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A Great Relief

Obviously, since The Warren Record goes to press early on Wednesday morning, only a few hours after votes are tallied on Tuesday night, we are in no position to either influence the election or to comment on the winners and losers but on the other hand time has a way of curing disappointments.

The one safe conclusion we can make is that most persons will be glad the election is over. It has lasted too long, cost too much and been greatly overplayed by the media, particularly, by television advertising on

the part of the candidates.

Debates between the candidates have for centuries been a way of bringing the personalities of the candidates, their abilities and their programs before the voters. We have found the debates both interesting and quite revealing, and seldom overdone. But we have found constant repetition of charges, many half-truths on TV, maddening.

Now it will be a real relief to turn our attention to more pleasant matters.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate those concerned for the beautification of the Warrenton Postoffice during the past several weeks, a painful time for employees during the several days old varnish was being removed from boxes, tables and doors with chemicals.

But patrons visiting the postoffice this week will find that the postoffice has been given a good

cleaning, including removal of radiators and cleaning behind them, the removal of old varnish, and its replacement, shining the brass fixtures, and cleaning the lights, removing tables to give better access for cleaning and revarnishing. As a result of the completion of renovating the building, a pretty postoffice has been made even more beautiful.

Disturbing Trend

In The Fayetteville-Times The most disturbing trend in the study of higher education commissioned by the National Institute of Education is that the campus is becoming more and more a drill field for "a nation of shopkeepers" while the classic object of schooling, the forming of minds of wisdom and discernment, languishes.

The percentage of higher educational graduates in liberal arts and sciences, as opposed to professional or vocational areas, has dropped from 49 percent in 1971 to 36 percent in 1982. The percentage of entering freshmen who want to be professors has dropped from 1.8 percent to .02 percent since 1966.

The study warned that "the bachelor's degree has lost its potential to foster the shared values and knowledge that bind us together as a society."

No nation can truly prosper if the energies of its best minds are

devoted primarily to getting and spending. The demand-supply curve for brains is the most important measure of the wellbeing of society and when too much of the brainpower is enthralled by mundane pursuits of the market place, society's progress can expect to be only mundane.

Fortunately, the law of scholarly supply-and-demand so often works to right itself. You can bet that the statistic on professorships will not be lost on the more alert entering freshmen. This semester's famine is often next season's glut. It has happened in medicine and law, and it may be happening in "business administration" next.

"Back to basics" is a good principle in higher education as in secondary schooling, and it is clearly time for more young people to see the advantage of the enduring values of the liberal arts education.

'Old Folks At Home'

"Old Folks at Home" is by Kathryn Bright Gurkin of Clinton, and is reproduced from Sam Ragan's column, "Southern Accent," in The Southern Pines Pilot: They were so busy living that they never planned on living too long in a world where life costs more and so lost opportunity to bend the future to their will. Their savings spent on bare necessities, the rent one pays the world comes due and payable in blood and they repent in anguish the fat years when old men were their fathers, not themselves.

Forty widows live along the highway to my mother's house, not one secure, not one who relishes the prospect of another year eked out from rents and pensions, wracked by fear of falling ill but living on and on.

"Is this America?" they cry.
"What happened to America, sweet bye and bye?"

Out there, they promised us the moon and all we get is surplus cheese! You can't buy groceries and oil on what we get, The government, it owes us more, not less."

Their houses crumble slowly down around them but they try to tithe—down payment on a hoped-for piece of heaven someday but of course you have to die. Meanwhile the lifeblood of America goes hurtling down the highways, through the skies, down pipelines, rivers, over oceans—an unstoppable appalling avalanche of goods.

Quotes

"Put all your eggs in one basket and watch that basket." —Mark Twain

"Some folks are too polite to be up to any good." —Kim Hubbard

By BIGNALL JONES

Since the election will be over when The Warren Record goes to press Wednesday morning and it is too late to change any votes, it may be well to discuss the meaning of liberal and conservative in a non-emotional manner.

Several weeks ago we ran in this column a "Letter to the editor" in the Smithfield Herald in which Jane R. Montgomery of Smithfield defined her idea of a conservative. I do not know whether Mrs. Montgomery is white or black or Democrat or Republican, only that I was so impressed with her views that I decided to reprint her letter at a suitable time, which I now feel has arrived. It follows:

"The Reader's Idea Of A True Conservative" To The Editor:

The two most misused words today are "liberal" and "conservative." The media, politicians and religious leaders bandy these words around without the public's really knowing what they are saying.

To me, a "conservative" is one who conserves, protects, and uses reasonable caution. I believe we ought to conserve the environment: our children need clean air, clean water, good land, and a reasonably free country.

To resist the developers, the free enterprise fanatics, and those who wish to maintain the status quo—"me get, you just sorry"—is the true spirit of conservatism.

Have you ever examined why people of power and influence are where they are? A few are downright smart, but many were lucky by inheritance of color, money, and special privilege. Many think they deserve all that they have without a backward glance at all who helped them achieve their comfort (even the poor contributed). Affording opportunity for all is conserving human beings for society.

I believe that every person should warrant justice under the law and be treated the same way for the same offense. Should this not conserve respect for justice?

I believe that we must have "government on our backs" if we conserve the seas, the farmlands, the air, and our natural resources. Have you seen what's happening to the forests all over our state? Do you see the fields washing away? Do you see the river lowgrounds being filled in, with trees dying in agony to make way for used-car lots, gas pumps, junk, sign pollution and scenic filth?

A true conservative is less greedy to make a buck. He wishes to save some beauty near the Town Commons and wants to conserve and preserve for another day.

A true conservative believes in the privilege of choice in religion. To me, this means that you have the freedom to worship, to believe, to get an education, to travel our country without interfering with the rights of others. I believe that you should drive courteously, that you should choose where you wish to live and how many children you have

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without your religion or your motives being questioned. Do you want a second China, India, or other overpopulated country?

I also believe that the true conservative believes in the free-enterprise system, which does not mean corporations gobbling up other corporations, executives of large companies pocketing millions then blaming the unions for wanting job security. Conserving our country does not mean going overseas to use cheap labor to make more money to influence people, elections and the media while screaming about government regulations and welfare cheaters. Free enterprise means being free to make an honest buck but not being so greedy that you want to have it all, use it all, and eat it all.

You see, my idea of being conservative — which I am — is so different but correct that I'll bet you have thought I was a wild-eyed liberal!

JANE R. MONTGOMERY
Smithfield

By a coincidence it was Wingate Lassiter, editor of The Smithfield Herald who defines a liberal in a recent editorial:

Do You Really Know What A 'Liberal' Is?

The dirtiest word in the political vocabulary of 1984 is "liberal." It's used time and again in a spiteful manner to attack political opponents, the news media, and anyone else who happens to disagree with whoever's doing the labeling.

But does anyone out there really know the true meaning, or meanings, of the word "liberal?"

There is a variety of definitions.

"Marked by generosity and openhandedness" is the meaning on the minds of politicians who want voters to believe their opponents are spendthrifts with the public's money, always looking for new ways to tax in order to waste.

Letter To The Editor

Strength In Unity

To the Editor:

I don't know if Warren County can be considered a typical American county or a typical southern county, but after living here for 35 years and after having travelled to some other counties I find these facts to be true about my home county.

There is no doubt that there is covert as well as overt racism here, but at the same time there is a spirit of togetherness that almost defies logic. In travelling around this county, I find that individuals look out for the common good of each other whether they are white or non-white. I find that when it is a case of human interest, humanity is prevalent. This is evident when one sees blacks and whites, eating, talking and working together. It was evident when Warren County united against other forces to attempt to halt the dumping of PCB-laced soil in this county. It is evident when blacks and whites go to school and live not in a segregated manner but in a spirit of togetherness.

I have learned in my years here that people basically are the same with the same desires, needs, hopes and dreams and when people are forced to live together, they adjust to survive.

This is not to say that there is not room for improvement, but it is a statement that affirmative action is voluntarily being enacted, though not on a large enough or all encompassing scale.

If I were to leave here, and one day that may be necessary, I could honestly say that yesterday I learned while I struggled and things are no different now. I hope Warren County continues to do the same thing. Remember, there is strength in unity.

MILTON G. DAVIS
Rt. 1, Warrenton



Looking Back Into The Warren Record

November 10, 1944

The USS Lenoir, named in honor of the county in the Eastern section of the state, was launched at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock under the sponsorship of Mrs. John H. Kerr of Warrenton, wife of the congressman from the Second District.

Asking that they either "enforce or repeal" the town milk ordinance, A. J. Ellington, local dairy operator, was before the Board of Town Commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Next week is the time for the annual library campaign, directed this year by Mrs. Clyde Rodwell of Warrenton and Mrs. Clarence Thompson of Macon. Both have done excellent work in the previous campaigns for the library, and in the sale of War Bonds.

November 6, 1959

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church of Elberon will hold a loyalty dinner as part of its Forward Program on Thursday night, Nov. 12, at Hotel Warren according to C. H. Stegall, chairman of the budget promotion committee.

James D. Alston, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Alston of Littleton, will attend the National 4-H Congress with the North Carolina delegation when they go to Chicago the day after Thanksgiving.

Miss Scott Rodwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rodwell of Warrenton, was standard bearer for the freshman class of Stratford College in Danville, Va. when the school recently celebrated October Day.

November 7, 1974

Steven E. Brooks, a native of Siler City, has been named assistant extension agent in Warren County to succeed A. Joseph Warner, who resigned earlier this year to return to Ohio.

Construction of a sewage system for Northwest Warren County came a step closer on Monday when the Board of county commissioners passed resolutions naming Warren County as the lead agency and authorizing Board Chairman Claude Bowers to sign necessary papers for Survey 201.

Teresa Hicks of Norlina has been tapped for membership in the Peace College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, junior college academic honor society.



The lilac, a native of the Orient, was not introduced into Europe until the 16th century.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton Planning Board hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held Monday, November 12, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. at the Warrenton Town Hall, 119 East Market Street, Warrenton, North Carolina. Purpose of the hearing-For Public consideration and comment concerning rezoning of property located at 305 and 307 West Franklin Street, Warrenton Township, Warrenton, N. C. To change present zoning from R-12 (Medium Density Residential) to R-8 (High Density Residential) to allow construction of an apartment complex. A copy of the request for zoning change is available at the Warrenton Town Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for public inspection.

ROY P. ROBERTSON

Chairman, Warrenton Planning Board

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A copy of the request for change is available for public inspection at the Warrenton Town Hall Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Roy P. Robertson,

Chairman, Warrenton Planning Board