

Citizen's Assistance Log
As I told you previously, from day one I kept a log of citizens who needed help. This is not all of them I'm sure. I just did not want you to think I was blowing smoke. I want you to trust me, and believe what I tell you. I stand ready to back up everything I tell you.

Burgess	Doris	
Clemetson	John	1/4/99
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Combs	Mary	3/21/00
Cutchens	Wyman	9/14/99
Davis	Larry	6/19/99
Davis	Larry	
Dorsey	Della L.	2/16/99
Emmett	Bob	8/2/99
Gainous	John	10/98
Gwaltney	Bobby	10/98
Harrell	Ed	
Harrell	Marty	
Harrison	Shelby	10/6/98
Harrison	Gene	10/98
Harrison	Iris	12/4/98
Hester	Evelyn	5/29/00
Horton	Pete	2/00
Kaiser	Ralph	3/10/10
Knight	Bobby Joe	10/98
Knight	Windburn	11/98
Moneyham	Mark	5/26/99
Moree	Cheryl	4/00
Newberry	Kelly	7/25/99
Overbeck	Everett M.	7/29/99
Rabitaile	Mr.	7/16/99
Rice	Tammy F.	7/17/99
Shanholtzer	Lynn	1/11/99
Sickel	Ralph	5/25/99
Singletary	Roger	8/2/99
Smith	Michael D.	
Vickers	Mr.	5/00
Waldrop	Robby	10/98
Ward	Robin	1/16/00
Whigham	Clinton	7/99
Womble	Burton	1999
Akridge	Myra	5/21/98
Aycock	Will	
Baggett	Travis	8/98
Bennett	Tracy	9/98
Bennett	Tracy	8/98
Caneup	Tom	12/98
Clark	Paul, Jr.	4/98
Clark	H. Norwood	11/98
Cowart	Isadora	5/98
Croley	Gary	6/9/98

Culbreath	Tank	
Dixon	Vernon	8/98
Ethredge	Judy	
Ferguson	REV. Thomas	
Hall	Randle	8/98
Hancock	Kevin Wallace	7/98
Hudson	Larry	1997
Hudson	Larry	9/98
Knight	Bobby Joe	2/98
Macky	Mr.	7/98
Mills	Robbie	8/98
Moore	Devane	2/98
Newberry	Kelly	7/98
Phillips	Charles	3/98
Pickles	Paul	9/98
Ponder	Jessee	8/98
Pope	Ricky	9/98
Raymond	Stokes	9/98
Ready	Robert	1997
Ready	Lamon	6/98
Robinson	Mrs.	1/97
Strickland	Don (Michael)	5/98
Waldrop	Ray	4/00
Waldrop	Ray	8/98
Willis	Margarite	9/98
Womble	Bruce	

Letter to Volunteer Firemen Of Grady County

I want you to know how much I appreciate your contribution to the safety of our citizens not only as firemen, but all the other contributions you make in any emergency.

I know that most of our volunteer Firemen do not want to be involved in politics, but I wanted to at least make you aware of what is going on.

A small number of your members involve themselves in county politics. This involvement began during my first campaign for commissioner and was encouraged by my opponent and the then Whigham Mayor George Trulock. This VFD involvement continues today, coming mostly from the Whigham VFD and your leader Mr. Wayne Hadden. These same individuals are trying to enlist opposition to my commissioner campaign 2000, in the Whigham Community Club.

I have never failed to be supportive of VFD of Grady County. All you have to do is read the minutes of Grady County Commission to see that. But, I have insisted on accountability of expenditures, and inventory of equipment. This is good management practice. But, somehow this has been interpreted as opposition.

I have not discredited the Whigham Community Club. I have intentionally discredited its recent chairmen, with the exception of Mr. Mark Baggett. The only criticism I have of its membership is their choice of leaders but, that is their right.

I too am a fireman. I have been a fireman most of my professional life. Trained and tested every six months. Recently we have had two airplanes go down because of in flight fires. The DC9 over the Everglades, and a large Swiss

Air airplane over Newfoundland.

I am going to list some aircraft fire fighting procedures for you, then you decide if I am a fireman.

Engine Fire - Severe Damage and Separation:

From memory: Thrust lever idle, essential power-operating generator, start lever - cutoff, fire switch-pull, fire extinguisher button-push. If the fire warning light stays on-bottle transfer switch-transfer and push the button again. By very quickly, from memory, doing these things, you have kept the airplane flying. Now it is time to clean up.

Check list-engine fire, the pilot not flying will read and Flight Engineer will do the many checklist items that will enable reaching destination, or alternate airport.

If the fire warning light stayed on: (from memory)Gear up, flaps up, 250 knots to VMO (velocity max operating), do not extend gear or flaps until landing is assured.

Other in flight fires, requiring memory items and check lists.

- Wheel Well Fire
- Electrical System Smoke or Fire
- Air Condition System Smoke or Fire
- Cockpit Smoke Evacuation
- Cargo Compartment Smoke or Fire
- Cargo Fire/Smoke- Class "E"
- Hazardous Materials Smoke or Fire

How can any man, with my training and experience in fire fighting, fail to be supportive of Grady County Firefighters?

Politics is a dirty business fellas, stay out of it, and insist that your leader stay out of it as well. He needs to understand that all commissioners are not stupid. And, just because one disagrees with him does not make him stupid either.

George Bivins

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FY 2000 County Departmental Budget Numbers Hot Dawging on the Board of Commissioners

THE STATE OF THE COUNTY

Close to a million dollars, (\$1,000,000) in uncollected EMS charges is on the books since the inception of the Emergency medical Service of Grady County. This is another reason why taxes will have to be increased or cuts will have to be made.

The collection of the delinquent EMS charges was turned over to a collection bureau by a previous board. But, the old administrator did not want to pursue collections beyond the Magistrate Court. This collection bureau cherry picked the easy ones, and let the others ride. Insurance companies owe many of these charges, but it takes a bit of work to collect.

Apparently when the EMS was setup, it was a love fest regarding collections. I believe the board of commissioners has fiduciary responsibility to collect what is owed.

Some of the ambulance patients give incorrect addresses or incorrect names. If this problem is

run into, apparently little effort was made to correct the record. I doubt these patients would give incorrect names or addresses to the hospitals. There is the place to get the corrections. There is a great deal of talk about patient confidentiality. I don't believe getting the name and address of a patient violates any patient confidentiality.

At the Nov. 5, 1999 meeting, Burns made motion for the same bureau to proceed to the legal aspects of this thing to make collections - Passed 3-2, Norton, Burns, and Copeland yes. I did not support this motion because I could not see paying out 30 to 50% of what is collected to the collection bureau, when we can do it through our own courts, ourselves.

At the November 2, 1999 meeting Mr. Benny Prince made the following motion: I move to have the Emergency Medical Service to do their own collections on past due

accounts through the Magistrate Court and to terminate their contract with Southwest Georgia Credit Bureau, who now does collections. Bivins seconded the motion, the board voted yes, unanimously. Mr. Prince's motion cancelled Mr. Burns motion of Nov. 5, 1999.

On May 9, 2000, I backtracked; checking for compliance of board action and discovered that Mr. Prince's motion had not been complied with completely, because it would violate the contract with the collection agency.

It is one job to figure out what to do as Mr. Prince did. It is another job of management to follow up on compliance. Make sure everyone understands their part in the process, and audit the results. Hundreds of thousands of these dollars have been lost forever, because of the statute of limitations.

The "address service requested" motion that I made last August is start-

ing to pay off in collections. We are \$50,000 ahead of last year at this time. This motion required that all county offices use "address service requested" on all mail. The post office, for a fee, finds the correct addresses.

Note: This near 1 million dollar figure is controversial; obviously discounting is required by law on Medicare/Medicade patients.*

FY 2000 Budget

As we are about to begin work on the FY2001 Grady County Budget, I wanted to familiarize citizens with the details of last years budget, so that you know what is going on. Clip and save this article for later comparison. Remember that the taxes assessed herein are only about 33% of total taxes. The other 67%, although collected by the county, are for schools.

See State of County Pg. 3

Panel's consolidation plan runs into trouble

ATLANTA (AP) - a panel in charge of reshaping the state's local governments is backing off a key recommendation that four of Georgia's largest counties and their primary cities consolidate.

The Georgia Future Communities Commission is to present a slate of proposals to the Legislature and the governor beginning in January. One proposal it considered was consolidation of Bibb County and Macon, Chatham County and Savannah, Dougherty County and Albany, and Fulton County and Atlanta.

Although the Legislature would have had to approve it and voters would have had the final say, the suggestion provoked a strong outcry from local officials.

The panel has now decided to put that proposal on hold, staff director Jane Massey said Wednesday.

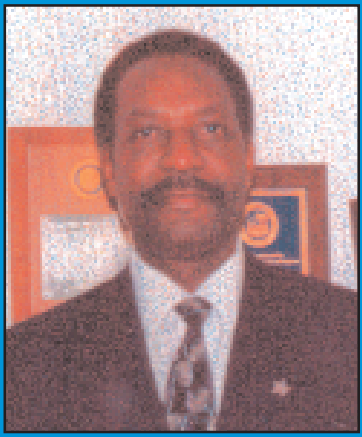
I have been studying consolidation of city and county governments since Nov. 21, 1996, when the above article appeared in Thomasville Times.

This was the first major action of the Georgia Future Communities Commission and the Department of Community Affairs. They thought they had the authority, but found out different. They had to be reminded by the Legislature that none of the land use laws had the authority to force local governments to do anything.

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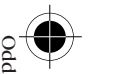
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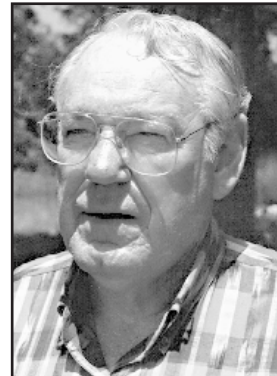
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from the desk of THE EDITOR



Whispering Charlie

It seems that Mr. Norton has questioned my Korean Veteran Status. He does not come out in the open and express these doubts, rather, he whispers around. Well Charlie, let me tell you about it. You can then find something else to whisper about. I don't claim to be perfect, but I am not a bad guy. You should know that. I know that you need to think that I am, for some reason, but it ain't so, never has been.

I served in the USAF Third Bomb Wing, 90th Bomb Squadron, based at K-8 Kunsan Korea. Although the peace treaty had been signed, someone forgot to tell the Chinese and North Koreans. They did not respect the peace Treaty. What the Third Bomb Wing did was teach them a little respect. I did a little more than my share, as I have done as a commissioner. You should know that too, as it is my nature. As a fellow commissioner you should be proud of my contributions, instead, you are jealous. •

From *The Cairo Messenger*: **Norton seeks second term:**

Butter Norton's Bread?

Mr. Norton said, If re-elected, he will seek to situate a volunteer fire station at the five forks in the Midway area. Ka-ching goes the cash register. I tell you, that whether he is elected or not, if one is really needed, I will support it.

I'm surprised Norton did not promise, if re-elected, to pave a road or two while he was at it. He probably would have, had I not worked to take the politics out of road paving by the use of a published annual priority list. See Bivins Accomplishments published previously in Grady County Inquirer.

No mention whatever, has been made on the board about building a fire station in Midway, or anywhere else in Grady County. Since this has not been mentioned, I assume the three wolves, Norton, Burns, and Copeland have discussed it privately with the head honcho fire chief, Mr. Hadden, and have agreed on it.

The issue I raise here is not whether we need better fire protection, but whether Norton will continue to illegally make agreements privately. An

example of such a deal that has already gone down: In 1999 the Cairo Volunteer Fire Chief Mr. Wayne Hadden very confidently came to the board and requested \$25,000 to replace tanks and pumps on his trucks. Very quickly Burns brought the motion, seconded by Copeland. The motion passed 3-2 as I recall. The point is that this deal was agreed to privately, before the meeting. To approve such an off budget request is illegal. Amendment of the budget is legally required before the money is spent. Later the budget was amended at my request.

Norton states that we have accomplished a lot over the past four years. How many roads have been paved as a result of his tenure? One city of Cairo Street. How many roads have been surveyed as a result of Norton's tenure? None. Bivins had \$25,000 put in the FY 2000 budget for surveying of roads that have been approved by DOT for paving. Norton and the city commissioners supported cutting the money for surveying. The result of not surveying these roads is that all the expensive road machinery will not be utilized this summer. It was not used for grading and

drainage on new roads last summer either. Norton needs to understand that we are commissioners of Roads and Bridges, not firemen.

Norton, Burns, and Copeland appear to be in cahoots with Cairo Volunteer Fire Chief and head of Volunteer Fire coordinator Wayne Hadden. They appear to be attempting to develop the entire Volunteer Fire Department into a political force in Grady County, and to support consolidation of emergency services similar to Thomas County, then to seek separate taxing authority. Can you imagine the eventual cost to property owners? This is not meant to question the integrity of the volunteer firemen, but of their leader, who cannot make up his mind whether he is a volunteer fireman, or a Chamber of Commerce activist.

COUNTY VOTERS of Duncanville, Higdon, Midway, and Ragan, will control the butter on Norton's bread. •



Charlie Hadden
Columnist

Unfortunately, the modern politician is missing two key ingredients of statesmanship: knowledge of his or her country's own history and a backbone.

Charlie Hadden is with the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.

Root Pruner

I know there are citizens out there who believe that you can govern peacefully and harmoniously. That you can resolve problems and prevail by being quietly cunning. Well, that is not my way, it is not honest. Besides, I could not be quietly cunning and keep citizens informed at the same time.

I am a problem solver that believes in root pruning. That is down there where the special interests live. They are not out there in the sunshine where the blooms and the fruit are. When you disturb the roots, that upsets them. They will scream and try to prevail in every way possible. The Cairo Messenger is their bull horn.

Please, take some of the rough with the smooth, keep supporting me, and eventually, peace will be restored. When people finally understand that I mean business when I say "of the people, by the people, and for the people", they will settle down, because, I'm going to wear them down, or wear them out.

Flash: Bivins brought a motion 6/6/00 to include for consideration in FY2001 budget, funds for centerline stripping of roads.

Bivins brought motion for consideration of funds to survey roads. Both motions failed 3-2, Norton, Burns and Copeland voted no.

What is happening here? Are we out of road business of altogether?



Drug-resistant TB spreads

Study shows it has reached 104 countries

NEW YORK (AP) - Drug resistant tuberculosis has been found in 104 countries and could spread to every nation unless \$1 billion is devoted to controlling it, according to a study released Thursday.

The report was commissioned by philanthropist George Soros and conducted by Harvard Medical School.

Russian prisons are among the epicenters of the hard-to-treat and potentially fatal disease. About 100,000 inmates have active TB and about 40 % have drug resistant TB, said Gen. Vladimir Yalinin, the chief of prisons.

About 30,000 people with active cases are released from prison in Russia each year, and 400 prison workers have

developed TB, he said through a translator at a news conference in New York.

"These epidemics are only briefly local," said Dr. Paul Farmer, a professor of social medicine at Harvard and author of the report. "They will not remain within prisons, they will not remain within national borders."

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Prisons see increase in Hepatitis C

ATLANTA (AP) - Only 54 of the 42,000 prisoners in Georgia have Hepatitis C, a potentially deadly liver disease. But health officials expect the number to increase to 300 by next summer, and prisoner advocates warn it could explode exponentially after that.

"You can see it coming like a freight train coming," said Katharine Huffman, an attorney with the southern center for human rights, an advocacy group.

Prison officials fear Hepatitis C could become a serious drain on financial resources.

At a recent meeting of corrections health and bud-

get officials, corrections board member Dr. William Whaley said the money the state currently spends on HIV-positive inmates would "be a drop in the bucket once we start treating hepatitis C."

Hepatitis is a virus that is spread through contact with infected blood - much like the HIV virus.

"There's a substantial proportion of substance abusers in prison populations and a high proportion (of those inmates) are infected with hepatitis C," said Dr. Miriam Alter, chief of the epidemiology section in the hepatitis branch of the Atlanta based Centers for Disease Control and prevention.

CDC announces grant to curb HIV in prison

ATLANTA (AP) - Seven states will receive a total of \$7 million in grants to help develop HIV prevention programs in prisons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Monday. Each state will receive between \$600,000 and \$1.1 million. A study released by the CDC in August found that there are 8,980 inmates nationwide with AIDS and between 86,000 and 17,000 with the virus that causes it - a rate five times higher than the national average.

jobs it would create is not worth the cost. Now comes the serious part. The possibility of a TB or HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C epidemic. Remember, America has lost it's ability to quarantine.

It will be three county commissioners who will make the prison decision. Three commissioners, Norton, Burns, and Copeland have already refused to support a prison referendum. They will vote for a prison without referendum, just like Tommy Wells, Jimmy Douglas, and Oshie Williford did to consolidate Whigham School. PS - I will vote for Fred Collins. He voted right.

Now; I am advising, again, that we will have a state prison, probably near Whigham if we keep sitting on our hands. These kinds of problems never go away. This prison problem started with John Harrell and George Trulock in their elected capacities. They have spread this prison virus into the Whigham Community Club, City Hall, county commission, and business/special interests of Cairo. It would be a good deal for business, but a rotten deal for county taxpayers.

Given that the start up costs to county taxpayers of \$ 2 million, that the state would never pay a nickel property tax, or for supporting infrastructure cost, extra court costs. It makes no economic sense for taxpayers. The few mediocre

State Prison Near Whigham
WHIGHAM GA - Do you remember the first effort to consolidate Whigham School? A delegation from Whigham PTO went to Atlanta and talked to Governor Lester Maddox. He stopped the consolidation. The last PTO meeting I attended I said that we have not heard the last of this. We need to lay the groundwork to prevent consolidation in the future. Sure enough, several years later, consolidation of Whigham School was done, and citizens had no say in it, despite Mr. Fred Collins and Mr. Herring's efforts to prevent it.

There should have been a referendum on this issue. There would have been a referendum if citizens of District 1 had not sat on their hands.

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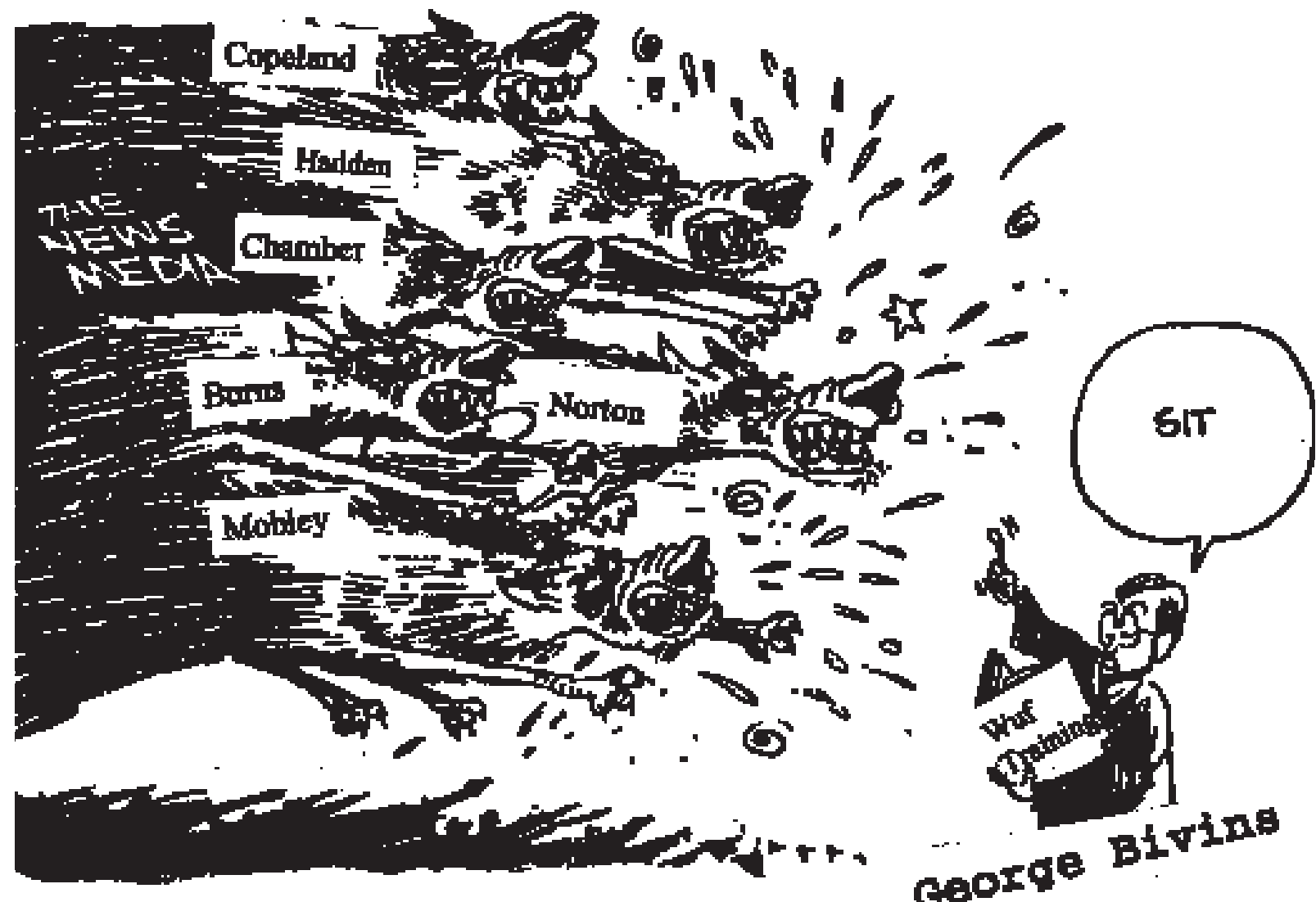
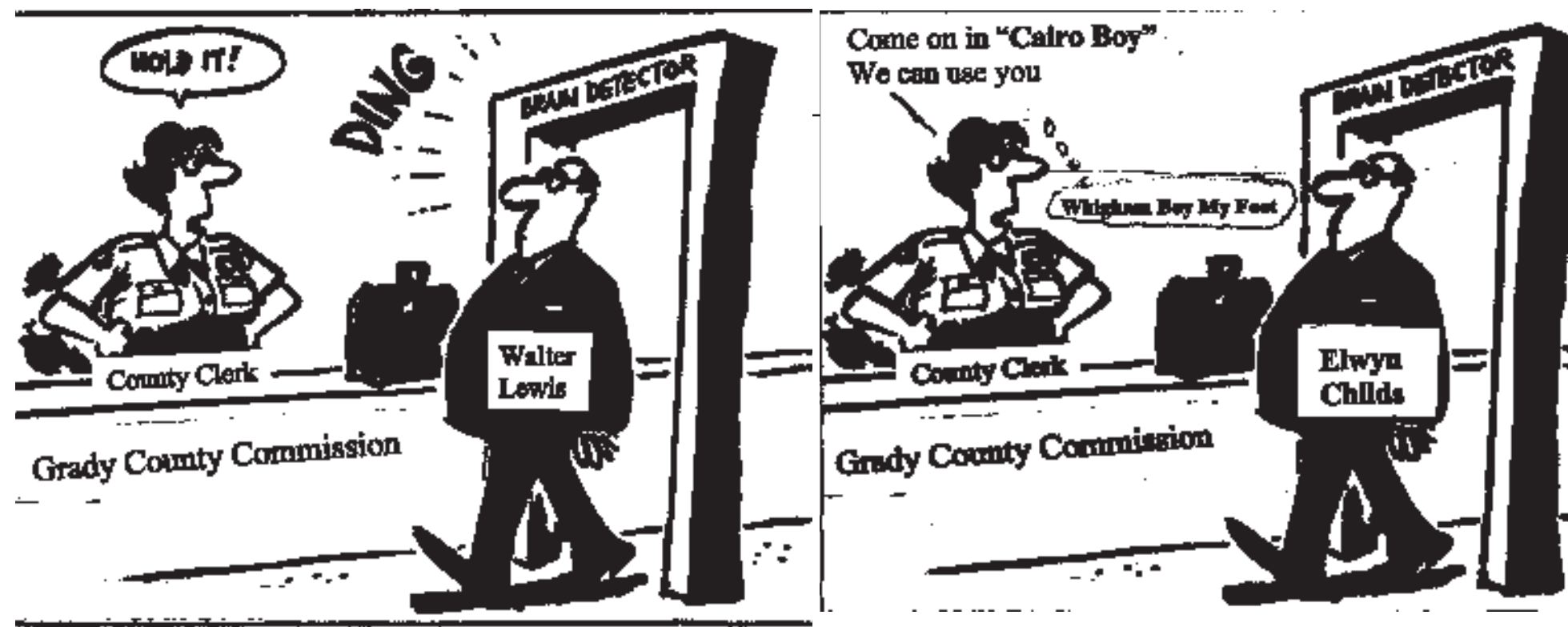
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The Funny Paper



5/31/00 WGRA
Norton/ Lewis debate Question - What is the commission's first direction on Tired Creek? Should we develop, cut timber, build a lake? What would your direction be?
Norton answer: Well, first off the county does own the Tired Creek Property through a quit claim deed that was issued in 1994. This claim has three covenants on it, 1 - it has to be for public use, 2 timber sale must be approved by the Georgia Forestry Commission. 3 Timber has to be cut under supervision of Georgia Forestry Commission and revenue put back into development of the property.

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The Rights of LAND OWNERS

GRADY COUNTY State Of County

CountyCommissioner's Office	\$224,965
Roads and Bridges	\$1,272,988
County Shop	\$145,485
Grady County Jail	\$785,733
Sheriff's Office	\$667,198
Emergency Medical Service	\$635,776
Clerk of Court	\$192,338
State and Superior Courts	\$251,137
Probate Court Judge	\$134,522
Magistrate Court	\$114,813
Tax Commissioner	\$191,103
Tax Assessor	\$204,633
Recreation Department	\$262,648
Extension Service	\$71,638
Buildings and Grounds	\$281,288
Registrar Office	\$30,715
Code Enforcement	\$164,292
Animal Control	\$105,720
Volunteer Fire	\$141,534
General Government	\$419,600
Inter Agency Supplements	\$457,230
Solid Waste	\$277,80
Total Budget	\$7,033, 172
Less: Miscellaneous Revenues	\$2,070,748
SUBTOTAL	\$4,962,424
Less: Fund Balance	\$1,200,000
SUBTOTAL	\$3,762,424
Less: Sales Tax Rollback	\$1,139,872
County Ad Valorem Tax assessment	\$2,622,552

Note that \$457,000 is spent on Inter Agency Supplements. By this designation, some expenditures are hidden from the public. Contributions to the Chamber of Commerce, for example, are illegal, yet it is done.

In 1998 I made a motion to break out these agency expenditures to stand alone as separate items in the budget. Norton and the city commissioners opposed this.

The Chamber of Commerce began to send teams of observers to commission meetings to make their presence felt. Mr. Wayne Hadden appeared to lead this Chamber team. In his efforts he would use his Volunteer Fire status to discredit me. He claimed that I said I wanted to kill Volunteer Fire Department. This was an intentional lie. I have always been supportive of Volunteer

Fire. I am not supportive of his grandiose schemes, however. His underhanded efforts add an ugly dimension to what has always been a loving relationship between Volunteer Firemen and the citizens. Mr. Hadden seems to be trying to weld Volunteer Firemen into a political force, that he controls, in the county to support his schemes.

During the Norton - Lewis debate on WGRA 5/31/00 Norton said "as a county commissioner, he had a lot of help from different resources. One he used most was the county employees."

He sure did. Instead of bringing new fresh ideas for improving county services to the citizens, he eventually just faded into the wallpaper and let the county administrator, county clerk, and the three wolves control him.

I wanted to redesign the wallpaper, and the landscape, and bring the county into the 21st Century. Require computerization and accountability at every level. I was moderately successful eventually, but it was like pulling teeth.

During the Norton - Lewis debate on WGRA 5/31/00 Norton said: "Tired Creek has been a pet project of mine for over a year. A lot

of board members don't know what I have been doing. This past Thursday I met with the Corps of Engineers at the courthouse. I had Senator Ragan and Wallace Sholar there."

Editors note: Mr. Benny Prince and George Bivins are the commissioners assigned to Tired Creek Committee. To hold such a meeting without inviting the Tired Creek Committee is an insult. Especially when you consider that the entire Tired Creek Property is in my District.

Do you remember that Norton did not advise Prince or Bivins that a tornado had hit their districts?

Remember also, that recently when Norton made his announcement to run for commissioner again, "he mentioned that he was considering building another fire station at five points in Midway?" He had never mentioned that to the board either.

What gives here? What other deals has he made on his own? All three of these incidents show either dishonesty, or an ignorance of protocol. Has Norton borrowed money or made commitments without board approval?

Or, is Norton hot dawging, desparately trying to find issues that will pull his acorns out of the fire for this election? This conduct on the board is unbecoming of a real chairman.

Most all of my accomplishments as a commissioner began and developed independly. However, I kept my fellow commissioners informed of my progress ,and even invited their input.

I have been critical lately about the sorry state of road paving . Now I understand why funds were not provided to survey already approved roads.

During the 5/31/00 debate, Norton revealed that he wanted another SPLOST for our roads, yet in his previous breath he said "I don't support any additional taxes.

Excuse me, isn't an additional 1% sales tax - additional taxes? Is it possible he is confused?•

During the 5/31/00 debate Norton said "that he had mixed emotions about Zoning Regulations."

Mr. Walter Lewis didn't have any mixed emotions about Zoning your land. He said: "I am against zoning in the rural county." He is unequivocally opposed to Zoning Regulations.

Reprint from March Grady County Inquirer. Pg. 4:

"Norton is key to heading off Zoning Regulations and consolidation of the governments. If I were a voter in District three, I think I would have a word of prayer with him."•

Vote for George Bivins - County Commissioner - I Need To Stay Busy

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The Riverbank

PHILOSOPHER

Norton Lewis Debate - WGRA 5/31/00
Walter Lewis - opening statement:

I'm Walter Lewis. I reside in the Southern part of Grady County, and I am a small business man. Because of the nature of me being a challenger and having, as of now, no record on which to comment, I will comment instead on my fundamental beliefs, and what government is and what government should be.

Individual issues come about and have to be dealt with on an individual basis. But, all these are important to the voters when they vote, in knowing where the candidates find their strengths and their values when it comes time to make the hard decisions. So, in reading what I'm going to read, which is a prepared statement I wrote this morning, I want you to think with me, because with many things I write, it requires some thinking to follow along with what I am saying. So, please follow along with me if you will, and may God help you to understand it.

We are today in America replacing our former foundation of values with a new form of beliefs, which seems to be valid, at least on the surface, but which are amoral, and without value. The law, business, government, education, life style, even the church sometimes seems to back away from our once clear and understood lines of propriety.

Why are we becoming a society of less and less core values, and more and more a society of Democracy, absent of guiding values? The answer, I believe, is because our politics and the social order has been oriented to more freedom for deviation, and from the cultural, religious, and social norms and values within our society.

Our new freedoms in society come about only in direct relation to how much our old taboos are destroyed on the alter of the new liberalism. In other words, in our new amoral society, freedom from values in our traditional institutions is the goal of the liberals.

When you gnaw at anything to destroy it, if that thing was good that you destroyed, to what

set of values do you go to when you formulate a replacement?

Take God out of the law and you get a law of confused minds oriented to using legal ethics as an excuse to cover the amoral message and results that the law becomes.

Take God out of education and no matter what the amount of material learned, will always reflect an amoral result for the society.

Take God out of business and it becomes an amoral exercise of reason, putting all types of self excusing logic to ones personal advantage.

Take God out of government and you get political people ready to promote themselves rather than the higher virtues of public service.

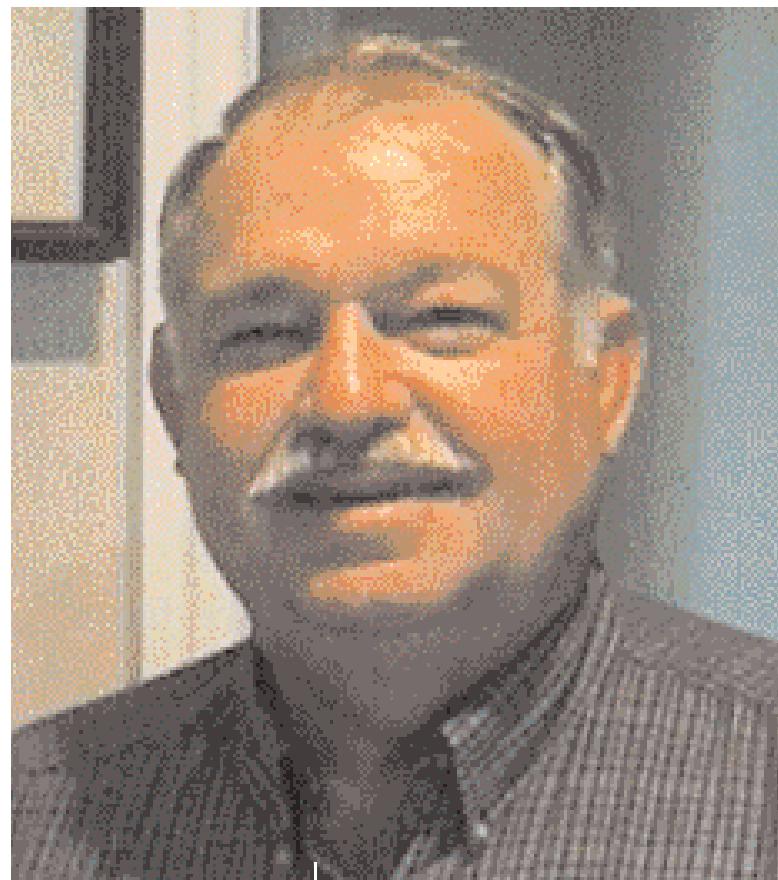
When you take God out of society in the lifestyle that people live, then that society becomes amoral and selfish to a point in which their own freedom is the highest form of value for them, and the lowest possible social result for the rest of us.

It takes people of principle and values to undo the corrosion of the failing system we have today. The only day in the life of our government in which the people are in charge is on election day, and I want each and every citizen that hears my voice to understand that.

The only day that you're in control of the government of this country, is the day you cast your ballot. Every other day, some other people, some other interest, is controlling your life. You need to remember that when you go to cast your vote.

If you want a better America, go to church, educate yourself, pay attention, do that which needs you and stand up, without reservation for your core beliefs and only then can the world be made better for the values that you honor.

In November I need your vote and support to begin principled change for Grady County Government. I appreciate you listening to me.*



Question - what do you think of land use and zoning in the county?

Lewis answer: I don't believe that new regulations on zoning are necessary. I am against zoning in the rural county. I don't believe that You can take the government and use the government to give one man control over his neighbor. I think at one time in this country we treated our neighbors as neighbors and we didn't build hog pens in their front door, and we didn't treat them like we hated them, we treated

them like they were neighbors, and that is what we need to get back to and we don't need government for that. Government is the problem. Government causes problems when they go to being a tool for one neighbor to be used against another neighbor. We don't understand that because we've lost so much of our virtue in society. But, we try to use government a lots of times to cover our sins. •

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We can buy back the restrictions for \$534,000.00. That is what the federal government and the state of Georgia has put into Tired Creek property.

As far as developing it, it has been a pet project of mine for over a year. A lot of board members do not even know what I have been doing. I've been working on it. This past Thursday I met with the Corps of Engineers at the courthouse. I had Senator Ragan, Wallace Sholar there.

I found out that there had never been an application filled out for a permit for a lake out there. Also, I found out the feasibility study was done in 1970. hire a consultant firm to identify and survey the wetlands. So, there is progress going on Tired Creek

Question - What is the commission's first direction on Tired Creek? Should we develop, cut timber, build a lake? What would your direction be?
Lewis answer: Well I can tell you this, I'll take action. What happened with that property out there is one of the most pitiful examples of what happens whenever you give authority to some entity of government and they fall down with it.

That property was taken, and I say taken, from private land owners back about 30 years ago, and it was taken under the laws of eminent domain, Which means that the government can only take property if it has an over-

riding need. The overriding need was to build a watershed and to also build a lake for recreational purposes.

Well they took the property. They had the constitutional right to do that if the public need overrode the private use by the owner. The proof is in the pudding and they never used it, so they never should have used the right of eminent domain to take the property to begin with.

Understanding that, they owe us the right to do with what we want with that property.

Now if we have to pay the state and federal government some money \$534,000, the timber is out there, plenty extra. We will do that. I want to find out where the buck is at. For thirty years, this one has been shoving off to that one, and the land is still dry out there. I want to find out where the buck stops.

I want to be able to tell the people, up front that I'm not working on something, but that I'm going after something. If I can't get it, I'm going to tell them I can't get it, and also, if they won't let us build a lake, if the government is adamant about this, them I'm going to be just as adamant as I can be to try to put this land back into private hands. Where it will benefit the people of Grady County with tax revenue which has been missing for thirty years.



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I have over thirty five years experience in Management, Supervision, Administrative and Budget Areas. This fully qualifies me in running the Sheriff's Department as a Business, because it is a business as well as a law enforcement agency.

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