The Franklin Times

Contraction .

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Fourth Of July

That to secure these rights, -Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Thus says the Declaration of Independence

This grand old document, which appears in its entirety elsewhere on this page says many other things worth remembering. Every citizen should take the time to read it. Once read, every citizen should take the time to ponder its true meaning and to consider how far we are drifting away from the funamentals which this document and those who wrote it established as a true guideline for this nation. The Declaration of Independence is a heritage every

citizen should fight to hold. It is our best guarantee of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Declaration Of Independence

The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress, in Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776. John Hancock was presi-dent of the Congress and Charles Thomson was secretary. A copy of the Declaration, engrossed on purchment, was signed by Wembers of Congress on and after August 2, 1776. On January 18, 1777, Congress

WHEN IN THE COURSE of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opin-ions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. 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 the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Govern-ments are instituted among Men, de-riving their just powers from the con-

riving their just powers from the con-sent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abalish it, and to institute new Go-vernment, loying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Govern-ments long established should not be ehanged for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experi-ence hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while ewils are sufferable, than to right them-selves by abalishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despo-tism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter, their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Graver Building Systems of Gavernment. The history of the present King of Great Britain

is a history of repeated injuries and is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an abso-ture-Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. HE HAS REFUSED HIS ASSENT TO LAWS, the most wholesome and neces-sary for the public good. He has farbid-den his Governors to pass Laws of imme-diate and pressing importance unless

diate and pressing importance unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained, and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to

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ordered that "authenticated copies, with the names of the Members of Congress subscribed the same, be sent to each of the United States, and that they be desired to have same put upon record." Authenticated copies were printed in broadside form in Baltimore, where the Continen-tal Congress, was then in session.

peace, Standing Armies, without the Cansent of our legislatures. He has aflegted to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil

He has affected to render the Military managed and and superior to the Guil Power. The has combined with others to sub-fiect us to a jurisdiction fareign to our outaws, giving his Assent to their. Acts of pretended Legislation. For quartering arge bodies of armed troops among us, for protecting them, by a mack Trigl, from punishment for any Murders which these states: For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world. For any point of the sub-soft the second of the world. For index giving his Assent to the sub-trade with all parts of the world. For index of the sub-soft he benefits of Trial by Jury: For for protended offences. For abolishing the firse System of English Laws in a englishouring the same absolute rule on a Arbitrary government, and in introducing the same absolute rule our protenting us and letring fundementally the forms of an Governments. For sus-perior these Colonies: For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valu-ble Laws and altering fundementally the Fare system of letring the sub-our protecting the same absolute rule our protection of the sub-our protection of the sub-our fundementality and the sub-solution these Colonies. For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valu-oble Laws and altering fundementally the Fare sub-ouring the same absolute rule of the sub-lishing our most valu-oble Laws and altering fundementally the Fare sub-oblishing our aver Legislatures, and de-claring themselves invested with power to legislate far us in all cases whotso-

to legislate far us in all cases whatso-ever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and des-troyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to com-plate the works of death, desolption and tyranny, afready begun with circum-stances of cruelty & periody scarely paralleled in the most borborous ges, and totably unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. He has constrained our fellow

He has constrained our fellow Citizers taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brettren, or to fall themselves by, their Monde Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections

amongst us, and has endeavaured to bring on the inhabitants of our frantiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known tule of warfare, is an undistin-

guished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Residenced for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Peti-tians have been answered and by re-peated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legisla-tion over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and stellement here. We have oppealed to their native justice and manganimity, and working the time of attempts by their legisla-tion over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and stellement here. We have oppealed to their native justice and manganimity, and wor known kinden to disave these supurpations, which would, inevitably interrupt aur connections and correspon-dence. They too have been deal to the vise of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquises in the necessity, which denounces our Separa-tion, and hold them, as we hold the rest of markind. Enemies in War, in Peace markind, Enemies in War, in Peace transkind, Enemies in War, in Peace and the United States of Amer-tion, and hold them, as we hold the rest of general Congress, Assembl-ed, appealing to the Supreme Judge af the world for the restifued of our nettoring of the good People of these

intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Autority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and de-clare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free And Independent Stries, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be tatelly discolved and that as State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, con-clude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts' and Things which Inde-pendent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

We're Getting Some Help

It is gratifying to this editor that other news media are commenting on our current series of front page editorials on the road conditions in Franklin County

While this newspaper instigated this push to get something done about deplorable road conditions here, it is not alone in those who would desire to correct the unfair treatment Franklin County (and perhaps, some others) have experienced in the matter of highway fund expenditures.

We are grateful to WRAL-TV in Raleigh for their coverage and indications that they will give it more cover- We hope others will see fit to join inage

We would like to thank The Raleigh Times for their coverage this week and also, for indications that, they too, will continue to look into the situation.

And we wish to thank our old friend Henry Dennis, editor of the Henderson Daily Dispatch, for his kind editorial in support of our efforts.

The Franklin Times, as a rural semiweekly newspaper, speaks loud at times, but is not heard in some quarters in the State capital. Louder voices are needed in our quest for a better deal from the Highway Commission.

We are grateful for these new voices.

Henderson Newspaper Comments On Times' Road Editorials Henderson Daily Dispatch

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29. 1966

Improvement Long Overdue

The Franklin Times is using frontpage editorials to direct attention to the terrible condition of some roads in Franklin County. Those even casually fami-liar with the situation can verify the Times' conclusions, and the need which it is stressing. The articles are impressively illustrated to support claims that are made.

On' a number of occasions, the Daily Dispatch has called attention to the condition of NC 39 in Vance County, leading toward Franklin County and Louisburg. Our conclusion has been that more than this agitation is necessary in order to get results. There must be a political voice that can speak loudly enough to be heard, and so far as Vance is concerned very little of that exists. NC 39 in Vance has only a narrow pavement and the road is crooked, dangerous and a threat to safe travel. We would assume that the only reason no more accidents happen than do is that most of those who use this highway are familiar with the hazards and are on guard against them. From Henderson to the county line, the road winds and twists in the same general routing as when it was first taken over by the State. It seems that as good a job as possible is being done in maintenance. But major repairs and improvements are urgently needed, including elimination of some of the dangerous curves that exist. Other sections of the State seem to have the ear of the highway commission and are getting results. Vance and Franklin need some one with prestige and influence to go to bat in getting what is required. Until there is some pressure of this character there will be little prospect for betterment. So far as our end of the line is involved, we are ready to join the Times in citing conditions and demanding redress. Contracts are let at intervals for millions of dollars worth of road work, but virtually none of it is in Vance County, and apparently about as fittle also in Franklin. Some very serious attention needs to be given by the two counties and by the highway commission to this area.

Action by the county commissioners could be effective to this end if made and repeated. 'Somebody's feet must be held to the fire if we are to get what we are entitled to.

The Times shows illustrations of roads in Franklin County, and immediate improvement that is so noticeable when the Nash County line is reached. We have observed this condition for a long time and have commented on it. But it seems that a louder voice is needed to produce desirable and beneficial results - Perhaps Vance and Franklin-might join hands in a determined approach to the problem. It couldn't do any harm, and may be the only means of getting the im-provements to which the two counties are entitled.

HOUSEWIFE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT

Rep. William H. Harsha (R.-Ohio) has made public a copy of a letter to President Johnson from a housewife who wasn't taken in by LBJ's homey little lecture on family economy. She asks some pointed questions, to wit:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I put on my glasses and got out my lead pencil as you advised.

We are on a salary and try to live within our means. We used to eat beef and pork and then beef, then chicken, and then tuna fish, and finally hamburger casserole. Milk prices have advanced so skim milk is now included in our diet as is oleomargarine. We eat more canned vegetables than frozen and only fresh ones when in season and are cheaper.

We eat more cereals instead of eggs,

Safety Is A Word, Death Is A Fact

Just prior to the July Fourth holiday each year, the Nr. C. Department of Motor Vehicles sends out to all news media a host of editorial material urging extra safety during the holiday period.

These are good. They are handy and already well written and many editors print them just as they are.

But, regardless of how strongly they are put, they are nevertheless, just one more (as is this one) editorial reminding the reader that they only have one life.

More vividly put, let us remind you that in the newspaper business, one follows and reports on the activities of the local Rescue Service, State Troopers and other law enforcement officers, who se job it is to investigate accidents.

Far too many times have we witnessed the mangled and torn flesh of fellow, county citizens as they lay in serious condition in the emergency room at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Many times, we have witnessed those not fortunate enough to get there at all.

Safety may be just a word to most of us, but death and injury is a cold stark fact.

Automobiles will kill you. This we have seen. So, too, have many of you. Motorbikes and motorcycles are even more dangerous and are growing in numbers, locally every day. The hazard is ever present on our streets and highways. One cannot be too careful. Statistics point out that the danger increases during a summertime holiday. The Fourth of July is the biggest killer.

If you're going to drive over the Fourth, keep one point constantly on your mind. Drive carefully. The mangled body could be yours.

Can't Get Rid of If Fast Enough



You Bet Your Life



Yos hoal Ethel. Let's have lunch together.

and bacon is not included on our grocery list. Just what do you advise us to cut out? To stop eating seems to be the only answer to our problems if we follow your advice and say to ourselves, "This is out of our price range." Send me your recipe books, please.

It seems to me if you and your advisers would cut down on nonmilitary spending it would help. It seems wrong for people to be told to do without while "the Government for the people" spends and spends and has a larger deficit budget every year. Practice what you preach.

If unemployment is at the lowest percentile in years, why do we have to be continually taxed to support more exorbitant welfare programs?

If you raise taxes, of course I will be able to buy less-less food, shoes, clothing and less saving for the education of my children.

I resent being told to cut out unnecessary spending (which I did, long ago) when the Government is spending my money as if it were going out of style.

I think it is about time that the wastefulness of spending programs compounded by inefficiency be stopped. You are wasting my hard earned tax money while inviting in-flation and national ruin.

Joyce H. McGee

CORSICA, S. D., GLOBE: "The rubber stamp Congress, having run out of things to con-trol, is picking on the clock, and now car-making. A set of rules from Washington on how to make automobiles will make safe drivers, according to the bureaucrats."