



Fourth Of July

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The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress, in Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776. John Hancock was president of the Congress and Charles Thomson was secretary.

WHEN IN THE COURSE of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political 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 opinions 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.

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peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

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 coverage.

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 semi-weekly 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. We hope others will see fit to join in.

Safety Is A Word, Death Is A Fact

Just prior to the July Fourth holiday each year, the N. 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, whose 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.

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.



The Franklin Times advertisement with contact information and subscription rates.

Henderson Newspaper Comments On Times' Road Editorials Henderson Daily Dispatch

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1966

Improvement Long Overdue

The Franklin Times is using front-page editorials to direct attention to the terrible condition of some roads in Franklin County. Those even casually familiar with the situation can verify the Times' conclusions, and the need which it is stressing.

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.

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.

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.

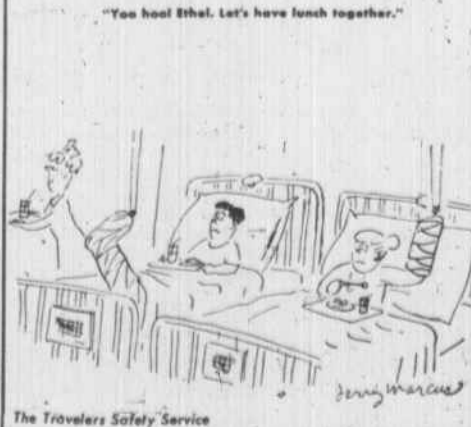
So far as our end of the line is involved, we are ready to join the Times in citing conditions and demanding redress.

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 little 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.

You Bet Your Life



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, 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 non-military 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 inflation and national ruin.

Joyce H. McGee

CORSICA, S. D., GLOBE: "The rubber stamp Congress, having run out of things to control, 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."