

# The Warren Record

Published Every Wednesday By  
Record Printing Company

P. O. Box 70, Warrenton, N. C. 27589

BIGNALL JONES  
Editor

HOWARD F. JONES  
Business Manager

KAY HORNER  
News Editor

Member North Carolina Press Association

ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE POST OFFICE  
IN WARRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA, UNDER THE LAWS OF CONGRESS  
Second Class Postage Paid At Warrenton, N. C.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**

In Warren and adjoining counties	Elsewhere
\$8.00 Per Year	\$10.00 Per Year
\$5.00 Six Months	\$6.00 Six Months

## Mostly Personal

### New Term Is Begun

By BIGNALL JONES

A local lady said when she first began to hear of plans for the inauguration of President Reagan over the weekend that she could not see why he had to go through all that when he had already been re-elected. In spite of her

views, so far as I know, every President we ever elected or re-elected has repeated the oath of office each time, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt who was elected four times.

While all of them took the oath at beginning

their new terms of office, I think that President Reagan was the only President who swore two oaths for one election. Maybe he felt that the size of his victory was large enough for both. He and Mrs. Reagan had a grand time, and I think that the millions of people who watched the event had a million dollars worth of fun.

The inauguration Sunday and Monday, naturally brought tales of other inaugurations. For instance, Thomas Jefferson walked from his boarding house in Washington to the unfinished Capitol where he took the oath of office. There was no parade.

Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President, stole into Washington to take the oath. Again there were no festivities. President Jimmy Carter and his party walked from the Capitol to the White House. I remember that walk and I thought that it bode well for him, but since I have heard the Secret Service considered it foolhardy. Jimmy Carter, who fancied himself as a plain man, stopped the Marine Band from playing "Hail to the Chief" in his honor.

Not so President Reagan who just eats up all kind of homage, but he and Mrs. Reagan do it in a nice manner that has a certain appeal. The President is also kind and considerate and also loves to praise others. But somehow he reminds me of a little boy at a party.

Luther Hodges was one of the greatest governors the State of North Carolina ever had. When he finished his term as governor, he was chosen Secretary of Commerce by President Jack Kennedy. I don't remember whether or not he resigned before the end of his term, but I am sure that he didn't trade jobs with any other cabinet member. I wonder what Kennedy would have done had a similar swap been made behind his back. I know that Reagan let it go, but I don't believe that he has set a precedent.

I have learned years ago that I do not have to admire a person to like him. I always liked President Eisenhower, although I don't think he was one of our greater Presidents. The greatest thing in his career came at the end of his term, when he reminded the American people to beware of the military-industrial complex. It is a calamity that President Reagan did not heed it.

## Letter To The Editor

### The World Is Mine

Letter To Editor:

The following poem was sent to me by the Security Federal Savings and Loan Association of Durham, N. C. Through the medium of The Warren Record I'd like to share it with your readers.

Sincerely,  
JEFF D. PALMER

The World Is Mine

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair;  
I envied her—she seemed so gay—and wished I were as fair  
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle,  
She had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
I have two feet — the world is mine!

And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm.  
I talked to him—she said to me:  
"It's nice to talk with folks like you.  
You see," said he, "I'm blind."  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
I have two eyes — the world is mine!

Then, walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do.  
I stopped a moment, then I said: "Why don't you join the others, dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew, he could not hear.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
I have two ears — the world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go,  
With eyes to see the sunset glow,  
With ears to hear what I would know,  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
I'm blessed indeed! The World is mine!

—Author Unknown

## News Of Yesteryear

### Looking Back Into

### The Warren Record

January 26, 1945

In view of the fuel shortage in the nation, Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen this week called upon all school principals of the county to dispense with all gatherings and occasions which require heating except the regular school day.

Sgt. Leon P. Pridgen, Company B, 34th engineer Battalion (C), APO 244, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pridgen of Norlina, who has been serving in the Pacific area for 40 months, has been commended by his commanding officer, Lt. Col. J. F. Houlden, for work of outstanding worth and merit.

Mrs. H. N. Walters entertained her card club on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. W. R. Baskerville won high score prize.

January 22, 1960

Linwood Ward, 23, of Tabor City has accepted a position as agricultural teacher at John Graham High School, succeeding Phil Beaman.

Charles C. Beck was installed as Worshipful Master of the Francis S. Packard Lodge No. 630 A.F. & A.M. for the year 1960 at a meeting held on Thursday evening of last week.

Vernon Steed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Steed of Warrenton, left on Sunday for Washington, D. C. where on Monday he entered the Grantham School of Electronics.

January 23, 1975

The first federally funded public works program to combat unemployment has been approved for Warren County, with \$33,671 allocated for eight workers over a six-month period.

The Little Garden Club met Saturday at the Lion's Den with Mrs. Alpheus Jones, Jr., vice president, calling the meeting to order. Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Charles R. Welfare, spoke on "Growing Roses."

Miss Mary Reynolds Duncan of Columbia, S. C. is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lulie P. Gay.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 1985 at the Warren County Courthouse, Main Street, Warrenton, N. C. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive input from the citizens of Warren County on the preparation of an application for Community Development Block Grant-Community Revitalization funds in the amount of \$750,000 to be utilized for the installation of water and sewer construction and improvements, housing rehabilitation, Acquisition, Demolition, Relocation, and related community revitalization activities in Warren County.

All interested citizens of Warren County are invited to attend.

Eva M. Clayton, Chairperson  
Warren County Board of Commissioners

## A Spirit Of Helping

The majority of homes within the town of Warrenton are fairly modern, many with central heat, and covered water pipes, so there are many whose house will not catch on fire or whose water pipes will not freeze—the two worst things that can happen as a result of excessive cold. But most of us who are fortunate enough to be well-housed can remember when the best of homes were subject to broken pipes whenever the thermometer fell below freezing—unless we cut the water off.

And now we remember those as even some of us shiver when the thermometer drops below zero, as seldom happens in the Sun Belt. Afraid to stir outside the confines of our houses for fear of breaking a limb, during the night and day we hear the fire alarms going off and wonder if it is the home of a friend, and know that firemen (all volunteers) are rushing to the firehouse, and in a matter of short

minutes we hear the fire trucks on their way to take help to some of our friends or neighbors. We wonder how many firemen have trouble starting trucks, and how much the heavy trucks loaded with water skid on the kinds of roads that keep us from leaving our homes. These young firemen are risking their lives, and sacrificing their own comfort in order to help others.

There are times when it seems that the getting of money is all that counts in this modern world, but such is not the case so long as our volunteer firemen answer calls into the night, and so long as power company workers answer the call to duty — and let us remember, that while there are powermen and firemen at these house fires, there are always neighbors responding to the needs of neighbors. In that spirit lies the ultimate hope of the world.

## Risky Business

By WINGATE LASSITER

In The Smithfield Herald

Ten years ago, those of us who believe in a free and independent "press" in American society would have been up in arms at the news that Senator Jesse Helms and his fund-raising empire will attempt to purchase control of the CBS television network.

But in today's deregulated media market, there's less cause for alarm. What if the Senator and his wealthy followers are able to come up with the billion dollars to take over CBS: yes, they would find themselves with their own handy propaganda machine; but they'd also find themselves struggling to hold TV viewers who would simply change channels once they saw what was going on.

Would the Helms empire then try

to gain control of ABC and NBC as well? and what about all the cable-news channels that have come on line in recent years—like Ted Turner's CNN and Independent Network News?

If a Helms buyout of CBS was able to succeed and put an end to that network's aggressive brand of news coverage (which many Americans have come to rely on, by the way), would not a new "CBS" be established to fill the void?

Our guess is that the Helms threat to take over a network because its news department doesn't suit the senator's fancy is nothing more than a political ploy to keep the man in the national limelight.

Putting up a billion dollars to buy CBS for propaganda purposes looks like risky business for anyone who's really serious about his personal investments.

## Year's Best Puns

By WALTER SPEARMAN

In The Smithfield Herald

Along about the first of the year we get lists of "Best-Dressed Men" and "Best-Coiffed Women," but those lists never turn us on since we are never on the lists anyway.

The list we like best comes from the International Save the Pun Foundation in Toronto, Canada, where lives John S. Crosbie: "Chairman of the Bored," collector of puns, and originator of "The Ten Best-Stressed Puns of the Year."

Entries for the annual contest came from around the world. Chairman Crosbie admits that some of the entries had to be "disqualified"—such as the ambitious photographer who sent a picture of Vanessa Williams "under the misapprehension that we were seeking 'the Tan Bust of the Year.'"

One of this year's winners is about the circus freak who was billed as "The World's Tallest Man." Unfortunately, when he became concerned about his weight he decided to give up eating butter and switched to Crisco—without realizing that it is shortening!

The other better one of the year concerns the husband who stood in front of the mirror carefully flossing his teeth. He would sigh every once in a while as he flossed. Suddenly his wife burst into the bathroom and gave him a swift kick. Bewildered,

the man asked why she kicked him. "I'm sorry," the wife said, "but I just don't believe in sighing flossers!"

## Was Walden Pond So Peaceful?

In The Charlotte Observer

There was exciting news last month from an international meeting of chemists in Honolulu. It seems that agricultural researchers have suspected for years that plants wage chemical warfare against each other, in some cases even secreting substances from their roots to alter the roots of nearby plants and either stunt their growth or kill them. Now researchers are learning how to exploit plants' natural warfare substances to develop natural methods of weed control.

That's good news for farmers and other Americans who depend on farmers' productivity for three square meals each day.

Perhaps it shouldn't surprise us to have an additional confirmation that the instinct for survival is so basic that even plants engage in secret wars. But we wonder if Thoreau could have done all that thinking at Walden Pond if he'd known what was going on all around him.

## Benefit Statements Are On Their Way

This column is provided as a public service by the Henderson Social Security Office.

Some 40 million Social Security benefit statements (Form SSA-1099) will be mailed from Jan. 5 through Jan. 29 to everyone who received or repaid Social Security benefits during 1984.

The benefit statements are for the purpose of enabling people to determine if they may owe income tax on their Social Security benefits.

At least nine out of 10 of those who receive the statement will not have to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits because their total income is too low. If a person receives a Social Security check as his or her only source of income, he or she is unlikely to have to pay income taxes on the benefits.

An Internal Revenue Service worksheet (IRS Notice 703) comes with the Form SSA 1099. The worksheet shows a beneficiary how to figure out if he or she owes income tax on his or her Social Security benefits.

If, after completing IRS Notice 703, a person believes that he or she has to pay taxes on the Social Security benefits and still has questions on how to file the income tax returns, he or she should call the nearest IRS or Social Security office and ask for publication 915.

The IRS telephone number is shown on the back of the IRS Notice 703. The local number for the Social Security office in Henderson is 257-2426.

A household in which a parent and several children are receiving benefits as a result of a deceased breadwinner would receive Form 1099 for each individual. The Form 1099 will show the amount of benefits paid to the individual beneficiary that should be used in filing his or her income tax.

Couples who are receiving benefits and file jointly should enter the total benefit amount from both Form 1099s on IRS Notice 703 to figure whether any Social Security benefits may be taxable.

People who receive Social Security checks on the basis of two different Social Security earnings records may get two Form 1099s in the mail. This would include, for example, a woman whose benefits reflect her earnings as a worker and as a spouse on her retired, disabled, or deceased husband's wage record.

These persons should combine the net benefit amounts from both forms when they complete IRS Notice 703.

Some beneficiaries may receive a Form SSA-1042S instead of a Form 1099. The information on the two forms is the same, except that Form SSA-1042S also includes information about any taxes withheld from benefits during the year. Taxes may be withheld from Social Security benefits for periods when Social Security records show the beneficiary is not a U.S. citizen and his or her residence was outside the United States.

Since the benefit statements will be mailed throughout the month of January, some people may not get theirs until late January. Those beneficiaries who haven't received a benefit statement should wait until at least February 5 before calling the Social Security office to arrange to get one.

People who do not have to pay Social Security taxes on their benefits should keep the Form 1099 for their tax records. They should not return it to the Social Security Administration or send it to the IRS.

## Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 1/27-2/2/85

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Journeys taken will be productive and will bring exciting and worthwhile experiences. Doors are opened for new pursuits.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
Major changes are likely in matters relating to joint finances, insurance, taxes, etc. Old conditions pass and new ones enter.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
Career matters take a decided turn for the better. Be sure of your facts before making a commitment.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Now is a good time to show your creativity and originality in developing new techniques for improving job performance.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
Joining a theatrical group enhances your social life. You can realize a fulfillment of your urge for self expression.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Changes in family life can be a disturbing factor. Look for the opening that lets in something new.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
You have an unconventional way of putting your ideas across. Some find it intriguing and very entertaining.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Assets are in a state of fluctuation—"now you have it - now you don't". Valuable lessons are learned.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
An urge for more freedom of thought and action prompts you to drop some old contacts and seek out new ones.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Knowledge comes to you from an unexpected source and your private affairs are turned topsy-turvy.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Original ideas and new insights you offer to group associates cements the ties you've formed. You can't leave now.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
A change in relationship with those in power will alter the financial picture. Have confidence in self.