

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Road Committee

A recent meeting of the Franklin County Better Roads Committee has brought forth an agreement among the members of a list recommended by the State Highway officials, of priority primary road projects.

The list makes a lot of sense. Number one on the list of most needed road improvement is N. C. 39 from the bypass in Louisiana to the Vance County line. Vance, its been reported, is assured of improvement from Henderson to the Franklin County line. The need to improve the entire stretch from Henderson to Louisburg has existed for many years. The Committee has done well to make this the number one priority project.

All the other projects listed are needed. The State Highway officials have

done a good job of recognizing these needs and the Committee has acted wisely in approving the list.

The question now, of course, is where do we go from here?

The State recognizes these needs. The county recognizes these needs. Seems that all that is left is to get on with the job of making these improvements. Money will probably be the big problem, but it is hoped that Franklin County, through the work of the Roads Committee and others, can convince the State officials in Raleigh that it is time to spend some of it here.

One thing is certain. Franklin County is trying. Let's hope it will continue to do so.

"HERE WE GO AGAIN... 'THIRTY U.S. SPECIAL FORCES MEN ARRIVED IN THAILAND LAST WEEK...'"



Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, May 3rd:

C. M. Hamlet, Jr., w/m, abandonment and non support. Defendant to pay \$50.00 today and balance of \$200.00 within 60 days and to make regular payments.

George Collier, w/m, abandonment and non support. Court orders action dismissed.

Robert Lee Wiggins, c/m/33, non support. Court finds defendant failed to comply and orders commitment to issue for violation of probation.

Willard Osborne Abbott, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Early Ambres Allen, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Irving Emanuel Alexander, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty

under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Dan Gray Arnold, w/m/25, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Kermit Delmar Akers, w/m/30, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Norwood Lee Faulcon, c/m/40, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Harris, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Van Robbins, Jr., c/m/28, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Herschel Ervin Avery, w/m/22, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Michael Lamotte Holt, w/m/22, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

George Collier, w/m, non support. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$50.00 per month beginning June 1, 1966.

Robert Eugene Huskey, w/m/32, no operator's license. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Harvey Avon Richardson, c/m/18, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Callie Lee Heading, w/m/21, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Baxter Benjamin Mann, c/m/53, motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Willard Eugene Ayscue, w/m/37, motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Robert Edward Williams, c/m/21, motor vehicle violation. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Johnnie Benjamin Mann, c/m/30, no operator's license. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Lindberg Mitchell, w/m/34, speeding. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$10.00 fine and costs.

Robert Graham Preddy, w/m/28, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Jay Wilder Taylor, w/m/17, careless and reckless driving. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Wesley Long, c/m/26, assault with deadly weapon. State takes a Nol Pros with leave.

Terrence Nichol Evans, w/m/20, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Robert Pinkney Cook, Jr., w/m/41, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Edward Mills, w/m/26, motor vehicle violation. 6 months in jail, suspended on \$15.00 fine and cost.

Alphonzo Terrell, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. Petition having been filed with Clerk of U. S. Court for the Eastern District of N. C., for removal of this action to U. S. District Court, it is found that this Court has no jurisdiction or authority herein pending further action by the said District Court.

Robert David Sloan, c/m/27, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Lula Mitchell, c/m/17, Violation of GS 18-90.1. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Harry Eddie Harrison, w/m/35, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

A. C. Privette, w/m/52, violation of GS 18-90.1. Statetakes Nol Pros.

Claude Stephen Perry, w/m, operating auto intoxicated; unlawful possession of whiskey. \$100.00 fine and costs.

Ladd M. Hamrick, Jr., speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Ray Robertson, w/m/34, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

L. Gene Wilson, Raymond R. Owens, Robert E. Steale, Joseph T. Yopp and John B. Vester each charged with escape from prison. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury and to post \$500.00 appearance bond.

J. B. Tharrington, w/m, assault with deadly weapon. State takes Nol Pros with leave.

Ronald Steven Rich, w/m/20, motor vehicle violation. To pay costs.

Curtis Harold Creech, w/m/39, no operator's license. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Willie Andrew Thomas, c/m/28, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail; suspended on payment of \$15.00 fine and costs.

Phillip Max L. Perry, c/m/23, speeding. 6 months in jail, suspended on \$15.00 fine and costs.

Robert Henry Neal, c/m/21, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Everette Gay Hicks, w/m/22, motor vehicle violation. \$200.00 fine and costs.

Catherine Griffin Strickland, w/m/35, speeding. Discharged on payment of costs.

Bobby Ray Bailey, w/m/29, escape from prison. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury under \$500.00 appearance bond.

James Nixon, w/m/22, escape from prison. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury under \$500.00 appearance bond.

A Close Shave
San Antonio, Tex. -- Arthur Gene McDowell told police two men entered his gas station and one of them sprayed shaving cream from a pressure can into his eyes. When he was able to see again, he discovered \$270 missing from the cash drawer.

A Zillion Dollars
Fremont, Mich. -- According to Greg Hager, 7, and Gordon Vredevelt, 6, they found a "zillion dollars" while exploring a city dump. Police kept the actual amount secret for a year until the rightful owners were found. The owners, two sisters, said half the \$3,000 to \$4,000 would go to the boys as a reward.

And They Keep Coming

Several years ago we said surely this must be all. We've said the same thing many times since. But, alas, there seems no end to the things Washington can continue to come up with.

There has been much in the papers lately about the President's new Civil Rights Bill, particularly the housing requirements contained therein. Senator Sam Ervin, Jr. of North Carolina and Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois have both said this is unconstitutional, as if that mattered to the powers that be.

But, even though this one has not settled in anybody's craw as yet, still another pops up. The thing is endless.

A bill now in Congress (Senate 2974, introduced by Senators Clark of Pennsylvania and Bobby Kennedy (naturally) of New York), would authorize "The

Secretary (of Labor) to stimulate occupational readjustment and geographical mobility of the affected workers." Don't let the fancy language fool you. What it says, more simply put, is that the Secretary would have the power to take over State unemployment operations, move workers from one section of the country to another and to replace privately owned employment services.

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Gypsies Laugh At Red Tape

From National Geographic

Washington -- When Gypsies make their violins cry these days, some authorities, sob with frustration.

Gypsies behind the Iron Curtain have made a joke of repeated efforts to settle them down. They cross forbidden borders with an ease that would impress even a master spy. Passports, identification papers, and steady jobs mean nothing to the footloose, fancy-free Romanies.

The five or six million Gypsies who wander across other parts of Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Australia also resist settlement. Since leaving their original homeland in India before the Christian era, Gypsies have preferred to roam, the National Geographic Society says.

Swap Identity Cards

Hungarian authorities have tried to persuade Gypsies to form woodworking and copper-smithing cooperatives, settle on collective farms, or take regular factory jobs. Most of the wanderers greet these invitations with a resounding lack of enthusiasm.

Police gave Gypsies identity cards and forbade them to move. The system failed when the Gypsies made their identifications common property, swapped them with each other, and even used them as playing cards.

The Hungarian regime then provided Gypsies with building material for houses. The Romanies sold the lumber and de-camped. Free books kindled no burning desire for education. The Gypsies made cigarette papers from textbook leaves.

In Poland, where police are

quick to stop motorists, even at country crossroads, they just wave on the wanderers' horse-drawn wagons.

Reform Efforts Fail

Ever since the Russian Revolution, the Communists have been trying to make Gypsies take up "socially useful labor." Periodically, the Soviet Union reports that Gypsies are abandoning their itinerant life to work in factories and on farms.

Those who know Gypsies smile at these pronouncements and recall an early effort to settle Russian Romanies. The Soviet Government installed a group in a large house in Moscow, where they spent the winter. When spring arrived, officials came to suggest a little trip to a nice collective farm. They found only the outer walls and parts of the floor remaining. Everything movable or combustible was missing. So were the Gypsies.

Some Gypsies manage to stay in one place, though transition to a fixed abode often is difficult. An American Gypsy who bought a house in New Jersey ran a large pole from floor to ceiling in the center of the living room. He wanted to give the room the look of a tent.

Gypsies have made other changes in their traditional way of life. Many former horse-traders now deal in used cars.

Teachers

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gram will go into effect for 1966-67 school year.

As recommended by Principal D. Whitman Shearin the following High School faculty and staff were elected by the board to positions for the 1966-67 school year: Mrs. Thelma H. Green, Mrs. Edna McLemore, Mrs. Edna D. Pearce, Mrs. Dorothy C. Shearon, Miss Nellie B. Joyner, Mrs. Lina J. McGhee, Mrs. Nancy K. Wilson, Mrs. Helen S. Benton, Mrs. Lucy L. Cannady, Mrs. Willodean Poole, Mrs. Christan S. Corbin, Mrs. Julia F. Carr, Mr. Wesley F. Jackson, Mr. Hiram J. Guedalia, Miss Edith Jackson, Mrs. Mary N. Wester, Mr. Beeton W. Corbin, Mrs. Betty E. Timberlake, Mrs. Isabel B. Stephens, Mrs. Margaret A. Pruetie, Mr. Roland Owens, Mrs. Ialeen S. Mode, Mrs. Elizabeth Blount, Mrs. Miriam G. Honeycutt, Mrs. Betty D. Harris, Mrs. Mattie M. Barnhill, Mrs. Charlotte H. Pearce, Mrs. Josephine H. Laughter, Mrs. Pearl R. Ball, Mrs. Lillie M. Preddy, Mrs. Ruby K. Joyner, E. C. (Jack) Kearney and Mrs. Mabel P. Wilder.

As recommended by Principal Ollie W. Burrell these teachers were elected to teach in the B. F. Person-Albion High School for the 1966-67 school year: Mrs. Eleanor Greene, Mrs. Elsie Harris, Mrs. Mamie Jones, Miss Carolyn Sanders, Miss Nellie Cheatham, Mrs. Addie King, Mrs. Ora P. Alston, Mrs. Bess Dora Hill, Mrs. Cora Brodie, Mr. Garriet Jones, Mrs. Lillie Clemons, Mrs. Hattie S. Boone, Mr. Joseph Dempsey, Mr. James Harris, Mrs. Lucy Bussey, Mr. Robert Johnson, Mr. James Foster, Mr. Eugene Logan, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Mary Yarbrough, Mr. Yarbrough, Miss Priscilla Brodie, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Rolline Collins, Mr. William Curry and Miss Evelyn Randolph.

Resignations were accepted from the following teachers at B. F. Person-Albion High School: Mrs. Almetta Revis, Mrs. Susie Alston and Mrs. Ada Alston.

The Supreme Court Strikes Again

WE THE PEOPLE
THE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
March 1966

A few days ago the Federal Supreme Court decreed that it is unconstitutional for a State to require its citizens to pay a poll tax in order to have the right to go to the polls and vote.

Only three or four States still had such a requirement and even in those it usually applied exclusively to males between the ages of twenty-one and some age cutoff point such as fifty or sixty years old. The Federal Constitution was recently amended to prohibit it as a requirement for voting in Federal elections.

The effect of this decision on tax revenues in the few States which had the requirement still applying to voting in State and local elections will not be noticed. The poll tax will be collected as usual, just as it is in North Carolina which abolished the poll tax requirement for voting many years ago while some Northern States continued to use it.

The effect of the decision on the number of people voting will not be noticeable either. The amount of the poll tax has always been small. Unlike many forms of taxes, the poll tax never had a built-in mechanism for causing it to increase in amount from year to year. The same one or two dollars a year is being levied today as it was a hundred and fifty years ago. As the value of the dollar has eroded with inflation, the poll tax has become less and less of a financial burden. Still, the Court's opinion declared that it is a financial burden, a statement which affords some evidence of the Court's disregard for the truth.

The most important aspect of the decision, however, would seem to be the Court's disregard for the Constitution itself. The only thing in the Constitution about a poll tax is the recent amendment forbidding the use of such a tax as a voting requirement in Federal elections. The matter of also forbidding it as a requirement for voting in State and local elections was fully considered when the amendment was prepared and was deliberately left out.

Obviously the Supreme Court regards itself as being more competent at writing Constitutional Amendments than Congress and the legislatures of the three-fourths of the States which adopted the recent amendment. There are, of course, those who think that this particular high-handedness on the part of the Court is just fine because it served what they regard as a good end. But this it not the last group of men who will sit on that Court. The doctrine is becoming more firmly established that where the Court feels the end sought is good the Constitution will be re-made to obtain the end. This is a doctrine which will sooner or later bring screams from those who now cheer. The trouble with having a government of men rather than of laws is that one cannot always choose his despots and can never be sure that he can trust those he does choose.

Tension Relief

Birmingham, Ala. -- Housewives have found a way to relieve tensions. Almost daily six ladies are seen running around their neighborhood. Mrs. Marion Phillips, one of the promoters, said it was an excellent way to battle the pressures of house work as well as the waistline.

Souvenirs For 2066

Savannah, Ga. -- Mrs. Margaret Sadler's sixth grade pupils hope to show the children of 2066 what youngsters of 1966 were like by burying comic books, a portable TV, and a skate board in a vault. The site, at White Bluff Elementary School, is marked with a slab of marble.

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