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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### H-Day For Haynsworth

Tomorrow is H-Day for Haynsworth. The Senate is expected to vote on the nomination of Fourth Circuit Chief Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. for Associate Justice of the United States. The vote, according to predictions, will be close.

Judge Haynsworth would win no popularity contest here in Franklin County. Last year, when a little time would have greatly aided the county school board in desegregating the schools with some degree of order, Judge Haynsworth said the question was moot. His decision in the Franklin case discredits the claims of some of his opponents that he is racially prejudiced and that he has not supported integration.

In at least three rulings by his Fourth Circuit, in which he concurred in all, Franklin was not only sounded defeated but was not allowed by any reasonable concept—its honest day in court. For whatever place history might find for Clement Haynsworth, he deserves no spot on the side of segregation. He might not have tooted the civil rights horn all these years, but he did feed the vehicle with plenty of high octane fuel.

So he made a buck on the side. Which of his outspoken liberal opponents hasn't? Let he who is without a hand under the table cast the first stock deal. And let any who have not been hit in the hand prove it as they insist Haynsworth prove his cleanliness.

## Governor

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members themselves - starting at units within the county. This democratic process has served this state and nation for decades. While the organization has not succeeded in solving all the problems confronting agriculture, it has grown to its present strength by virtue of its awareness of these problems, as well as its efforts toward finding solutions. We are deeply resentful that Governor Scott saw fit to question the integrity and dedication of farm organization leaders who continually strive for the betterment of the membership they serve."

## Tremors

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of Charleston, W. Va.

A technician at Virginia Tech. at Blacksburg said "it was quite a shake" but the Raleigh weather bureau called it "slight."

The Center at Rockville, Md., said it was working to put together a reading on the quake, which lasted as long as half an hour in some areas. It began at 8 p.m. EST.

The tremors lasted for 30 seconds in Asheville, and for approximately 10 seconds in Raleigh. The tremor was felt throughout central and western North Carolina and produced a flood of phone calls to police stations, newspapers and radio and TV stations.

The mountain resort area at Boone reported two separate tremors during driving winds and snow. Students in high rise dormitories at Appalachian State University said the shaking was quite intense.

The News and Observer switchboard received dozens of calls within a short period following the tremor.

The tremor came about one and a half hours after a storm front passed through Louisburg at 6:30 p.m. producing high gusty winds and light rain.

When these holier-than-thou critics speak of Judge Haynsworth's sensitivity, they should be informed that the American public is not being fooled by their cry of wolf. They might divert the public's attention from their own greedy hands momentarily, but the mind is sometimes quicker than the eye. There is sensitivity in the public and the public views the circus surrounding the appointment of Judge Haynsworth for just what it is—a battle between the liberals and the conservatives.

And it is not that Clement Haynsworth is so much a conservative. He just doesn't happen to be a liberal and he just doesn't happen to be from New York or other liberal outposts. A man from New Castle is automatically expected to be covered with coal dust and a man from South Carolina is right off suspected of being a terrible conservative. And if there is one thing a northern liberal cannot stand, it is a southern conservative.

And while we share the opinion that Clement Haynsworth is as far away from being a southern conservative as was Lyndon Johnson, we are forced to make one final observation prior to H-Day. The South Carolina jurist may not be a purist; he may not be as clean as Abe Fortas in the minds of the liberals but one thing is crystal clear. He cannot possibly be any worse than what we've had over the years. At least his accent is friendly.

## Attend Conference

Franklinton School Superintendent R. B. Gordon and Horace W. Marshall and John Mitchell of the County Maintenance staff attended a 2-day course at Smithfield last week, dealing with industrial type oil burners being used in many of the public schools of the state. The course consisted of instruction and tips on the burners.

The course was planned and conducted by Carsie Denning, Director of the Division of Plant Operations, and D. T. O'Kelley, consulting engineer for the N. C. State Board of Education. Approximately 100 people attended the conference.

This is just one of many in-service schools being held in all divisions of the Department of Public Instruction and State Board of Education in order to continue an efficient and economical operation of the public schools, said Dr. Craig Phillips, Superintendent of Public Instruction.



"It's the Most Powerful Weapon We've Got!"



## THE SUPREME COURT & INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

JOHN J. SYNON

The Supreme Court, I see, has said, Integrate, Now! And for that I thank their Nine Highnesses very much.

It is absolutely the best thing, under the circumstances, that could happen to Southern children; to Southern people, generally.

Until now, most of us were being Borgia-ed to death. The integrators were giving us the drop-by-drop treatment and one of these coming mornings, as things were, we would have awakened stone cold dead, without ever having objected overly much to the stiffening of our joints. Now, glory be, they are shoving in the whole dose and that, I do suppose, should awaken even the most slumberous.

So, I say thankee, Nine Highnesses, you've done it this time.

And I'm not just whistling 'O! Black Joe, either. I see no less a nabob than Nixon's third arm, HEW Secretary Bobby Finch, is quoted by the AP as "foreseeing", as a result of that rendering, a "widespread movement" of our children into independent schools.

Some foreseeing. What that foppish fellow could have told the AP is that such a "widespread movement" is already underway, and has been for a long time. This latest will simply energize the slower paced. Talk about cattle prods!

U. S. News & World Re-

port, this past week, got into the act. It carried a feature on the growing number of independent schools, though, quite unlike U. S. News, it overlooked—if that is the word—the widest-spread movement of them all, that of Mississippi.

Man, I love that Mississippi. And are things jumping in The Magnolia State. I can't keep track of how many such schools are in operation there, now. It is well over 100, perhaps as many as 150—all born of this frightful mess. Don't fault my inexactitude. If I had the precise figure it wouldn't mean a thing; it would be out of date before this sees the black of type.

Following this latest edict, there must be a great number of panicky parents who are wondering how to get such a school started in their own neighborhood. If you are one such, permit me to put you in touch with the person best qualified to answer your questions.

His name is William J. Simmons, and he is the administrator of The Citizens Councils, 254 East Griffith Street, Jackson, Mississippi. You write him, my friendly, and ask.

That's all. He will tell you how to do it and the telling won't cost you a cent.

But for the Lord's sake, don't expect Simmons to do your work. Believe me, he has his hands full; Mississippians, this year alone, increased their independent-school enrollment by 400 per cent. So, Bill Simmons is busy—but not too busy to tell you how to do it yourself; how he does it.

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I can tell you this: There is a common denominator to all these independent schools: Some parent says to himself, "I have had enough of this brainwashing; I want my children educated, told the truth; not trained to be all-equal puppets."

So, he lets word seep around he, is interested in organizing and operating an independent school. Help pours in—from disenchanted public-school teachers to parents who feel as he feels. It is rather like ringing a fire bell. Folks come a-running. Some come with talent; some with money.

Try it. You'll see. And in the doing you will find the answer to the question so often asked, "But what can I do?"

That is what you can do. And when you have your school rolling, for gosh sakes, don't forget to thank their Nine Highnesses for the inspiration.

Good can come of evil, you know.

## Letters To The Editor

### Praises Police

Dear Editor:

On Thursday of last week during the basketball game here at Louisburg College some vandals broke into the visitors dressing room. They took several articles of clothing valued at more than \$250. Needless to say, this was very embarrassing to us.

We called Chief Tharrington immediately after the theft was discovered, and he and officer Ned Lloyd came up in just a few minutes. Today (Tuesday) Chief Tharrington called and informed us that he had recovered the clothing and caught the people involved. The vandals were boys from outside the college community.

This is the second such incident that we have had, and Chief Tharrington solved both in a short time. The town of Louisburg should realize how fortunate it is to have such competent officers as Mr. Tharrington, Lloyd, and the other members of the Police Department.

We here at Louisburg College are grateful to them and

we are proud that we are associated with men of this calibre.

Sincerely,  
Russ Frazier  
Athletic Director  
Louisburg College

### Credits FHA

Dear Editor:

In reading the article on the release of the COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLANNING REPORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C. which appeared in the November 13, 1969 issue of The Franklin Times, I noted with amazement that the name of the local office of the FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION was never once referred to in the article.

I am reminded of the woman who served a delicious "home-made" cake to her club members; her neighbor had made the cake and had given it to her. When the guests began to rave about how good the cake was, the hostess did not say that her neighbor had made the cake. She did not say specifically

that she had made the cake, but her neighbor's name was never mentioned. So, by inference, the guests assumed that the hostess had made the cake.

The article did state, however, that the county received a "federal grant" of \$12000, but it was never explained to the reader that this grant of \$12000, comprising 92.3% of the financing for the project, was made possible through the efforts of Thomas B. Marshall, Jr., Franklin County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, and his staff. For three years, Mr. Marshall worked diligently to make such a plan a reality for Franklin County.

When Mr. Marshall learned that funds for COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLANS would be made available through his agency, he immediately contacted the Franklin County Board of Commissioners with this information. He also advised them that if Franklin County wanted to become eligible for a grant that it would be necessary to establish a county planning board; therefore, the Franklin County Planning Board was established on July



I hadn't seen old Big-Mouth Bass in a month of Sundays. He'd been off fishing or something and he just hadn't been hanging around much lately. He was a sight for sore eyes. Fact is, Big Mouth is a sight for any kind of eyes.

"Hello, Frank", he said. "What's new?"

"Well, Big Mouth, we landed two more men on the moon."

"I been off on a fishing trip. Frank. Man I never caught so many and I ain't never had so much fun. But I'm dying to hear the news. I ain't been near no radio or television and I ain't even seen no newspaper. What's new, Frank?"

"Well, Big Mouth, we landed two more men on the moon."

"I just got to tell you about Hubert when I gits time. Frank. You just wouldn't believe what he done on the trip. But I'm anxious to find out what's been going on in the world since I been away, Frank. What's new? Anything exciting happened?"

"Yeah, Big Mouth. We landed two more men on the moon."

"You know, Frank, I'm about to decide that plain old spoon with a tiny piece of fat meat is the best bait. I had more luck with that than with anything I used. But, tell me, Frank, anything been going on. Any news I ought to know about?"

"Yeah, Big Mouth, we landed two more men on the moon."

"I'll bet you boys missed me at the store, Frank. I want you to know I missed you all too. There ain't a better bunch of fellows nowhere, Frank. I mean it. There ain't a better bunch of fellows nowhere. But I been gone so long, I lost track. What's been going on, Frank. Anything new happened?"

"Yeah, Big Mouth. We landed two more men on the moon. They're up there walking around right now."

"You know, Frank, I been thinking. Things shore are quiet around here. Everything is always the same. You can go off and you know when you git back everything will be the same. Nothing much ever happens, does it, Frank? Tell me all the news, Frank. I really want to know. Tell me everything."

"We got two men walking around up there on the moon, Big Mouth. That don't happen every day. That's news, Big Mouth..."

"Frank, I got to tell you about that place we stopped at. We drove right in and tooted the horn. Zeke yelled for curb service. He said he wanted steamed chitterlin' and corn bread and he wanted it served in the car. Can you imagine, Frank. 'Specting somebody to serve you chitterlins while you just set in the car. 'Course, Zeke was just joshing the woman. It sorta embarrassed me, though, Frank. Tell me, Frank, anything been going on while I was gone?"

"Yeah, Big Mouth, I been trying to tell you. We done put two more men on the moon, Big Mouth. They're up there right now—this very minute walking around..."

"Next time, Frank, I want you to go along. Man did we have fun. I caught this big mouth bass... I bet he weighed forty pounds, Frank. Well at least thirty. Would you believe twenty? Ha. That's a television joke Frank. Everybody says that nowadays. Tell me Frank, old Friend, what's new. Everything quiet, huh. I thought so. Nothing new ever happens, I always say."

"Big Mouth, I got to go. It's been good seeing you agin. I'm mighty proud you had a good time on your trip. I enjoyed talking with you about it and I'll be seeing you around..."

"Hey, wait a minute, Frank. You ain't told me no news. I heard they was gonna shoot two more men to he moon, Frank. That's news. How'd they do? Did they git there safe. Tell me the news, Frank... Frank... where you going, Frank? Now wonder why he's just shaking his head. He knowed I was interested in finding out the news. Some folks just don't like to talk much..."

5, 1966 with the following members: Mr. W. R. Richards, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. L. H. Dickens, Jr.; Mr. Lee F. McLemore; Mr. Kenneth Fuller; Mr. Ronald Tharrington. Mr. Marshall met with the County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Planning Board many times in the initial stages of the project to assist them in the proceedings that would comply with Farmers Home Administration instructions and, thus, enable them to acquire grant funds.

The county supervisor's work was greatly facilitated by the able assistance given him by Mr. W. H. Taylor and Mr. Charles Davis, County Attorneys, who arranged meetings and completed the legal documents required for the grant docket.

Mr. Marshall and his staff made a complete project report justifying the application for a grant by the county, completed required Farmers Home Administration forms, and compiled all the information for submitting the grant docket to the proper Farmers Home Administration officials in Raleigh and Washington. The grant docket was approved on August 31, 1967.

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Planning

Board entered into a contract with Peirson & Whitman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, of Raleigh, N. C. to make the COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN for the county.

This plan was done in four stages. Upon the completion of each stage, the engineers presented to the County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Planning Board, and the Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor that stage for approval. The final stage was approved on May 5, 1969. The finished plan was released by the engineers on November 6, 1969.

I think the County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Planning Board, and Mr. Ralph Knott, who has served as Administrative Officer for the Board since July, 1969, do recognize what the Farmers Home Administration did to provide a COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN for Franklin County. They know what they did and they know what Mr. Marshall and his agency did.

It seems fitting and proper to me that the people of Franklin County should know it, too!

Yours very truly,  
Lucille H. Ford

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