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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### None Will Listen

The futility of trying to gain relief from federal intervention in local affairs is vividly shown in a letter received here this week by a mother of five school children, concerned with the continued disruption of education.

Like the foot bone connected to the ankle bone, one thing has lead to another and the circle has been completed. This mother's appeal to the President was passed on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. If the President even bothered to read the letter, let alone give consideration to it, it has not been shown.

The HEW official routinely remarked that the President had asked him to answer the correspondence. There has to be a doubt that the President did indeed in actuality make such a request. Nevertheless, HEW did answer. It said the matter was being referred to an old nemesis of Franklin County in the Justice Department.

And after being touched by the hundreds of bureaucratic hands in the

nation's capital, this mother's letter finally came to the end. And what was the reply? That contempt charges against the Board of Education—a move which stirred the school system as much if not more than the full integration order of last fall—had been brought only after an "objective" investigation by the FBI which included interviews with "persons with knowledge of the facts". School officials have said that not one had been interviewed by the FBI. This includes Board members, the superintendent, Associate Superintendent and attorneys for the Board.

So, this mother's attempt to bring some reason into the education of her five children has fell—as one suspected—on deaf ears. So is the way of things nowadays. Washington knows more about educating these children than does the mother. The FBI knows more about the school system than does the Board of Education. And heaven help us, there is no place to go. Nobody is willing to listen.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

### Boling May Have Started Something

Mount Olive (N.C.) Tribune

One could well believe that Boling Chair Co., with home offices in Siler City, started something, maybe something big, to paraphrase a popular tune, when it established a branch of its furniture manufacturing facilities in eastern North Carolina - Mount Olive to be specific.

It was revealed this week that J. K. Rishel Furniture Co., of Williamsport, Pa., is also coming to eastern North Carolina with a 117,000-square foot plant. It will be located on 50 acres of land near Louisburg.

This is not the re-location of a Rishel plant, as Boling's was not the re-location of one of their plants. Instead, it represents an expansion of the manufacturing facilities for Rishel, just as it did for Boling.

The Pennsylvania furniture folks will make wooden office, bedroom

and dining room furniture in its Louisburg plant, and will employ 150 persons at the start of its operations.

Lack of sufficient labor was given as one of the reasons for not expanding Rishel operations in Pennsylvania. This firm, as did Boling, Burlington, and an increasing number of manufacturers, looked to the fertile fields of available labor, of the highest possible type, which is becoming more and more abundant in Eastern North Carolina. Job opportunities in the old standby areas of farming, forestry, and similar rural occupations, are certainly undergoing changes in our section.

Happily, industrial firms are becoming more aware of this, and carefully consider such an advantage when planning moves or expansions of their operations. In this respect the future looks bright, indeed, for this area.-CB.

### You'd Think They'd Learn

The Courier Times, Roxboro, N. C.

Sixteen-year-old Tony was arrested on Jan. 14, 1969 by a North Carolina State Trooper. The charge was driving 110 miles per hour in a 55 mile speed zone - at night and without lights.

Sixteen-year-old Bobby was arrested four days later by the same State Trooper. The charge was speeding 90 miles per hour in a 45 mile zone.

Sixteen-year-old Joseph was arrested later the same day by the same Trooper. The charge was speeding 90 miles per hour in a 55 mile zone.

All three youngsters were from the same county; two from the same city. Two of the three already had previous driving violations and the third had previously been involved in a traffic accident.

Unusual? Not really - except for

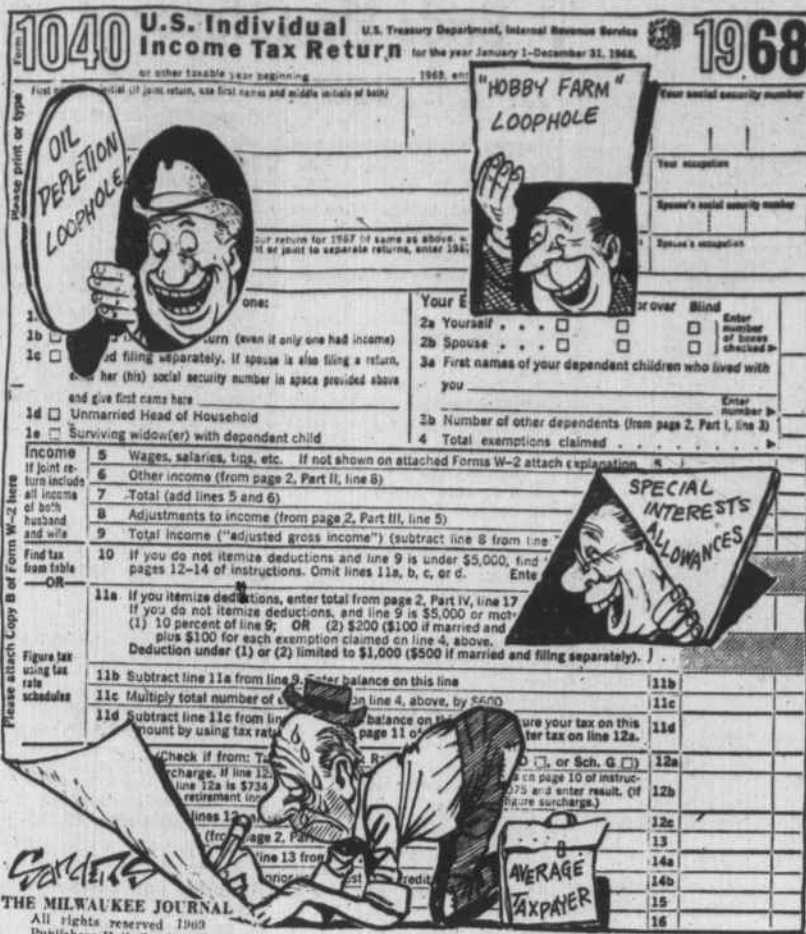
one thing they all had in common.

On November 6, 1966 - a little over two years earlier - Tony's brother had been killed in an automobile accident involving excessive speed.

On May 10, 1968 - a little over eight months earlier - Bobby's brother had been killed in an automobile accident involving excessive speed.

Sept. 22, 1968 - less than four months earlier - Joseph's brother had been killed in an automobile accident involving excessive speed.

Three arrests in less than a week - all for flagrant speeding violations, all by the same Trooper, and all in just one of North Carolina's 100 counties. Makes you wonder - doesn't it?



Laugh-In

## Legislative Report

By Rep. JAMES D. SPEED

Raleigh - The shortage of doctors in North Carolina, especially family physicians and those engaged in general practice, has become quite serious.

This is pointed out and documented in the recent report of a committee which

studied in depth the situation that exists in rural areas of our state. I am convinced that the legislature must give special attention to this problem to the end that it may be solved.



SPEED

I believe that additional encouragement can and should be given to the training of doctors who would devote themselves to general practice and practice in areas of the state in which doctors are scarce. There is both a great need and a great opportunity here. In many instances, there is more specialization in the medical field and more concentration in the cities and populous areas than is necessary. This tends to cause an overbalance in medical services and talent, much of which is state supported in the educational process and later subsidized by the state and other agencies. I feel it is possible to specify that certain legislative appropriations be applied to training of family physicians

who would locate and practice in North Carolina.

I believe it would be perfectly right to require that state money, whenever possible, be applied to meeting the problem which now exists in rural areas of North Carolina.

In view of the desperate need it is clear that more appropriations are needed for medical education. I think we need to strengthen the program at Chapel Hill and to encourage and assist those at Duke and Bowman-Gray in Winston-Salem. Further, I believe we need to begin "add-on" medical programs such as preparing and expanding East Carolina University's program for eventual development into a companion institution. I see no reason to consider this as competition. We recognize the need to make provision for strengthening and expanding the output of medical graduates at Chapel Hill. Meanwhile this is the time to consider future needs as well. Broadening of the field of medical education is not dividing; I see it as planning for providing the needs which will come.

An expanding medical center at East Carolina would be helpful to other state institutions such as the deaf and tubercular institutions at Winston and the mental and psychiatric centers at Goldsboro. It would improve all of these fields of service. All are struggling for personnel of all types, especially medical personnel.

I believe the legislature is going to examine this prob-

lem in a broad scope and very carefully.

We have this week introduced two statewide bills relating to assessments on the sale of cattle and providing for mail ballots in referendums among producers of agricultural products in the various self-assessment programs.

I believe that these measures will improve the administrative procedure of both programs. Certainly mail balloting will allow a much larger number of producers to participate in the voting on such issues as the self-assessment program. All ballots will be checked against verified lists of qualified producers registered by the ACs.

I am greatly in favor of a bill introduced by Rep. Nancy Chase of Wayne County and several others to appropriate \$42,000 for a central communications center for North Carolina's Rescue Squads. The Rescue Squads perform a very vital service in most of the counties of North Carolina and they have been handicapped by a lack of support and help in modernizing of their facilities. I feel this would be a step forward. We have several very fine Rescue Squads in our Vance-Warren-Franklin district which would benefit by enactment of this bill and I intend to support it.



'What's the matter dear? You look as if you'd seen a ghost.'



by frank count

You know that TV commercial where the old man with the yellow slicker comes in all wet and cold and announces, "I am your cold. I just want to be near you". You seen that one? Well that son-of-a-Alka-Seltzer has come to my house and brung his whole family.

I got the stuffy nose and the runny nose and the watering eyes and the aching bones and sundry other things. I may not survive. I feel mighty poorly.

I been taking things. I took a capsule and a pill and vitamins and drunk some orange juice and I been to bed twice since I had it.

I tried everything anybody suggested. And you know that's enough to kill you or cure you. Ever wonder where so many folks got so many remedies? I put hot mud on my chest and cold mud on my feet and it didn't do nothing but get me dirty in both places.

I soaked my head as was suggested long before I got this cold. And I soaked all of me but that didn't do much good. Didn't have no hot water.

Finally, I decided to do the smart thing. I went to the drug store. I shouldn't oughta have.

"Doc," I said. "I got a cold. You got anything for it?"

"Yeah," he said, "Let it go into pneumonia. They know how to cure pneumonia".

Now if there is one thing in this whole wide suffering world I can't stand it's a smart aleck when I don't feel like it. Pneumonia, indeed. They can cure it. Bah. Wonder if they found a cure for smart-aleck pharmanists?

"I got a runny nose", I said. "You got anything for it?"

"Over there", he said pointing unpolitely. "All that stuff over there". He had a whole wall full. Covered one whole side of his establishment.

"How do I know which one to try?" I asked. "How about me taking a sample from each bottle and find out which one works?"

Well you'd have thought I had asked him for his ice cream scoop. He got all red in the face and gimme a look that almost froze my fever.

"Take your hands off them bottles", he said. "The very idea. You know you can't sample the medicine".

"I don't know why," I said. "The car man lets me try out a car that costs thousands of dollars. Why can't I try just one little pill? I ain't gonna buy nothing that don't work. If it don't stop a runny nose, I wouldn't have it. How else can I tell?"

"Just pick out the colored box you like best. Pay me. Take it home. Try it. If it don't work, come back. Pick another box. Pay me. Go home and try it and so on."

"Yeah," I said. "But this takes-time. I could die before I found the right one. And this nose is giving me a fit..."

I could tell he was mad and he started to walk off and leave me. "I tell you what", I said. "Gimme one of them cork stoppers".

## Charity Begins At Home

The News Reporter, Whiteville, N. C.

While the finger of neglect has not been pointed at the Tar Heel state in recent months on hunger charges as it has with South Carolina, it is highly probable that pockets of hunger and malnutrition could be found all over by those who really want to know if our people have enough to eat. No doubt there are plenty of people of all ages who go to bed hungry and on getting up in the morning find the larder lacking enough to satisfy their appetite.

Perhaps our greatest shortcoming is that too many do not have a balanced diet day on day and this state of malnutrition leads to ill health children and adults.

As many viewers may have seen on television recently, U. S. Sen. Fritz Hollings of South Carolina walked into a rather dilapidated home of a family between Cheraw and Chesterfield and inquired what the family of 10 children had for breakfast that morning. The reply was "grits." Evidently, that was all they had and anybody knows this is far short of a balanced diet. No milk, no meat, no butter, real or substitute. And more, several of the children were spotted with various sores about their faces. If we look hard enough the same might be the case among many Tar Heel

families.

It would be well to look for the causes of these cases of evident neglect but, the better pursuit, take steps for prevention. Gifts of food and other necessary needs will help for the moment but such handouts will not cure the malady.

It is a simple matter for a person to sit in a warm office and write about what should be done and how it should be done to bring about a lasting correction of this state of hunger and malnutrition. We don't know what the full remedy is but there is a conviction here and with many more elsewhere that people living in hunger and privation can do things for themselves which they are not doing.

In this land there is plenty of fresh water, plenty of good soil for growing things to eat and plenty of good soil for growing crops that will produce meat. When summer comes it is time to prepare for winter. How many give this a thought? It is as dignified to operate the business end of a hoe handle as it is to dress up for church on Sunday. And soap and water are cheap but too often not used.

If we are not willing to do something for ourselves, then we do not deserve others doing for us.

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