. HE WAS KNIGHTED IN 1902 FOR WORK HE DID IN THE BOER WAR. ALSO, HE INTRODUCED SKIING IN SWITZERLAND.

FREDERIC BATHOLDI
FRENCH SCULPTOR
NOT ONLY BUILT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY—HE RAISED A LOT OF MONEY TO FUND IT. IT WAS HAMMERED ON A WOODEN MOLD OUT OF 300 SHEETS OF COPPER.
BAGPIPES FAVORITE SCOTTISH FOLK INSTRUMENTS, WERE HISTORICALLY FIRST SEEN IN ROME. NERO PLAYED THEM.

MOST BADGERS ARE GROUND DWELLERS. BUT CERTAIN BADGERS OF CHINA, BURMA AND JAVA, CAN CLIMB TREES.