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Deregulation Discussed

Elsewhere in this newspaper we are reproducing a clipping from The Durham Morning Herald in which it sets forth its reasons for stating "Tobacco Leaders Should Prepare For Deregulation," and which is being opposed. We quote two paragraphs to show the gravity of the problem:

"Today the government stocks of tobacco total 812 million pounds of tobacco worth roughly \$1.5 billion. The government is paying interest on that tobacco and it is not moving out of

storage. Foreign buyers are not interested. They can buy comparable tobacco far cheaper.

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Prepare For Deregulation

In The Durham Morning Herald Ultimately, North Carolina's tobacco program cannot survive without deregulation. That's not a word of warning; it's a word of inevitability.

North Carolina's congressional delegation, and particularly Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, should therefore fight not to escape reality but to make the transition as painless as possible.

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block wants price supports and quotas phased out over a five-year period. The timetable should be negotiable. But preparations must begin now. Quotas and price supports are becoming increasingly difficult to justify.

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What might happen with deregulation? Last March, Daniel A. Sumner, an economist at N. C. State University, speculated:

—Prices will fall about 35 cents a pound but sales will increase 50 percent to 100 percent because the U. S. crop will be more competitive.

—Tobacco farming will move out of the Piedmont to large, consolidated farms that are highly mechanized. That means more tobacco in Eastern North Carolina and more to the South, particularly Georgia, where farmers get a head start.

—U. S. exports of tobacco would increase 100 percent.

—Total tobacco revenue would increase 25 percent to 75 percent.

Mr. Sumner's report was not a recommendation. He did not propose deregulation, but he did suggest that N. C. farm leaders prepare for it. Their reaction was to condemn his projections.

But the time has passed for obstinacy. Too many factors require the eventual deregulation of tobacco: the high price supports (which have been frozen since 1982 and already are effecting some of the changes that will accompany deregulation); the decline in cigarette smoking; the technical advancements that have enabled manufacturers to use parts of the tobacco leaf that were formerly discarded; and competition from foreign markets.

Deregulation would hurt many

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North Carolina farmers. Guaranteed allotments are their leverage for loans. Small tobacco farms would disappear, as is already happening. Pressures would intensify for diversification.

But not all ahead is gloom. North Carolina's farmers are already diversifying. It is likely that poultry will soon replace tobacco as the state's leading cash crop. Besides poultry, which is having phenomenal growth, farm income from soybeans, dairy, grain crops is growing.

Until recent years, the tobacco program has been the salvation of many North Carolina farmers. But today it works against their futures.

Spending \$44,600

A Month Is Tough

By JEAN McCAMY
In The Wake Weekly
I have discovered a game more challenging than Trivia. It's not a group game but a personal, think-about-it-at-odd-moments sort of game, and I find the answers as elusive as those that reward you with little colored wedges on the Trivial Pursuit board.

The game is trying to figure out how Joanna Carson spends her money. According to a newspaper article, she has asked for an extra \$6,000 a month from her ex-husband, "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson. The \$44,600 a month she gets now won't quite do it for her.

She reportedly drops \$1,400 a month at the grocery store. Now, that's some high-on-the-hog eating. I don't know how many mouths Joanna has to feed, but even if she runs a soup kitchen for L.A. street people, or throws weekly dinner parties for a few dozen hungry friends, that's still a lot of food. It's possible she needs that much, I suppose, but I don't understand how.

The \$6,000 a month she spends for gifts for relatives and friends seems just a tad extravagant, too. That's not just for December, you understand, but every month. It would be nice to be on Joanna's gift list, wouldn't it?

The real mind boggler, though, is the \$42,000 a month for clothes. Come now! Even if you bought a whole new outfit every day, wore it once and threw it away, that would be hard to do. I don't understand how she even finds time to buy all those clothes, much less wear them. It seems to me that just shopping for food and gifts would be a full time job.

Of course, I don't understand how electricity works either.

Centers Of Growth

In 1950, only seven urban centers had more than 5-million residents, but today 34 cities can make that claim, says National Geographic.

Mostly Personal

Looking At The Budget

By BIGNALL JONES
Sometime in the twenties the federal government adopted a budget of one billion dollars. I remember it not because it was so low, but because of the comment made by the Republican leadership at that time. It did not apologize for its size; it only asked if the government didn't think the people were worth a billion dollar budget.

Monday morning President Reagan opened his drive for his proposed \$973 billion budget. The President's

budget for fiscal 1986 begins on Oct. 1, 1986, and calls considerable cutting of items now in the budget.

The biggest item in the proposed budget is for national defense, 29.3 percent. Social Security runs a close second, 27.7 percent. Net interest on the debt is 14.6 percent, and income security 11.9 percent.

Other items going to make up the budget include: Agriculture 1.3 percent; Natural resources and environment 1.2 percent; International affairs 1.9 percent; Veterans benefits 2.8 percent; Transportation 2.7 percent; Educa-

tion 3 percent; and Health 3.6 percent.

In general, the Reagan Administration says virtually everyone would be better off if Congress passed Reagan's budget without change—something Congress is unlikely to do.

In an AP summary from Washington it is predicted that those worried about Social Security need not fret for at least another year; that there is still a chance to get money for college, but it's fading. Soldiers may still hope for a raise, and one may have to wait a long time for a public housing vacancy.

The Public Record

Deed Transfers

Mill Creek Properties, Inc. to William H. Neace, Jr. and wife, lot in Roanoke Township.

William T. Camp and others to Victor M. DeLeon and wife, lot in Roanoke Township.

Beneficial Mortgage Co. to Constance M. Hargrove, .66 acre in Hawtree Township.

J. H. Limer, Comr. to James Robinson and wife, 13.6 acres in Warrenton Township.

Albert E. Perkinson to Joseph Walter Hayes and wife, 0.38 acre in Hawtree Township.

Everette W. Jones and others to United States of America, 26.37 acres in Warren County.

Ivey A. Bolton, Jr. and wife to James Parker Lumpkin, II and others, 30.50 acres in Shooco Township.

Marriage Licenses

Glenn Alphonso Pulley of Norlina to Norma Jean Richardson of Warrenton.

Jack Wilson Burchette of Warrenton to Christine Deborah Alston of Warrenton.

Teddy Dean Felts of Norlina to Linda Anne Myrick of Warrenton.

Lonnie Edward Blackmon of Henderson to Nellie Inscoc of Henderson.

Deep Divers

Harbor seals can dive to depths of 300 feet, perhaps even deeper, says National Geographic World. Normal dives last a few minutes, but harbor seals and some other seals can stay under water for as long as one-half hour.

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Letter To The Editor

Sufferers Sought

To The Editor:

As a scleroderma patient who has suffered alone for too many years with a disease that few people have ever even heard of, I am attempting to locate others who suffer from scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

My New Year's resolution is to correspond with as many scleroderma patients as possible. Doctors tell me there are 300,000 of us. Perhaps your readers can assist me in locating others like myself. I can be reached at 21 Brennan Street, No. 21, Watsonville, CA. 95076.

Thank you.

DIANE WILLIAMS

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

February 9, 1945

The Board of Town Commissioners in its regular meeting Monday night leased Hotel Warren to H. A. Wynn of Richmond, Va., effective March 1, at which time the present lessee, A. T. Smith, will terminate his lease. The monthly rental was placed at \$200 with the town receiving a percentage of receipts from room rents.

In a ceremony of beauty and simplicity, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarence Martin of Warrenton on Friday evening, Feb. 1, at 7 o'clock, Miss Margie Hortense Martin became the bride of Cpl. Ernest Carl Brauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Brauer of Norlina.

A paper on Bronson Alcott's stay in Warrenton will be read by Dr. Raymond Adams of the English Department of the University of North Carolina in Allen's Sunday School room of Warrenton Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon.

February 5, 1960

The Federal Power Commission today postponed until Feb. 15 its decision on granting a license to Virginia Electric and Power Co. to build its multi-million dollar Gaston hydroelectric plant on the Roanoke River near Thelma.

Master Sergeant Clarence E. Carter has recently retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service and he and his wife, Jacqueline, are now making their home in Norlina where Carter is engaged in the furniture business.

Mrs. J. E. Cheves was at her former home in Pantego on Saturday.

February 6, 1975

Bids are being sought for the construction of a sewage treatment plant at Soul City which is being hailed by its designers as the most elaborate wastewater treatment facility in North Carolina.

Gen. Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton received an Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award for civic contribution Thursday night from the Warren County Century Club, a group of citizens pledging \$100 or more annually to the Boy Scouts of America.

Misses Lou Ann and Carolyn Coleman returned to St. Mary's College Sunday after spending the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coleman.

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