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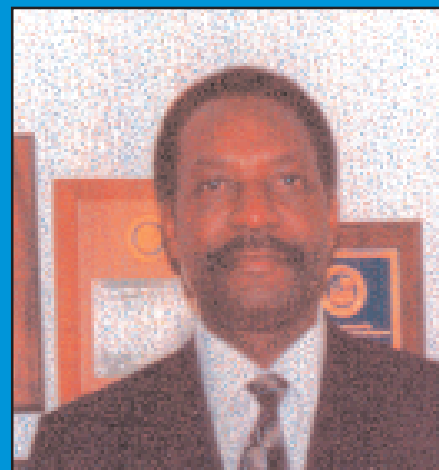


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Lest We Forget

The 56 men who signed the Declaration Of Independence knew that the penalty for signing was death. The charge would be treason. Disaster and ruin was the lot of many of the signers. Nine died of wounds or hardship during the war. Five were jailed and brutally treated. One lost all thirteen of his children, and the wives, sons, and daughters of others were killed, imprisoned, harassed, or deprived of all material possessions. Seventeen signers lost everything they owned, and all of them were hunted by British forces as traitors, with most of them separated from their homes and families.

These 56 men and the citizens were stirred by a pamphlet by Thomas Paine, entitled :Common Sense.

On June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee put his resolution before the Congress at Philadelphia. The resolution was inspired by excessive regulations and taxation. He said " If British Parliament may take from me one shilling in the pound, what security have I for the other nineteen?"

See:

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THE SIGNING



SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (From Trumbull's painting in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington)

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from the desk of **THE EDITOR**

Bivins/Childs Debate

Bivins opening statement: I am extremely proud of my record as a commissioner. I will outline some of my accomplishments, and give an overview of what I would like to accomplish, if I am reelected. See Pg. For a list of my accomplishments.

Of course, I did not do these things all by myself, the board had to vote on them. Sometimes it was like pulling teeth, but we managed.

I would like to accomplish the following in the next 4 years, if I am elected:

1. I would like to build a lake on the Tired Creek property, or sell it, and apply the money to offset property taxes, and for no other reason.
2. Petition the Legislature to further decrease property taxes on farm property.
3. Give the road paving and improvement a higher priority within the annual budget process. Not put it off, hoping for a special purpose sales tax. If we start depending on special purpose sales taxes, then everyone will stop managing our money. A tax is a tax, and by any other name, it will still smell like a tax.
4. Hold referendum on the prison in Grady County issue.
5. Prevent zoning regulation of our land. Force a referendum if necessary.
6. Prevent consolidation of county services without a referendum
7. Prevent consolidation

of city and county governments. No statistics exists that will prove that it will save a nickel.

8. I would like it understood that the recent so called HB 215, 489, 490, and 491 are, in fact, not laws at all. They are Bills that if adopted, will affect our land and herd us toward consolidation of governments. They are not laws until local governments say they are. This means the elected officials have a choice.

9. Last, but not least, I would like to correct some of the illegal operations of the Grady County Commission. Thank you

Elwyn Childs Opening statement:

My record as a commissioner from 1965 - 1982 speaks for itself.

I believe that when working together we can accomplish whatever we desire, and that working as a team is necessary. We have the cities of Whigham and Cairo, and great civic organizations. The great chamber of commerce, a very active community club such as Whigham, Turkey Creek, Wayside clubs. A most successful Lions Club in Calvary. What makes these clubs so productive? People. We have our dedicated newspaper, Cairo Messenger, and the WGRA which is sponsoring this program. Which goes beyond the call of duty of making our citizens aware of problems that need attention. My best qualities is that I love people, and I am a dedicated citi-

zen of Grady County. Those who know me, know that I am a good listener. When holding a public office, this is a very important quality. It is my strong desire to represent D1 as your county commissioner. Please vote for me July 18, and especially Nov. 7. I want to be a part of the team working towards a greater Grady County. Thank you

Question: What would you have done differently in the past 4 years?

Bivins: Well, I think that I would have been a little more humble, and a little more gentlemanly toward my fellow commissioners. I'd like the opportunity to work on that for the next 4 years.

Question: Mr. Childs what would you have done differently during your 18 years?

Childs: Probably listen a little closer to the electors. Maybe when I was younger there was times I thought I knew everything.

Question: What is the first things you would like to achieve?

Bivins: The first thing I'd like to do is be chairman, that's primary. I'd like to give roads and bridges more priority. I'd like for the county to run advertisements to advise citizens of things like cutoff dates for tax bills. There is a great deal that the county could

do to serve the people. I would like to see the minutes published as a public service by the Cairo Messenger. Tired Creek, for over thirty years that property has set out there and provided nothing for the benefit of the citizens of Grady County. I want to get that property developed into something we can use, including a lake hopefully. If we can't do that, lets sell it and apply it back for tax relief, and only for that purpose for the citizens of Grady County.

Childs: the first thing I would do is thank the voters for putting me back in. As for the commission board, the first thing I would love to see done is unity among the commissioners. Outsiders who read the news and hear the conflicts, it is not good for the county. Undoubtedly there is not unity on the board. I think we need unity on the board to present to the people who can come in and promote Grady County. We need a broader tax base, agriculture cannot keep on footing the major part of the tax burden. We need to encourage industry to come in.

Follow-up Question: Mr. Bivins do you feel that unity best serves the community?

Bivins: Well, look at the history of the United States. Lets take the elec-

tion of Thomas Jefferson. I believe the dis-unity that existed at that time well served America. In the past you've had unity on the board of commissioners, in fact, in the 4 years prior to my election, only once did any commissioner vote against anything. No, unity, it's nice when its there, but we should not be striving for unity for its own sake. Now we have one Republican and four Democrats, so naturally you are going to have a little dis-unity. Look at Al Gore and George W. Bush. Do you think there could ever be unity between these two men? I doubt it. And so, let me say again, unity is fine if it is natural. But, unity for its own sake serves no purpose at all. In fact it is against the citizen's interest in many cases.

Rebuttal : Childs: You will have disagreements, you just control it to the point of getting along.

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Lest We Forget

In the winter of 1777 the Contenental Army was all but defeated.General Washington warned that the prospect of defeat by the British was all but certain, "except for the intervention of the Almighty," he added.

The ragtag colonial army of 8000 men was trapped in York Town - its back to the river,and its front to 21000 crack British troops.

Three thousand colonial soldiers were already in the hands of the British and, as the remainder of his army filed by, Washington wondered how long the rest would escape the same fate. Their uniforms, those who had any, were rags. A few wore flimsy riding boots to guard against the biting cold of the winter snow; but most had burlap wrapped around their feet in an unsuccessful attempt to keep the bitter cold from freezing their toes. Many had toes amputated because of frostbite. They barely felt the pain as their stumps were quickly refrozen. Almost unbelievably, some tattered veterans wore no shoes at all, their feet blue from the bitter cold. More American soldiers would die from the cold and disease in the winter of 1777 than from British guns.

Two things drove the nearly defeated army as it retreated to the last stand along the river; a burning desire for freedom and the hope of a better life for their children beyond the reach of the English King. General Washington often rallied his men in desperate situations with the cry, " if God be for us, who can stand against us?"

But now the situation was beyond desperation. If General Cornwallis pressed his advantage, the doelful little army of rebels would collapse and the traitorous leaders would quickly be led to an English gallows. The elder statesman, Benjamin Franklin, was absolutely correct when he told

the conspirators at Philadelphia, "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

A short way down the river the English gunboats waited for a favorable wind so they could maneuver to a position where they could shell the rebel army into submission. Unbelievably, Cornwallis elected to withdraw his line rather than risk a final assault. His generals knew the Americans were beaten and urged him to press on. Instead, he decided to wait for the gunboats.

Desparate from starvation, the continentals ate bark from the trees, boiled and ate leather harness, and consumed all the dogs in the camp. They stopped short of eating their horses, knowing that without them the cause would br utterly lost in the spring. The American dream was still alive - barely flickering.

Washington, in a move born out of total desperation, decided to try to evacuate his army by rowboat in the darkness of the night. His generals counseled against it.

"General," his chief adjutant said, "if the wind shifts the fog while our men are caught out in the open, they will be slaughtered like fish in a barrell. The British will show no mercy. That we can be certain of."

"I am persuaded that God would not bring us so far to let us fail," the General replied. "With God's providence we will succeed."

Early that evening a heavy fog had rolled across the river, blanketing the troops from all sides. Washington recruited men from every battalion who had any experience in boats and silently began the evacuation. They all knew that just one slip of an oar could alert Cornwallis to the plan and instantly bring the redcoats down on them.


The wind held calm through the

night as boat after boat crossed and recrossed the river carrying both the healthy and the wounded to the opposite shore. Horses were pulled along behind the boats, and precious powder and arms were packed in beside the freezing soldiers.

Only when the last boat left the bank and was well out into the river did the fog begin to lift. The British lookouts patrolling the shore throughout the night had not heard even a sound as 8000 men, animals, and equipment slipped away. Now the sentries spotted the last of the retreating colonials and sounded the alarm. Troops rushed to the shoreline and fired in vain at the boats, now well beyond musket range. By the time cannons were moved into place, the American army was safely ashore. God had prevailed, and the real American Dream was born.

The dream that the founders gave us was not one of perverted materialism - indulgence for the sake of indulgence. It was an idea: that God had created all men to be equal in opportunity, so that each could elect to work and prosper or lay around and suffer hunger. Obviously the founders also knew the biblical admonitions about helping the needy. They certainly realized that those who obeyed the word of God would not stand idly by while those who could not help themselves suffered from want. The Lord's admonition about helping the poor was not lost on them.

But without exception, the leaders warned against allowing public monies to be spent to support the citizens. The greatest fear of men like Thomas Jefferson was the eventual rise of a central authority that could undermine the freedoms of the populous.

From the book: What Ever Happened To The American Dream 
By Larry Burkette

Bivins/Childs Debate

Already, I have discovered what I consider flaws in Mr. Childs thinking. He has demonstrated, by his statements and by his demeanor, that he is a team ball player. That he is very supportive of the Chamber of Commerce and the Cairo Messenger, and any other club you can name.

When the issue here is whether he supports them to the detriment of the citizens of Grady County. I maintain that he does, and that his record will show that he is not a Whigham boy, but a Cairo boy. And that he does not play exclusively on the citizen's team.

You see, all the people in these clubs and businesses are citizens too. There is where their power should lie. Not in their unity of purpose as a group, which is to have more power over government than their citizen status will permit. You see, one man, one vote is not enough for these people, whom I call special interest. These people want more power, quietly.

Unity on the board helps keep it quiet. •

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READER'S PAGE

Church and Politics

It continually amazes me how Christians and other conservatives have bought into the misinformation promoted by the liberal left. Not only have many Christians swallowed the line about saving our "endangered" environment at all cost, but they also accept the notion that the church should be totally divorced from all political activity - the ignominious "separation" theory. Naturally the liberal activists want us to believe that nonsense. It helps their agenda considerably.

Those who espouse the philosophy of separation of the church from politics have little knowledge either of the church or the religious heritage of our nation. Earlier I recommended a book by Peter Marshall, The Light and the Glory, which documents much of our early Christian political heritage. There are several other excellent works listed in the appendix. I heartily recommend that you read some of these and then read them to your children. The public education system under the tutelage of the National Education Association (NEA) has done a thorough job of eliminating all reference to America's Christian heritage. Literally they have rewritten the history

books.

On June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court decided to overthrow nearly 200 years of constitutional history and ban all reference to God in classrooms throughout the United States.

Don't allow anyone to take away the right of the church to be involved now, when it is most needed.

Whatever Happened to the American Dream - by Larry Burkett



Just how important is your vote?

By George Bivins

In Georgia, only about 70% of eligible voters are registered. Only half of these registered voters went to the polls in the 1998 general election. Voter turnout is declining nationwide. Nationally, voting by senior citizens has increased, while voting by citizens age 18 - 24 declined from 50% to 32%.

Overall, only 36% of adult Americans voted in the 1998 congressional elections.

Some people fail to register because they do not want to serve on jury duty, well if you have a drivers license, you may still be required to serve as a juror.

Some people believe that his/her vote won't

make a difference. Consider this:

In the general primary 1992, District 1 Commissioner race, Harrell beat Childs by only 1 vote. In the run off, Harrell beat Childs by about 10 votes.

Many county races in the general election in November 2000 will come down to just a few numbers. Your vote will make a difference.

My purpose for writing this letter is to impress upon readers that it is our Christian duty to make an intellectual determination on whom would best serve you and your fellow citizens, and then vote in every election. Especially the general election in November. Where both parties, Republicans and Democrats, will be represented.

I said above that "it is our Christian duty," to make an intellectual determination.

Some groups in our society practice block voting. What this means is that all the Greeks will vote for the Greek candidate without regard to his qualifications relative to his opponents. Block voting is the devil's work, because it is selfish, and is a dis-service to innocent citizens.



More Hot Dawging by Norton

There appears to be a move afoot to name the Tired Creek project after a famous Grady County native to encourage the governor and some legislators to support development of Tired Creek.

I believe this effort is being made to help Norton pull his acorns out of the fire and win his election. It does not mean that it will happen. It just means the effort will be made, Cairo Messenger copy will be generated to influence voters. Make Norton appear to have made individual effort.

You remember Norton laying the groundwork during his debate with Walter Lewis? "He said it has been a project of mine for over a year. A lot of board members don't even know what I've 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 and Wallace Sholar there?"



In the June issue of the Inquirer I said Norton was hot dawging on the board. Now I know why, and the Cairo Messenger and the politicians intend to help him with the election. Question: Why is it so important to them to get Norton reelected?

"Remember in a previous issue, I said, when a politician gets bought, they want him to stay bought? That they will go to any lengths to keep him bought? They have got some plans for old Charlie, and you can bet your boots, it's to get into the taxpayer's pocket.

Whigham Cable TV, Public Service Channel

I have discovered that the Roddenbery Memorial Library is producing public service TV channel 10 which provides local broadcasting to the cable customers of Cairo TCI.

I will follow up on this public service channel. I believe it is another important source of local information. For example, on June 7, 2000, I had a debate with Mr. Elwyn Childs, my opposition for county commissioner. It was broadcast by WGRA, and televised on this public service channel to Cairo citizens.

I was proud of this debate. I wish you could have seen it on TV. I think you would have been proud also. I can show it to you on video, call me. I will report some of the debate here-in.

Bivins/Childs Debate Editor's Comments:

I want to state that I recognize that Mr. Childs is a good Christian man, and a good citizen. However, that does not equate that he would be a good commissioner now, or that he was a good commissioner in the past.

He stated that his record speaks for itself. He has invited me, or anyone, to check that record. I intend to do that. I intend also to print his rebuttals in this paper.

See Bivins/Childs Pg. 7

The Rights of

Say You Saw It In The Buyer's GuidePage

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GRADY COUNTY

The right of property is the guardian of every other right, and to deprive the people of this is in fact to deprive them of their liberty. - Arthur Lee of Virginia (1775)

Right of Private Property

In the sixth century, Justinian 1, Emperor of what was left of the Roman Empire discovered, while codifying Roman Law, that Romans recognized "unalienable rights of man," certain God given rights. The most prominent being the right of private property.

In 1215 the British Constitution - Magna Carta was issued, reaffirming the right of private property.

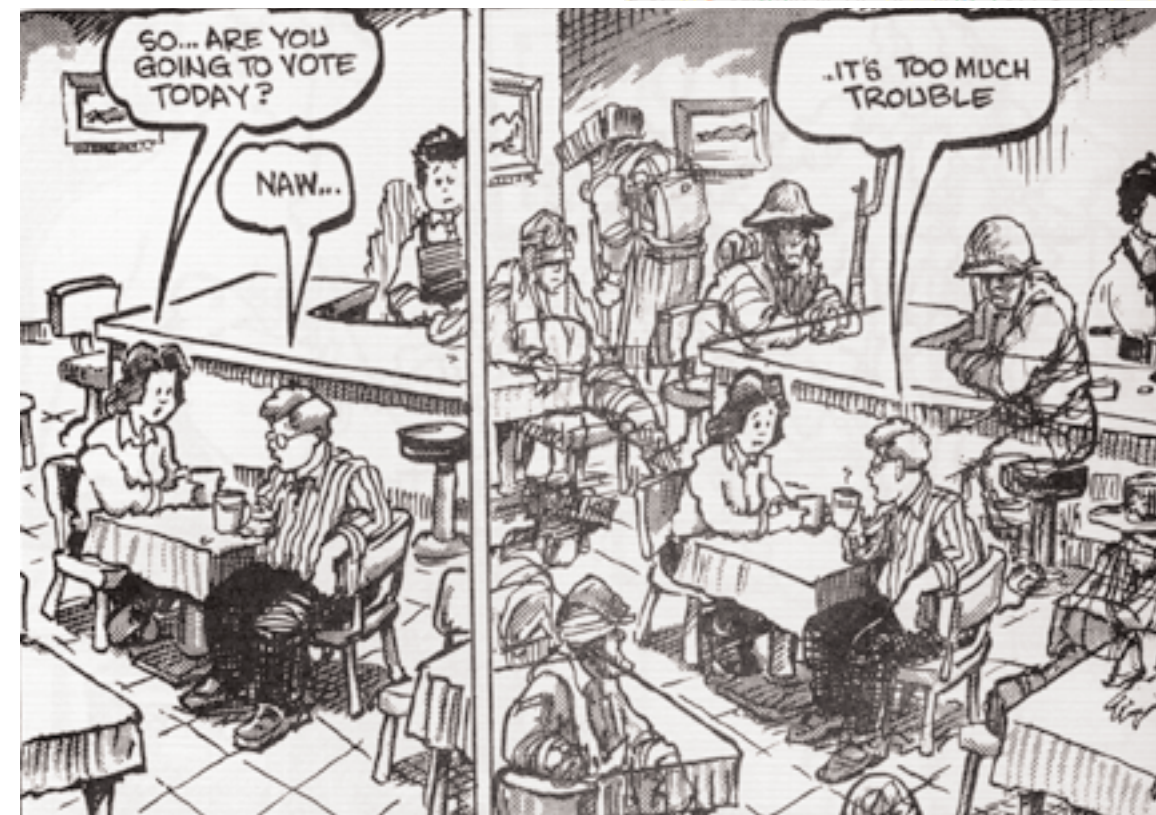
In the seventeenth century, English philosopher John Locke, wrote an essay concerning human understanding, and two treatises on government. He reaffirmed the right of private property.

In the eighteenth century the founding fathers of America were well read of all the above and they affirmed the right of private property. Thomas Jefferson reaffirmed it when he wrote the Declaration of Independence: we hold these truths

to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and Property. Later property was changed to pursuit of happiness.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that we ain't going to have no zoning regulations without a referendum. No state prison without a referendum, no consolidation of county services without a referendum, and no consolidation of city and county governments without a referendum. Not on my watch.

Happy Independence day - Editor



The Grady County INQUIRER • July1, 2000-Page 3 Bivins Accomplishments As Grady County Commissioner:

- Time Clocks Sheriff & Jail, this forces accountability of overtime.
- No Radar on county roads, no county funds are expended for Radar.
- Published Agenda, published free at my request by Chronicle, Messenger refused.
- Hiring Office Mgr. for Tax Office. Tax office now staffed with competent clerks.
- Designed Forms for tax office, to require accountability and provide audit trail.
- Wrote corrective action plan for Tax Office, line item.
- Validator printers, to provide computer generated tax receipts.
- Required Auditor payments accountability of billing, and board approval of each payment.
- Required Tax Assessor to mail out a list of previous years taxable personal property.
- Post Office, "address service requested", assures the correct mailing address. In 1999, up to 10% of all tax bills were sent (three times) to incorrect addresses, causing penalties & interest to be added.
- Designed Form for Tax Assessor, taxpayer can use form to apply for relief of interest and penalties.
- Requested that state initiate address service requested status on all tax bills, statewide. Sen. Ragan. Attempted to correct many shortcomings of county administration:
- Required county commission staff (including Attorney) to obey state open records laws.
- Reestablished Commissioners right to: Have a private office, unfettered access to all county records, keys to courthouse. Under Drew and Copeland, only they had these rights.
- Inadequate communication of board action to other constitutional offices.
- Inadequate, accurate, and complete recording of the (minutes) public record.
- Inadequate and sloppy storage and control of county records.
- Illegality of not re-electing Clerk and Attorney, both are intended by law, to be "at will" employees.
- Require Clerk to use word processor instead of a typewriter - done in 1999.
- Computerize county and other offices with windows technology, including Internet use - done.
- Improve adherence to Robert's Rules of order, required by law - not done, but still trying.
- Required Sheriff seized property inventory, required by law - done.
- Required "Records Retention Schedule" required by law, has been in progress two years, ongoing.
- Requested county records inventory - ongoing.
- Disorderly Conduct Ordinance - done.
- Road Petition and new ordinance - done.
- Private Property Ordinance - done, cannot now bury cows for ex-commissioners. Cronyism dead.
- Road inventory & database - done, development of database is ongoing.
- Annual Road priority list, done, if published annually, it will help take politics out of road paving.
- Attempted county personnel database, in the process, hanky panky was discovered in payroll.
- Finish 3rd floor 1999/2000, I requested it in 1997, this paved the way to sell the old bank building.
- State Prison Referendum, my motion for Referendum failed, but I am proud of my failures as well.
- Repeal of Subdivision Regulations - my motion failed. but I am proud I made it.
- Attempted to get some control of 911 - not successful, still trying.

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Between June 12 and June 27, 1776, Jefferson drafted the Declaration. Natalie Bober | Historian

If you could choose to be present at one moment in Jefferson's life, what moment would it be?

I would love to be there when he was writing the Declaration of Independence. I would love to see him struggling the way I struggle when I write, the way students struggle today for the right, for exactly the right word, the right phrase, trying to match the sound and the sense of each of the words, the cadences...thinking through the ideas that he'd been studying of John Locke, of Montesquieu, all the reading that he had done over the years coming together. He had no notes in front of him, but it was all coming together for him in his head. He had been living this; he had been thinking about it, he had been studying it, he was ready. He needed not a note in front of him. And he was trying to express, in language used by men, just the common sense of the situation. He was trying to make the rest of the world understand why it was necessary for us to separate from Great Britain. He knew he was risking his life. He knew he could be hanged. And he knew that we needed, as a new nation we would need, the support of the rest of the world, and he was trying to explain why we wanted our independence. And he struggled over each word, writing, crossing out, interlining," as he said. And then, as a page got too messy, copying it "fair." I think this must have been a wonderful, wonderful time. I would like to be able to watch this and to see what was going on in his mind and to see the way this document evolved. Incidentally, he wrote it in separate sections. And then he put it all together at the end and he didn't necessarily write the first section first.

Bivins and Lewis - Republican Candidates for Grady County Commissioner
By Walter Lewis

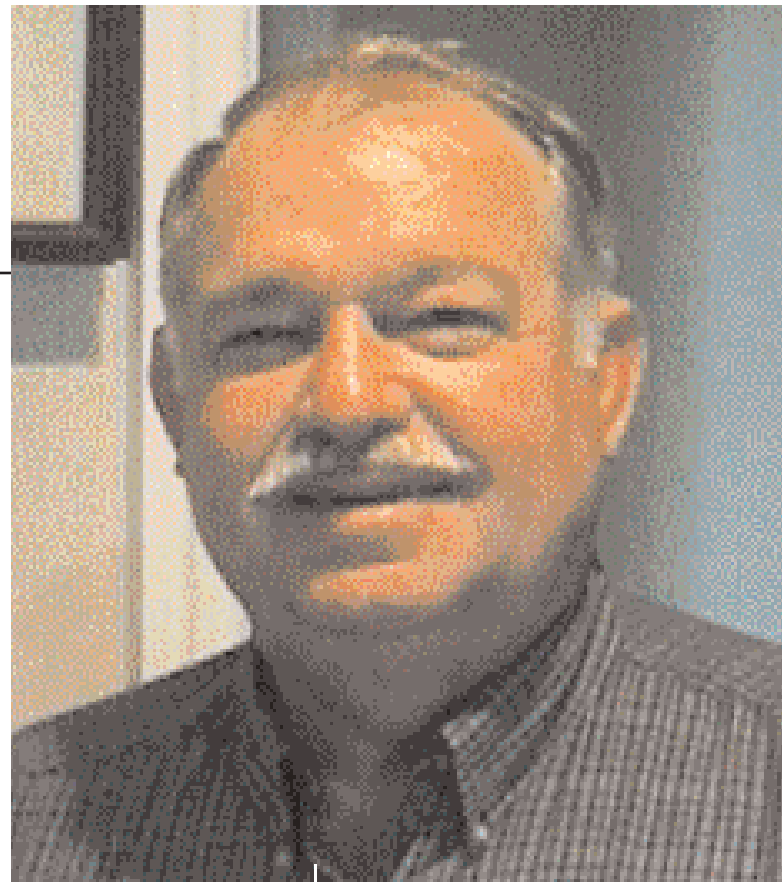
I have been the source of many ideas over the years, which are cataloged, but not acted upon. In this political season, when these ideas have become of interest due to my own campaign, other people who oppose me and who have acted, without intentions in the past, now claim to be working for a Tired Creek Lake. And for government reform for the people's interest, and in selfless denial of themselves, on behalf of the people.

All these issues were in the dead letter file before Bivins and Lewis resurrected them back into public debate.

If Bivins and Lewis fail to win the debate over government in Grady County, the result will be to fall back into the same hands who have been in the spotlight and yet find their real heart and power in the arms of the special interests.

Republicans, Bivins and Lewis will give the people of Grady County the best chance to get the Tired Creek Lake. After all, the total Democrat control of local and state governments have failed for over thirty years to get the lake. New Republican blood on the county commission can provide some bipartisan help to the Democrat majority. We will provide that help by actively soliciting Republican state legislators to join with the Democrats. It can be a win-win combination that has never been tried in Grady County for over 90 years.

Grady County Government absent the heart and kind of ideas that Bivins and Lewis advocate, is like a body that looks healthy on the outside but on the inside suffers from a depression of the people wondering why their government so easily disregards them.



**VOTE FOR WALTER LEWIS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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- I stand firmly behind citizen's rights of private property. I shall not waiver, I shall not equivocate, I shall not flip flop, I shall not sit on the fence, I have no mixed emotions about private property.
- I stand for a citizen referendum on issues that effect our quality of life here in Grady County. Issues such as Tired Creek Property, State prison, Zoning, should go before the people.
- I will not negotiate privately with special interest, but I will negotiate with any interested party in the sunshine of public debate. All issues should come before the board honestly and openly, in the sunshine. I will listen to anyone's ideas in a public meeting.
- I have heard a great deal about entity, team, and harmony on the board. To me team work is free and open discussion between the commissioners, then voting your convictions, free of special interest pressure.

How bad government is

Martin L. Gross' new book, "The Government Racket 2000," is now out in paperback, and I recommend it. The publisher is Avon Books. Those familiar with government waste won't be surprised, but it is a fine reminder of how bad government is.

And by "bad" I mean inefficient, wasteful and basically dishonest. We have some military families on food stamps, but a third 18-hole golf course is built at Andrews Air Force Base because that's where Washington politicians and bureaucrats like to play.

There are more than 160 separate job-training programs. Between 1965 and the present, more than \$7 trillion in current dollars has been spent on a myriad of welfare programs. Yet there are as many poor people today as there were in 1965. It's worthwhile to remind ourselves how far off the track of sensible government we've gone. And, of course, Gross explains why all this talk about a surplus is pure baloney. The federal government is still running a deficit, and the public debt is still increasing. In this case, politicians in both parties are just plain misleading folks with accounting tricks.

In keeping with the Clinton era, it depends on what you mean by surplus. In this case, it means taking \$857 billion from Social Security by fiscal 1999. Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., has exposed this budget-surplus fraud but has gotten virtually no attention from a news media that has, frankly, become a government lap dog for the most part. All Americans — Democrats, Republicans, independents, liberals or conservatives — agree that whatever government does it should do as efficiently as possible. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing the congressional barbershop to the tune of \$360,000 a year. Let the damned politicians get their haircuts at their own expense in a regular barbershop like everybody else.

Some people think I exaggerate when I refer to the federal government as the imperial government, but I don't. There is a very bad atmosphere in Washington that causes ordinary people, when they go there, to lose perspective and in some cases to lose touch with reality. It's as if the power and the perks and being surrounded by lackeys and flatterers poison their minds. They begin to see themselves as a sort of chosen people, better than everybody else. That reeks of imperial, not republican government.

The change in the past 50 years has been enormous. If you ever get the chance, visit Warm Springs, Ga., and look at



Charley Reese
Columnist

the little cottage where Franklin Roosevelt went for rest and therapy. Compare that most modest place with the palatial places where contemporary presidents unwind.

Can you imagine any contemporary president, after his term is over, catching a cab down to the train station to go home at his own expense? Harry Truman did that, and other than Dwight Eisenhower, there hasn't been a president since Truman who was one-tenth the man he was.

Mental and moral midgits who have delusions of grandeur are governing us.

But what does that say about us? There isn't one politician in Washington who wasn't elected. We are simply making bad choices, and I think in part it's because neither the people nor the politicians have any clear idea anymore about what government ought to do and not do.

Both voters and politicians seem to approach the idea of government from a purely selfish point of view — what can I get out of it, and what is it going to give me?

Well, if you're a politician or rich guy with a good lobbyist, the answer is a lot. If you're in the middle to the bottom rung of the ladder, the answer is nothing much.

People have the power to change.

Do they have the will?

Charley Reese is with the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.



**Vote Derrick Vickers
Sheriff
Grady County**

Vote Derrick Vickers for Sheriff on the Republican Ticket July the 18th.

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.

I plan to implement a drug squad, focus on young people, improve wages. Have efficiency and professionalism throughout the department, showing no favoritism or partiality. Equalness to all citizens regardless of race, religion, sex, creed or financial status.

Reduce department waste, 911 issues, job performance. Realignment & restructuring of job duties, initiate training programs. Setting high standards along with implementation of needed policies and procedures. Enforce the safety, service and protection of all citizens. I will have an open door policy at all times.

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