

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Says Nobody Except Sanford Seems Willing To Step Down

(Guest columnist this week is Ed Rankin of John Harden Associates, public relations firm.)

POLITICS ALONG THE CRABTREE . . . With only eight months remaining before the next Democratic Primary, there is need for a full-scale public opinion poll to discover the exact status of the coming race for Governor. If for no other reason, it should dispel the cloud of political dust which now hangs over Fayetteville Street. In the absence of Pollster Lou Harris, and the necessary thousands to finance him, your correspondent has attempted to fill the void.

After extensive research over a cup of coffee in the Sir Walter Coffee Shop, followed by a barbecue sandwich at Cooper's Bar-B-Q joint, here are the documented results:

- 1. The political INs want to stay in.
2. The political OUTs are tired of being out. They want in.
3. Nobody, except maybe Governor Sanford, seems ready to step down and let someone else have a go at the brass ring.
4. There is a smell of rebellion in the air from vox populi. If many people had their way, they would tune politics and big government out of their lives for a while—50 or 80 years.
5. The possibilities of these findings are enough to make the UNC computer at Chapel Hill run a hot box. Meanwhile, politicians and political pundits will have to make out the best way they can.

COMMENTS PROHIBITED . . .

Perhaps the best answer to political criticism would be a recall of Article 80 of the Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina (March 1, 1670) which reads as follows:

"Since multiplicity of Comments, as well as of Laws, have great inconveniences, and serve only to obscure and perplex All Manner of Comments and Propositions on any part of these Fundamental Constitutions, or any part of the Common or Status Law of Carolina, are absolutely prohibited . . ." And that was that. Wonder if it later had anything to do with the fact that North Carolina is the only state which does not allow its Governor to have a veto?

NEVER TO OLD FOR FUN

Recreation is a nice vague word usually associated with playgrounds for the kiddies. It's something that city councilmen vote for—or against—but somehow recreation is usually associated with fun for the youngsters. A current study being made in North Carolina among

patients in private nursing homes is clearly proving that people are never too old for fun. Good recreation is actually good therapy for our increasing population of aging citizens.

Miss Mae Crandall, former recreation director at Mooresville who is now conducting the study for the North Carolina Association of Nursing Homes and the State Board of Health, reports that a simple program of recreation can brighten and enrich the lives of oldsters immeasurably. Nursing home administrators are finding that it takes more than good nursing care, the correct diet, etc., to maintain the health and mental alertness of their patients. A report on this study, soon to be published, will offer practical advice on what can be accomplished through recreational therapy.

DEAR ABBY . . . A young lady, soon to be married, rushed home to report: "I can't marry Harry, Mother. He's an atheist and doesn't believe there's a hell." The mother quickly responded: "Marry him, daughter. Between the two of us, we'll convince him that he's wrong!"

AN UNKNOWN BATTLEFIELD . . . The increasing construction of new public schools is providing a lively, competitive arena for more than an exchange of knowledge, ideas and teaching. These modern structures offer opportunity for arch-

itects, engineers, manufacturers and producers to prove the superiority of their services and products. There is a definite prestige value for having your service or product used in the new school buildings. Battle-lines have been drawn, for example, in many North Carolina communities between the competing fuels of oil and electricity. This fight was reflected in the General Assembly where fuel oil dealers succeeded in getting the Legislature to limit the cash subsidies which electric utilities were paying to speculate builders for installation of electric heat.

Now comes news from Peoria, Illinois, where a brand-new 1,600-student high school has been completed with a completely independent utility service. Heating oil is used to fuel the school's on-site electric generators. The electricity produced is used for lighting, operation of motors, etc., while the oil heat provides space heat in winter and air conditioning in summer.

The engineers claim that annual operating costs are lower than for similar structures using conventional heating systems and electric power purchased from public utilities.

SO THEY SAY . . . Newsmen have their problems in dealing with the languages of official spokesmen, whether governmental or otherwise. Here are some samples of language, with

S. G. Moretz Family Reunion

The family of Mrs. S. G. Moretz and the late S. G. Moretz, held its annual reunion at the home on Route 2, Boone, Aug. 18. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by the following:

Blaine Moretz, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Moretz, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Moretz and children, Jerry and Debra and Mr. Lloyd Stanberry of Route 1, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moretz and Johnny, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moretz and children, Warren and Joyce of Route 2, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hubbard, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Blankenbecker and daughter, Maureen of Asheville; Miss Rebecca Duffield of Bristol, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pearson and daughter, Linda, Mrs. Ola Mae Greer and children, Teddy and Virginia, and Miss Mabel Moretz of Lenoir Mrs. Hazel Dotson and sons, Jimmy and Sammy of Hickory; Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Isabelle Hubbard and Mrs. Mary Harris Pamplin of Reidsville. Afternoon visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Rt. 2, Boone and Dr. and Mrs. Elmo Moretz and daughters, Patty and Anne, of Tampa, Fla.

appropriate interpretations:

A reliable source—the guy who told the guy you met.

Unimpeachable source—the guy who started the rumor.

Coordinator—guy who has a desk between two expeditors.

We are making a survey—we need more time to think of an answer.

It's under consideration—never heard of it.

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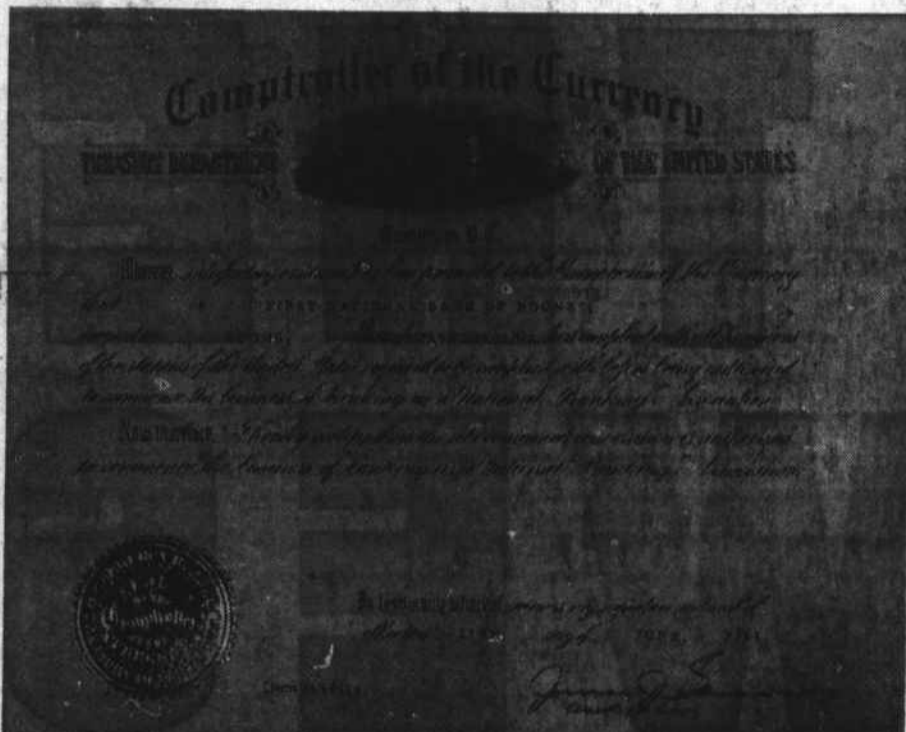
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