

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Joining The "Have's"

Franklin people will be pleased with the announcement last week by the State Highway Commission that \$3.1 million is being allotted for road improvements here. It's about time.

Long-suffering Franklin has watched for the past thirty years as highway money was doled out to the big neighboring counties and a feeling of futility had blanketed the area. Franklin received less than \$1 million in a 29-year period ending in 1965 and fared no better until 1967 when some funds began to trickle in.

Even with the bond money, Franklin continued to be shorted its fair share and that promised-with great fanfare-in the fall of 1966 is still yet to come. And through it all, neighboring Durham County received \$22 million. Franklin received a promise of \$750,000.

Now there is a new Commission under a new administration and things

have been promised which should make it a better day for Franklin. Thus far, indications point to the keeping of these promises by the new highway officials and this even, will be a new experience for Franklin folks.

In the announcement last week, it is noted that neighboring Wake is to receive \$22 million for one project and Durham-not to be left out of the new order-will get "about \$4.8 million". Needless to say, Franklin cannot match such pulling power as contained in these two counties. We never have. We never will.

And even though Franklin need not hope to catch up with all the lost funds over the years and keeping in mind that \$22 million and even \$4.8 million is still considerably larger than \$3.1 million, it is heart warming indeed to see that at long last, Franklin, at least, is included among the "Have's".

Fountain Discusses Progress

Washington, D. C. - Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow. In order to have progress tomorrow, we must actively work for it today.

There are many advances we can take pride in. The recent flight to the moon was a magnificent milestone in mankind's upward climb. It took the extraordinary efforts of thousands of people, with God's help, to complete the epic flight of the Apollo mission.

But, we must not lose sight of the many things that still need to be done in this great land of ours - things that affect the well-being of all of us - the very quality of our lives - physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

What about the water we drink, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the housing and the communities and towns and cities we live in, the way we travel, etc. Must we not also work today in order to achieve progress tomorrow in these important areas of concern?

The population explosion is no longer a projection for the future, it is visibly here with us today. This means that we will have to work even harder in the future to preserve the present amenities of life, the quality of life.

I recently read where there will be 104,702,000 motor vehicles on our highways by the end of this year. This is an increase of 3,662,887 over 1968. Since cars and airplanes are the worst polluters of the air we breathe, we know that a problem of staggering proportions faces us - especially since cars and airplanes are now an essential part of our rapidly changing existence.

As our population and our standard of living increase there will be more and more cars on the highways and planes in the airways with resultant increases in the amount of air pollution. And yet we have been slow to develop cleaner gasoline engines and advanced pollution control devices.

How can we afford not to insure clean air for the future and clear water as well. As we think about our concerns of the future, surely we will agree that our rivers and streams must be cleaned up and that adequate sewage and water treatment plants must be put into operation. These are priorities of the greatest importance. We recognized this last week when the House of Representatives exceeded the President's request for Water Pollution Control by almost \$400 million dollars.

We are blessed with farmers who can grow more food than any farmers

in the world, and do it with less man hours and land. The food industry takes these agricultural products and makes fancier, more attractive, and more expensive food products; but are they really improving the diets of our people?

Meeting

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success or failure of a club.

Mrs. Barham introduced Mrs. Frank Bryant of Boonville who is president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Using as her topic - "Facing the Future With Faith" Mrs. Bryant gave a very stimulating talk.

The state president stressed the need for clubwomen to "visualize, prayerize and actionize." She urged the women to help fill the world with love by using their hearts, hands and heads. In closing, Mrs. Bryant impressed the audience with the statement - "I am one and I can do something."

Each president of the clubs in the district gave some highlights of their club work.

Following Mrs. Barham's report, Mrs. W. T. Baker presented awards to eleven clubs in the district. Among them were the Louisburg Woman's Club and the Youngville Woman's Club.

Luncheon was served by the Ruth Mercer Circle and other Methodist women at 1 p.m. in the Educational Building.

Mrs. Bryant presented honor certificates to 17 club presidents. Among the clubs receiving the certificates were the Franklinton and Youngville Clubs.

Mrs. Joe Baker presented ribbons to clubs for best yearbooks and scrapbooks. The Franklinton Woman's Club received a Blue Ribbon for its Yearbook. The Youngville Woman's Club received a Blue Ribbon for its Scrapbook.

Mrs. Kenneth Woodleaf announced that the 1970 district meeting would be held in Youngville.

Before the meeting was adjourned, door prizes, which had been contributed by local merchants, were distributed to winners.

The luncheon tables were decorated with roses which were given by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Haskins.

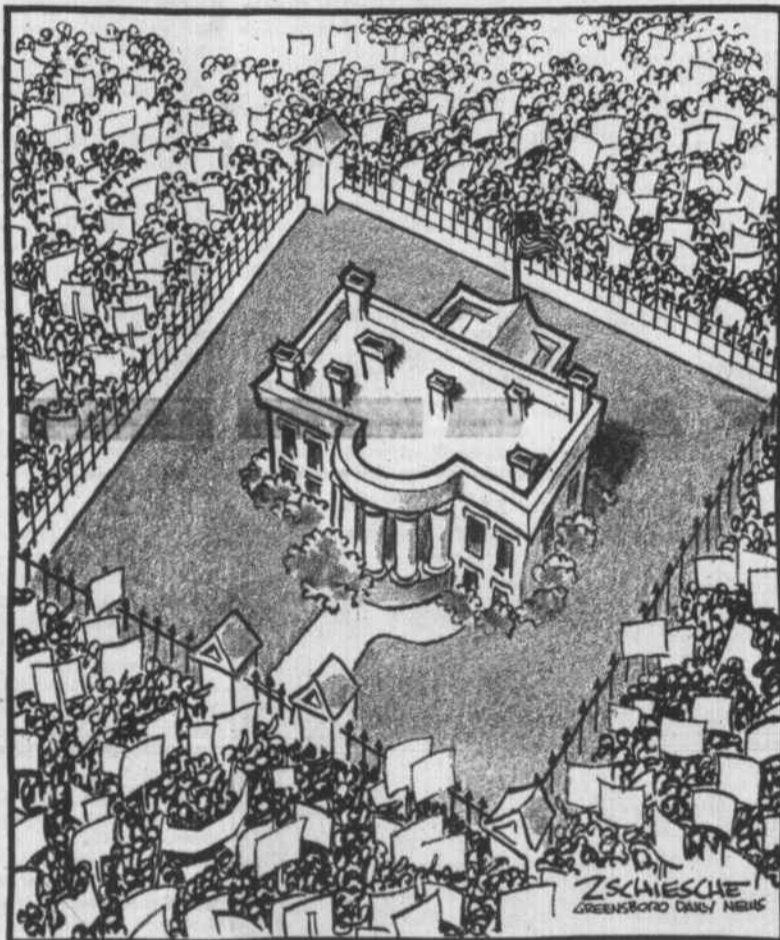
The Jackson Woman's Club received the attendance award. The Seaboard Woman's Club was runner-up.

Cartoon Views Of The News...

'Th' Feds should be plumb tickled, Zeb, that we ain't usin' a dab of artificial sweetnin'...'



Prisoner of war



"Under no circumstances will I be affected whatever by the Vietnam moratorium protest." President Nixon



The Thursday night meeting of the Crab Corner Discussion group was come to order but we was missing a member.

"Where's Rob?" I asked. He was always the first one to show up. There just won't no need in meeting unless Rob was there to do the discussing. Him being right in the store all day and most of the night - sorta got to depend on him for the latest news.

"He's working overtime", said Zeb. "He's getting ready for that new tax."

"What new tax?" I asked right off. I thought everything done been taxed. Where'd they git a new one?

"It's that Penny thing, Frank. Rob's marking up his stuff. He said somebody told him there's gonna be a penny sales tax so he is getting ready."

"Yeah, but that ain't even been voted on yet. What if it don't pass. What's Rob gonna do then?"

"I asked him that very thing, Frank. And you know Rob. He had a ready answer. He said he'd just leave the new prices on until things went up again. He said it wouldn't be but a day or two."

"Well maybe we ought to discuss this tax tonight. Maybe this ought to be the subject of the discussion."

At this point Zeke Potter objected. Zeke been wanting to discuss mini-skirts ever since he passed the college. Fact is Zeke wanted to debate the subject and naturally he wanted the affirmative side. He said right off he was for them. He didn't tell his old lady that but he did get the floor one night in the meeting and had his feelings made a part of the record.

Old Snake spoke up about then. He can't hear so good and it ain't never no telling what he's gonna come up with.

"They're too high, already", said Snake. "They're too high, I say and they ought to be cut."

Well I was all set to agree with Snake if he was talking about taxes but if he was talking about skirts, I was leaning toward supporting Zeke. I thought Zeke had a better case.

Zeke jumped to his feet. "Snake", he said, "You're plumb loco. They ain't too-high. Your eyesight is getting like your hearing. You can't see a blame thing. If you'd just seen what I seen you wouldn't be saying they're too high. Fact is I wouldn't care a heap if they was raised just a mite more."

Melvin Smudgen come in about that time. Melvin won't no regular attendee. He come when he felt like it and he generally felt like it every time his old lady would let him. "What y'all discussing?", he asked.

"Taxes", said Snake. "Skirts", said Zeke. I was still with Zeke. I thought he had a stronger case.

"Fact is, Cussit", I chipped in, "We ain't decided what to discuss tonight. We been sorta waiting for Rob. Zeke's been wanting to talk about mini-skirts but Snake's been talking about taxes or we reckon that's what Snakes been trying to talk about."

"Why don't we just discuss women in general", suggested Melvin. Well, that sounded like a pretty good idea. I had a few things I wanted to git off my chest anyway.

"I'll go along with that", I said, "Let's take a vote."

"Wait just a minute", said Creech Gooch. "I'm the acting president of this club. You got to make a motion and do things proper. You ought to know that Frank."

"Alright", I said, standing up, "I make a motion that we discuss women in general. That the discussion be limited to five minutes a piece and that I git the floor first." Fuzzy Fletcher was setting in the corner and he said he'd second the motion. Everybody but Zeke and Snake voted for it.

"Come on Zeke, be a sport. You can talk about them mini-skirts when it's your turn. Vote for my motion."

"I ain't gonna do it, Frank. It's a matter of principle with me. The most dangerous thing in this country today in folks giving up their principles. I got a right to discuss women's skirts if I want to..."

"They're too high", said Snake, "I say they're too high already. And they ought to take off every single one of 'em."

I didn't figure to git Snake's vote anyway. I won't sure whether he was talking tax or something else.

Historical Society Meeting Set

The Franklin County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday night, October 30, in the Community Room of the First Citizens Bank Building on Bickett Blvd.

Charles Davis, well-known local attorney, will present a program on "Green Hill, the man."

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting which will start at 8 P.M.

Perfume And Men

Chicago - Today's modern males are having a problem when it comes to using the right perfume or shaving lotions. Many are developing skin rashes and a leading dermatologist says the rashes are a result of allergic reactions to shaving preparations.

Syrup Sales

Philadelphia - District Attorney Arien Specter says that the increase in sales of codeine-based cough syrups here are not the result of an outbreak of colds and coughs. Stores which average selling six bottles of cough syrup a day are selling up to 100. A law limiting sale of one four-ounce bottle per person every three days will be enforced.

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