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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Self-Interest First

The anti-secrecy bill is dead. It is just as well that the General Assembly put the poor thing out of its misery. As it started out, the measure would have been a real good thing for the people of North Carolina. This is perhaps the reason it died such a slow and painful death.

Weighted down with burdensome amendments designed to make it ineffective in case it was passed, the original purpose of the bill was made null and void some time ago.

Once again, the Honorables we send to Raleigh every two years have promised one thing and done another.

The bill in its original form called for open meetings by elected and appointed boards, councils and commissions. Meetings which would be open not only to news people but to every private citizen as well.

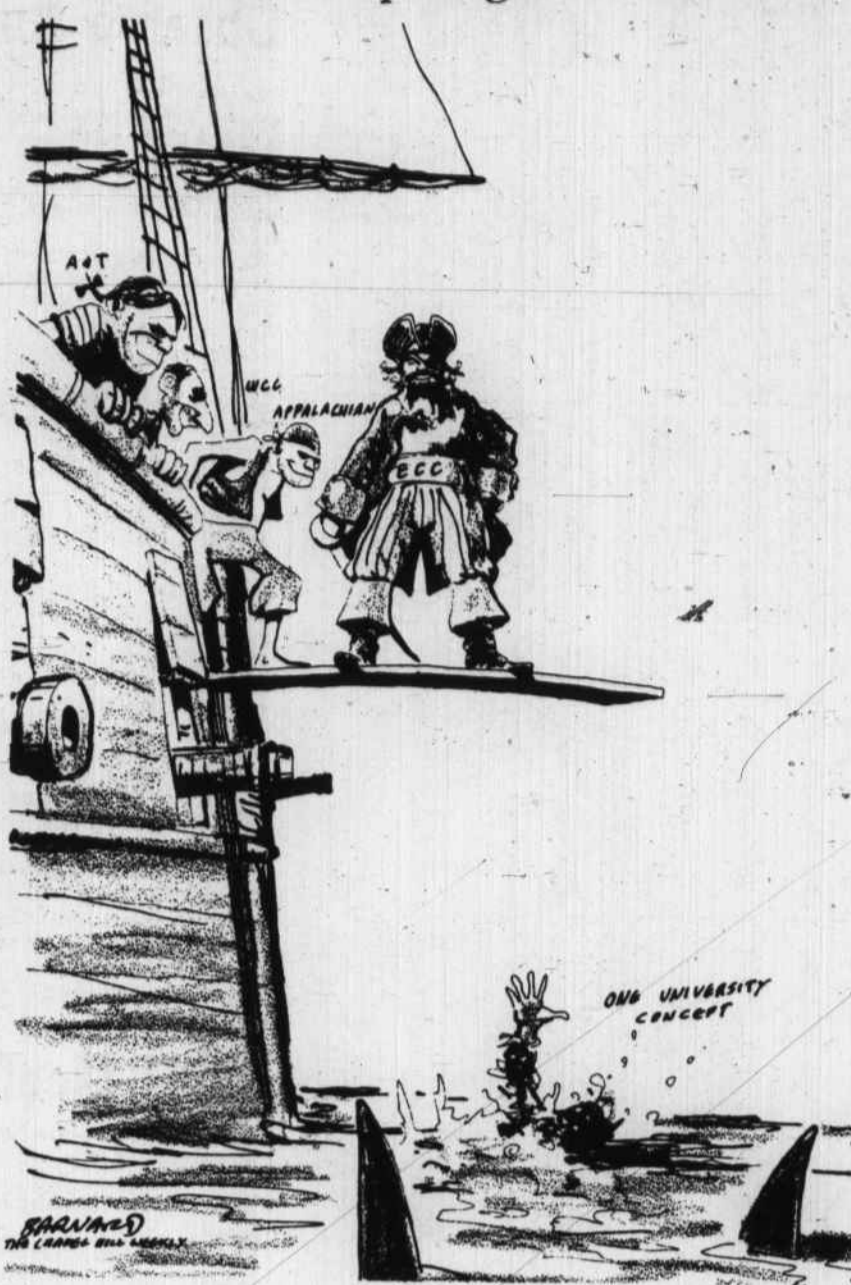
Some of the Honorables made a large point of the fact news people could attend the meetings. In fact, this provision scared the living daylights out of many of them. It comes as no surprise that there are some, however few, who cannot stand the light of day. To have their meetings open to all was more than they could stomach.

And so, without the new law, things are expected to remain as they have been. The burden remains on the news media to keep the people informed. It was just too much to expect that they would be aided in this public service by those elected to serve the public.

It's such a pity that self-interest must always preclude the best interest of the people.

Take heart. There will be other elections.

The Good Ship Higher Education



Board

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clerical help in the Superintendent's office and salary increases were approved for ESEA personnel. This was in accordance with the new raises granted by the state and amounted to around five percent in most cases.

The Board spent most of Monday's meeting discussing certain requirements for retaining probationary re-accréditation in five schools in the county. The schools are: Bunn, Edward Best, Youngsville, Epsom and Gold Sand High Schools.

A June 13 report from the State Department of Public Instruction praised the local school system for its accomplishments in administration and in teaching but called for immediate progress in the area of books, science equipment and other improvements.

The Board discussed cost estimates for such improvements in light of the cut in the budget by the County Commissioners recently. The report from the State department said, "Most of the weaknesses in the various schools reflect the result of schools that are too small, or are caused in inadequate financial support over a period of a number of years."

Further investigation of the matter was ordered, but indications are that books and science equipment are going to be given top priority until the deficiencies in the five schools named is overcome to a degree that will assure the continuation of state accreditation for these schools.

Vote

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of the respective assessment programs which support the work of the three groups.

These are the issues to be voted on:

1. Continuation of tobacco acreage-poundage program for the years 1968-70.

2. Continuation of assessments in an amount to be determined by the board of directors of Tobacco Associates but not to be more than \$1, 1968-70. The assessment is to support work of the organization in promoting, developing and expanding domestic and foreign purchase and consumption of flue-cured tobacco.

3. Continuation of assessments on peanuts in an amount of two cents per hundred pounds for the years 1968-1973. The collected funds will be used to support the promotional work of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association.

4. Continuation of an assessment program for cotton, the amount to be determined by the board of directors of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association up to 25 cents per bale for the years 1969-1973. The funds will be used to support the cotton promotional activities of the association.

ment programs, farmers who do not wish to participate may receive a full refund for the amount collected from them upon request.

A "yes" vote by two-thirds of those voting will be required for the approval of each of the four issues to be voted on July 18.

Tobacco growers will be voting to determine if they want marketing quotas to be in effect on flue-cured tobacco for years 1968, 1969, and 1970.

The polling places have already been established and they are as follows: Cedar Rock - H. M. Dickens' Store, Cypress Creek - A. C. Stallings' Store, Dunn - H. E. Stallings' Store and W. W. Winstead's Store, Franklinton - L. A. Thompson's Store, Gold Mine - Centerville Fire House, Harris - J. H. Hagwood's Store, Hayesville - Rocky Ford Grocery, Louisburg - ASCS Office, Sandy Creek - H. T. Edward's Store, and Youngsville - Youngsville Milling Co.

Few office-holders resign from jobs with good salaries and little work.

Good Old Day?

The little boy is seven. Not old enough to be a teen-ager. But old enough to know better.

He had been told. Do not play with matches. Nevertheless, he had ignored this admonition. And now he stood mute and amazed as he looked at the smoking hole in the family couch.

It was grandma's favorite. No telling how long it had been in the family. The hole seemed to grow larger.

Footsteps told him the time of reckoning was near. And indeed, it would have been a few years back. But the footsteps were strange to his ears. They were foreign to this house. They were the footsteps of firemen. The smoke had been seen and reported.

The seven-year-old was cited for arson. Grandma would get no chance to teach him that playing with matches was wrong. A fact he probably already had suspected. No woodshed for him. No parental punishment.

Not today. Because today even a seven-year-old has his rights.

He must, by dictates of Chief Justice Earl Warren and his Merry Men, be al-

towed to travel the full course. He must have a court-appointed attorney before he answers any questions. He must have equal protection under law. He cannot be left subject to the indignity of a paddling. Not without due course and only at the exhaustion of all legal avenues of appeal.

He must be treated as an adult. Although his age belies his being grown, he must be afforded all the rights of his elders.

He must have his day in court. It matters not that the situation might be better handled with a good old fashioned father-to-son chat in the family woodshed. His rights must be protected at all costs.

What a wonderful world we are living in. Think of all the tanned hides we might have missed had we waited until now to be born.

But, then. A trip to the woodshed was soon over. It takes time to go all the way to the Supreme Court to protect one's rights.

Could it be that those, indeed, were the good old days?

An Educational Hoax

The Chapel Hill Weekly

It is much too early to say what the net result of the creation of regional universities in North Carolina will be. That chicken might be a long time in coming home to roost and - as we see it - the longer the

better. It is not too early to say that the Legislature has succeeded in working an educational hoax. In bestowing on East Carolina College, Western Carolina, Appalachian State and A & T the title of university, the Legislature has conspired to pass these institutions off as something that they clearly are not. Not even the Legislature, in its infinite wisdom, really believes that the anointed four have attained university status - regional or any other kind - in essence. There is evidence that at least one of the institutions concerned also has misgivings. With the exception of compulsive suckers and those who are part of the game, it is hard to conceive of anyone being taken in by the regional university con.

ECC, WCC, Appalachian and A & T are the same institutions they were a week ago - before titular ascension - with the same weaknesses and strengths. They are not going to be universities in substance next week or next year. To be realistic about it, at least one of them is never going to be a legitimate university.

The Legislature has given them a lie to wear like a crown. For someone who is supposed to be a seeker of truth, that is nothing short of ludicrous.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor

The Board of Directors of the Franklin County Farm Bureau congratulate you as Editor, and The Franklin Times, for the honor received by you from the National Newspaper Association.

Your unceasing efforts in the area of road improvement for our county, and the results they are achieving, will be appreciated by farmers and other residents of Franklin County for years to come.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau will continue to support your efforts for improvement in the county.

Yours very truly,
Bennie Ray Gupton, President
Franklin County Farm Bureau

From The Office Of

Congressman Fountain

WASHINGTON, D.C....My better half, Christine, has suggested--as wives sometimes do--that I ought to write something which might be of interest to the ladies in the Second District. I have accepted the suggestion for this week.

However, this isn't intended to be entirely a report of society notes. Actually, much of it derives from the fact that I am a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

As such, I sometimes receive invitations to social functions honoring foreign friends of the United States. Sometimes those events are what you might call "glittering" occasions, although more often they are much more informal.

One of the latter was a luncheon recently organized by the White House social staff in less than 24 hours for Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag of Denmark, Prime Minister Aldo Moro of Italy, Foreign Minister George Brown of Great Britain and several other officials who were in our country to attend the U. N. sessions on the Middle East situation.

I was among Members of Congress invited. And although some of us, like many of you, often have our disagreements with the President, we all could rejoice with him over the fact that his youngest daughter had just given birth to a healthy baby boy--Patrick Lyndon.

All of us got a good laugh out of his tongue-in-cheek comment on the occasion. The President included in his remarks the following: "The pace of change in our time is almost too swift for men to comprehend or to really adjust to it. Two days ago, I was a parent--only a parent. Yesterday, my role changed drastically, I became a grandfather."

"I did not seek that high office, but now that I have been chosen, the path of duty is clear--and I shall serve."

More recently, Christine and I attended a dinner given by the President for some of America's best friends in Asia, the King and Queen of Thailand.

As the President said in welcoming them, they are the leaders "of a gallant nation which has the wisdom and courage to do what is necessary to be free."

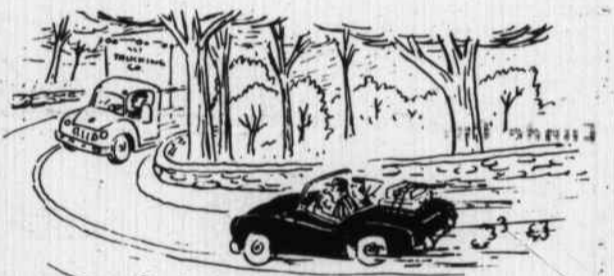
Guests--outside government--at the dinner for 140 persons included Henry Ford II and his wife, Christina; actor John Wayne and his wife; jazz musicians Stan Getz and Duke Ellington; John D. Rockefeller and his wife, the former Sharon Percy; Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, now in her nineties but still an unusually attractive and interesting lady; and others from the worlds of business and the arts.

The Queen is said to be one of the most beautiful women in the world. After having chatted with her for about five minutes, both Christine and I agreed that she is both beautiful and charming. The King, who was born in the United States, also is articulate and interesting.

My wife tells me the Queen buys most of the clothes she wears while visiting Western countries from Balmain of Paris. For this occasion, however, she chose the court dress of ancient Siam. (Thailand used to be known as Siam).

Christine said the Queen's dress should be described as a long-sleeved, high-neck bodice of royal blue silk with an ankle-length, sarong-wrapped skirt of gold-colored silk. She wore a gold-colored belt set with inexpensive copies of the real jewels in her earrings and matching necklace.

We don't go to events like this very often. In one way that is a good thing, because one o'clock in the morning is too late to get to bed.



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