LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Times Continue Good Here

A release this week from the N. C. Department of Revenue showing sales figures for the 1964-65 fiscal year shows that Franklin County is continuing to grow. Indeed, the county has shown a good increase in sales for the past twelve months. Business is good in our county.

While Louisburg, based on percentage figures and estimates, fell a little short of its record annual average of 22.5%, it still registered an extremely respectful 20% increase over 1963. Business is good in Louisburg.

The remainder of the county, based on percentages and esti-

mates, showed the greatest gain in the past year, jumping from an average annual increase in sales of 2.06 to a very impressive 17% in 1964-65. Business is good in all of our county.

This speaks well for Franklin County, its merchants and its people. With continued prosperity in retail sales, new buildings and homes, additions to Louisburg College, the hospital and a fair tobacco crop coming up, this progress should continue.

The community is on the move. It is headed forward. May it continue.

Branch For Governor?

Enfield attorney Joe Branch, legislative aide to Governor Dan Moore, spoke in Louisburg Friday night. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Democratic Women. He sounded very much like a candidate, which bears out some interesting political observa-

Lt. Gov. Robert Scott is off and running for the 1968 gubernatorial seat. He is a liberal of the Terry Sanford-Kerr Scott vintage and he has a great deal of support. The Moore people are aware of these things and are looking for a man of their own.

Two names continue to crop up in light of this search. One, Melville Broughton, is the son of a former governor and at present, State Chairman of the Democratic Party. The other is Joe Branch.

popularity has Broughton's

Authorship of this little message is not known,

but it offers the best lesson in history we've

seen in a long time. Entitled "Time Is Running

"The average age of the world's great civili-

"These nations have progressed through this

"From dependency back again into bondage,

"In 11 years, our nation will be 200 years old.
"This cycle is not inevitable. But it's up to

Certainly spiritual faith inspired the great

courage which enabled our forefathers to break

the bonds which held the people of the land

until they made the historic Declaration of In-

And they used this liberty to build a great na-

men, striving in dignity as individuals, can-

Regretably, selfishness became evident in our society; abundance, like liberty, came to be ac-

cepted as a right and inevitability, and the

Ithough man has made amazing

scientific achievements, Nature still

puts on the gratest show on earth

and exhibits miracles, every day,

Some people fail to recognize the

A farmer, with a hundred acres of planted crops, must have, of all

things, a plentiful supply of water.

If he receives a rainfall of one inch,

which often occurs during the plant-

which put man's best efforts to

miracles which occur every day.

Miracle Of Rain

shame.

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tion, sharing the abundance which only free

-- South Bay Daily Breeze

Out," it goes this way:

zation has been 200 years.

"From bondage to spiritual faith.

"From great courage to liberty

"From abundance to selfishness

"From complacency to apathy.

dependence. Thus they won liberty.

"From apathy to dependency.

"From selfishness to complacency.

"From liberty to abundance,

"From spiritual faith to great courage.

Offers Best Lesson In History

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

faded somewhat of late. This is due, say some political observers, because of Broughton's activities as a lobbyist in the recent General Assembly. However, he does hold the party machinery controls at this point. Branch, on the other hand, has the Governor's ear unlike any other man in North Carolina.

In politics, it pays to look ahead. And, apparently, this is what the Moore people are doing. It might be interesting to watch for an increase in public appearances of the conservative neighbor from Enfield, As one writer puts it, "He doesn't talk much, but when he does people will listen because they know he will have a telling point to make."

He had several last Friday night in his speech here. This could have been the start of Joe Branch's trip to the Mansion.

The last step is, of course, bondage.

season, Nature has dropped

2,714,300 gallons of water on his

crops. And Nature can accomplish

Scientists, who attempt to compute

the tremendous forces involved in

such an operation as a heavy rain,

are constantly amazed at the power

of Nature and the ease and gentle-

ness which she usually does her job.

If the reader will think about it, he

too will be constantly amazed at the

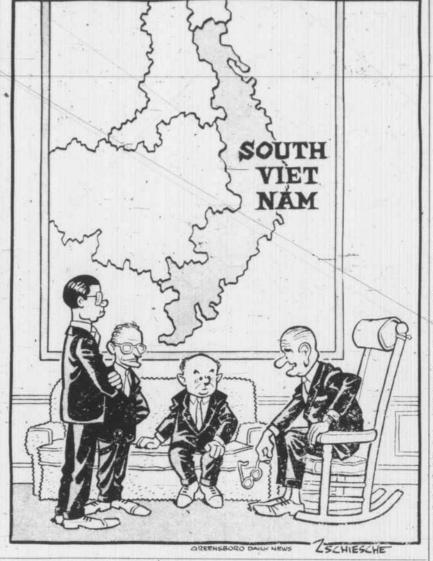
miracles which take place about him

every day, which are accepted as

common-place occurrences.

this in just-a few minutes.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions...



Viewpoint

Did We Have To Spill The Milk?

By JESSE HELMS

service -- a false assumption,

Crying over spilled milk is tor referred. an exceedingly futile exercise, Senator Ervin wonders if the but there is much to be said American people realize that for bearing in mind that it was the over-all Social Security unnecessary for the milk to have program has been impaired by North Carolina's two U. S. Sena- lation. "Under the new meditors split in their votes on the so-called "Medicare" bill he told the Senate, "the new next thing we knew, complacency was every-Complacency is a state of complete self- which Lyndon Johnson rammed social security tax will ultisatisfaction; its motto might be "We never had it so good." But it leads to apathy, which B. Everett Jordan voted for the per cent of the first \$6,600 of only half safe. is indifference, unconcern, an obliviousness to bill; Senator Sam J. Ervin, what may be going on around us.

Jr., voted against it. Senator Ervin performed a In this situation, with courage no longer needed and abundance taken for granted, it is only a useful service the other day short slide into dependency. Its motto: "We've when he arose in the Senate flation and no increase in the got it coming to us." That we are passing-and in some respects, already have passed-through the steps of complacency and apathy is evident, because as cause to regret that the Conwe yield more and greater powers to central gress rubberstamped Presi-government, and look to it more and more for dent Johnson's "Medicare"

handout support, we are indeed well into de- proposal. Ervin Senator pendency, which the unknown author labels as the next-to-the-last step. himself purely to the practi-calities of the matter. Only George Orwell figured it would be 1984 before by indirection did he refer to gould be slaves to "Big Brother," and used the obvious socialistic implithat date as the title of a book he published in cations of a piece of legisla-1949. Another 11 years will make us 200 tion that will tax the poor to years old in 1976, beating Orwell by eight pay portions of the medical expenses of well-to-do citi-

Meanwhile, it would seem to behoove us to zens circumvent that last step, if possible, and the way would seem to be clear: a return to spirithe outset: Senator Ervin suptual faith, great courage and liberty. And a ports the idea that the governtor Ervin's contention that the a program that will yield them

> citizens. expenses by other forms of insurance or cash. The KerrMHIs plan took care of another in the nature of the United 20.5 per cent, leaving only the 2.6 per cent to which the Sena
> and MHIS plan took care of another in the nature of the United States as a country, nobody knows," Senator Ervin obspanse folk beliefs about plants need to be corrected to

But Senator Ervin can take

comfort in the fact that he did not vote to spill the milk. It is too bad that his colleague been spilled in the first place, the enactment of President from North Carolina in the lt is interesting to note that Johnson's "Medicare" legis- Senate, Br Everett Jordan, threw principle to the winds and yielded to the pressures from the White House. On this crucial issue, our state's rep-

earnings of each American worker." This assumes, he said, that there will be no further inflation and no in-

Congress, by special legisla- no benefits until, as the Senator tion, could easily have taken put it, "they have spent their military training exercise have care of this small minority of youth and their middle age and been described by the Com-

Columnist Max Freedman the Senator logically believes. "This means in plain Engwrites: "The uproar in Conlist," he continued, "that each gress over reapportionment is job in America paying gross the visible and dramatic proo earnings of \$6,600 a year will that the minority on the Supremu contribute to the Federal Gov- Court was right in its forekodernment, in social security tax-es alone, \$759 annually. .." would be created by the court's And even that will not be decision. With wavailing ldgic enough to finance the program, and legal scholarship, Justice Senator Ervin said. He told Frankfurter (now retired) and the Senate: ". . . the advocates Justine Harlan led the opposiof the medicare bill now admit tion on the court to the judicial what I have long contended and settlement of these reapthey have long denied; that no portionment problems. . . They adequate health program can foresay the new problems that be tied solely to the social would arise once the court besecurity system." In the first gan to work in these political ering of selfishness, complacency and ment should make sure that year of its operation, it will thickets. Other members of medical attention is available to be necessary to add \$1.2 bil- the court, and large sections all citizens unable to provide lion from other tax sources to of public opinion, began to see it for themselves. It may come as a surprise to some, however, Senator Ervin said that he the wisdom of these forebodings when a majority of the justices as a surprise to some, however, Senator Ervin said that he when a majority of the justices that only 2.5 per cent of the finds it difficult to believe that elderly American people are unable to take care of their what "Medicare" is costing medical expenses. It is Sena- them, will be willing to support of a state legislature must have their membership determined by population."

> become elderly persons." mander of the Defense Traffic The Senator's breakdown of Either the Social Security System over-85 population has not been challenged. He stated that 47.6 per cent of the elderly have converted into a virtual welfare the Department of Defense. The Blue Cross insurance; 29.3 per state...What the establishment "Desert Strike" maneuvers cent take care of their medical of such a welfare state will saw the heaviest movement of expenses by other forms of in- ultimately cost in dollars, in troops and material since World

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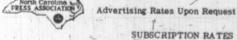
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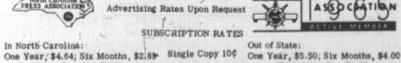
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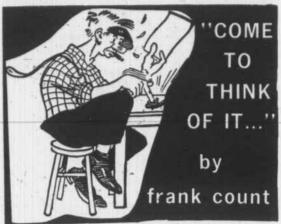
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What with the federal government spending all that money to eliminate poverty, unemployment, old age, sickness, communism, hangnails, dope peddling, junk piles, electric bills, rent, dirty water, dirty air and empty cartons on the grocery shelves... it appears that they would make some investigation and spend some money to protect the citizens from one of the real dangers now confronting us all

It's gotten so a body can hardly move without being threatened by a feroclous animal....This is the year of the tiger....There's one in your tank...or, at least that's what they say...and we've seen the tail hanging out There's one in the boot of your car...if you're driving a particular make.....There are tiger paws all over your tires ... gripping the road ... holding you back ... R'll take more in your tank Sounds for the world to us that there is a conspiracy afoot ...

Then, of course, there is the surf-board riding...fish feeding tiger that hangs around in your cereal box. growling and purring...and now, they've got one dressed'like a pretty girl stretched out on a couch selling hair cream....It talks like a girl, too...when he says, "Sick 'em".....We didn't even know tigers used hair cream.

There sure ought to be something done to develop a tiger resistant spray or something like that And we are sure that if someone will send this idea to Washington... Congress will get right on it They've liked most of our other problems in the last few months...and they'd just love to have something else to spend money on, and we can hardly think of any project that would be more appealing to them than this on to think of it...it has about as much merit as most of the things they've been doing.

prevent accidental poisonings, according to an article by Shir-ley Baughman O'Leary which much leisure time and never appears in an American Medi-cal Asyociation publication. She It adds that those who harbor warns that there are no safe tinges of guilt over time idled tests for poisonous plants; that away in their favorite pastime what, birds and animals may can take solace in the fact that safely eat is not necessarily the recreation industry "is a harmless to man; that heating key growth factor in the U.S. and cooking do not always de- economy." Early in this cen-stroy the poison--it depends tury two and a half cents of on the poison and some of the every consumer dollar went for most deadly are unaffected, and recreation, apart from vacation there is probably no locality travel; now the figure is about

Winston Churchill once 'said: 'If you will not fight for right when. . .your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may plans. Included are more than some to the moment when you 5.3 million people over 65. will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a All. In A Day's Work precarious chance of survivia." A street cleaner was fired

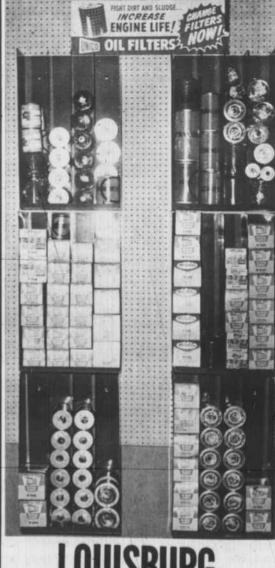
that has no poisonous plants. five and a half cents.

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