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Savings Instead Of Safety

Passage by the North Carolina House of Representatives this week of a bill which would allow twin trailer trucks of 65 feet in length to operate on state highways drives home the point that the public interest generally fares poorly in its conflict with private interest.

Endorsement by the lower chamber of the General Assembly of a bill which would allow two vehicles coupled together having a combined length of 65 feet to operate on four-lane divided highways and interstate routes illustrates well the disproportionate power and persuasiveness wielded by an interest group—in this instance, the trucker's lobby.

Apparently the bill has been viewed as good only by the trucking industry and its agents. Protests against the bill came from many varied sectors, but those persons and groups furnishing opposition were organized on an ad hoc basis, and these voices of opposition failed to carry far when confronted by the powerful and skilled voice of the trucking industry.

It is understandable that the trucking industry would fight to have this measure enacted, for it provides an opportunity to reduce cost through

increased cargo capacity. Few could argue with the trucking industry for wanting to increase profits, but there should be a louder and more forceful argument raised when the profit motive threatens to run a collision course with public safety.

This session of the General Assembly hasn't been exactly the champion of highway safety. Amid lip service for greater safety on the state's roadways, legislators have succeeded for all practical purposes in crippling the State Highway Patrol's air arm.

Now comes a bill which would make North Carolina the only state on the Eastern Seaboard to allow rigs of such length on public highways. The trucking industry has been able to overcome widespread individual disaffection for this bill by exerting its influence on the State House.

The fate of this bill now lies with the State Senate, where the House version was sent Monday night. Opponents who view this bill as one which sacrifices safety for savings can only hope that more true defenders of the public interest can be found in the upper chamber.

No Giveaway

The News and Observer

It will no doubt come as a discomforting shock to many who have been caught up in the cliché that "the poor won't work or else they wouldn't be poor," but the federal government has released statistics compiled through computer analysis which demonstrate that only 50,000 of the 7.3 million Americans on welfare, or less than one per cent, are capable of getting off the welfare rolls and going to work.

The startling statistics, revealed by presidential assistant Joseph T. Califano in a Washington speech Wednesday, show that of the 7.3 million on welfare rolls: More than 2 million, mostly women, are over 65; 700,000 are either blind or "so severely handicapped, that their work potential, if any is severely limited"; 3.5 million are children whose parents cannot support them; more than 1 million are the parents of those children and two thirds of the fathers in this group

are incapacitated in one way or another. Of course, as Califano was quick to point out, the emphasis now must not be on satisfaction that things are not as bad as many welfare's critics have been saying they are, but on the development of innovative techniques to help the 50,000 who can get off welfare to do so. Still, the figures do provide new and powerful ammunition for those who have been perhaps too apologetic in the past about their concern and compassion for those who, through no fault of their own, have been denied full benefit of our national bounty. It should also do much to silence those who have been quick to exaggerate the abuses of our welfare programs while ignoring the rather considerable evidence which suggests they are more than mere "giveaways" for the "leeches of society".

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

May 25, 1962

John Graham High School won its tenth straight baseball game on Wednesday afternoon when it downed Aurelian Springs for the conference championship, and ended its most successful year in sports history at the local high school, winning in football, basketball and baseball.

Filling of the Gaston reservoir is expected to start in October, Charles Beverage, operating engineer for VEPCO, said yesterday.

Jesse Helms of Raleigh will be the commencement speaker at John Graham High School on June 4.

Charles T. Johnson, Jr., formerly of Warrenton, has been named assistant trust officer of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Kinston.

May 24, 1957

Next week marks the end of the 1956-57 school year with exercises beginning on Wednesday afternoon.

Polio vaccine for ages 20 to 40 is available in small amounts at the Health Center. Little League baseball play will begin in the county on June 2.

The John Graham High School Band will present its annual spring concert tonight in the school auditorium.

May 22, 1942

Applications for canning sugar are now being made at the local rationing office. Bicycles being ridden at night must carry a light, warns State Highway Patrolman Parks Alexander this week.

Boy Scouts will call for scrap iron, old papers and other salvage material needed for the war effort, each Wednesday afternoon, Harry Cohen, County Scout Chairman, announced yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. Allen, Red Cross production chairman, this week issued a call for more volunteer cutters and sewers to complete a large number of garments.



DR. HUNTLEY

Dr. Huntley Named Assoc. Professor

CHAPEL HILL—Dr. Robert R. Huntley has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, effective July 1.

He joined the medical faculty here as an instructor in medicine and preventive medicine in 1959 after six years as a family physician in Warrenton.

Dr. Huntley is a chemistry graduate of Davidson College (1947) and earned his medical degree at Bowman Gray School of Medicine (1951).

He served a rotating internship and a year of residency in general practice at the University of Michigan Hospital before establishing his practice in Warrenton.

He was a Fellow in Medicine and a resident in medicine here and in 1964-65 was a special student in biostatistics and epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health.

Dr. Huntley is a native of Wadesboro, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Huntley of 305 Morven St., and is married to the former Anne Rodwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Rodwell of Warrenton.

Dr. and Mrs. Huntley have five children, Mary Katherine, 15; Robert Dickey, 14; Julia Ann, 12; Elizabeth Ross, 9; and Jeffrey Rodwell, 7.

Dr. Huntley is engaged in medical care research and in the training of family physicians.

MENUS

May 29 - June 2
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Monday—Roast beef, wild rice, gravy, turnip greens, cornbread, Jello, milk.

Tuesday—Fish loaf, steamed cabbage, glazed carrots, congealed salad, cookies, milk.

Wednesday — Beef hash, garden peas, rolls, apple sauce, milk, orange juice.

Thursday - Cheese and macaroni, 1/2 deviled egg, green beans, rolls, sweet potato fluff.

Friday - Beef burgers, cole slaw, butterbeans, rice pudding, milk.

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Monday - Hamburgers, tomato and lettuce, parsleyed potatoes, buns, rice pudding, butter, milk.

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Dr. Morgan Writes Littleton Story 60 Years Ago

By DR. S. L. MORGAN

I am invited to write a series of Reminiscences of Littleton 60 years ago. I went there as pastor of the Baptist church 63 years ago—in August 1904, going from a 2-year-pastorate in Fairmont, W. Va., just after finishing at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Looking back over the years, I feel sure it was the happiest pastorate of my life. At that time Littleton was "on the map." It was, indeed, an educational center. Littleton College, under President and Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, had 300 girls and an excellent faculty. Under the same management was a good academy for boys, also a Baptist academy under Professor and Mrs. L. W. Bagley. The college was regarded as the biggest community asset. Its burning, after a few years, was a tragic loss. All the community for many miles around suffered a great cultural loss.

Panacea Springs, with its hotel and mineral water, shipped rather widely then, was boosted as a health resort. My diary records that I spent my first night in town at the Shaw hotel, which was old and nothing to boast of. I was young and single, and always regarded the college faculty as one of the finest prospects of my lifetime to find an excellent wife. But I felt, maybe too keenly, the fear of being a "courting man" in the public eye would harm my influence. In my 3 1/2 years my "courting" hardly went far-

ther than my taking a teacher now and then to a night service at church. I dearly loved all my people, so that my heart warms now on reading in my diary, that my first Sunday evening supper was at the table of Mrs. A. W. Green, who was to be one of my most valued women and closest friends. And a letter several years ago from her married daughter, maybe in Florida, was a delight.

Deacon Harvey and his family was specially "close", and my diary reminds me his daughter Lucy gave me my first church wedding. Married to Lindsay Price.

I was still a bachelor, young enough to win something a bit closer from teen-age girls than mere devotion to a pastor, and all the years since a trio of teen-age girls in the church have continued very dear to me: Willie Vassar, Annie Harvey, and Susie Finch. Susie married and has now been in heaven a good many years. But my memory of that trio remains very dear to this day.

Another 16-year-old girl, a student in Littleton college, has continued down to the present a very special friend—Emma Myrick, to become the wife of the famed head of the great Rose 5 and 10¢ store system. Long a widow now aged and infirm, our early friendship has brought us together in Henderson a few times, and I've repeatedly told her of an incident:

"I could never forget you as we met in Littleton one morning on the avenue, you on your way to college. I thought you the loveliest teen-

age girl in town; and I thought, 'If only you were older or I younger, how wonderful it would be to have you for the preacher's life-partner'.

A lovely and superb college teacher, Miss Pulliam, was my choice among the teachers. I admired and liked her greatly, and had her and Miss Bridges to report to my church the great Student Volunteer convention in Nashville. It convinced me all the more of her fitness to be my wife. But I left Littleton after 3 1/2 years, with no "entangling alliance" with a woman, and that waited till I met and married Isabelle Robeson in Red Springs at the end of my two-year pastorate of Red Springs and Maxton, taking her to be my great partner as pastor of First Baptist Church of Burlington. An honor graduate of Flora Macdonald college and a superb person, I never doubted for a moment she was fully my equal in every respect.

I had been called to succeed Dr. I. M. Mercer as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, N. C., but the fascinating Col. Jones of the Red Springs Military Academy, acting for Red Springs and Maxton Churches, did a superb job in painting the future of the two churches in the two admirable towns 12 miles apart, so that I felt led to accept this call. Later I wondered if it was the Lord's doing in opening the way for me to fine the superb wife I did.

Clearly I write with the tone of affection — after 60 years for the people of Littleton, Enterprise and Vaughan. And nothing could please me more than letters from people in those communities, reminiscent of my pastorates.

Second, likely readers may discover in my notes evidence of a handicap. No wonder; two weeks ago I lost an eye. I became aware of something strange going on in an eye, then of a stickly something covering the eyeball, then sight gone forever. The other not good, but I easily read this type—and read newspaper headings. And I'm to be 96 Sept. 23.

Baptist Home, Hamilton, N. C.

TWO SHORT NOTES

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Nothing To Fear

The Smithfield Herald

"The idea of a spy in the sky will not be accepted by our people," Representative James Johnson, Jr., of Cabarrus declared as the House debated the bill authorizing the North Carolina Highway Patrol to use airplanes in detecting highway speeders.

He talked as if there is something sinister about patrolling the roads from the air. But observance of highways from an airplane is not an invasion of anyone's privacy. When an automobile driver takes to the road, he is in public, using a public facility. And his conduct is subject to scrutiny by police forces charged with responsibility for public safety.

No motorist is licensed to do as he pleases when he drives along a highway. Nor is he playing a game of "cops and speeders" governed by rules giving a speeder a "sporting chance" to outwit his chaser.

The airplane bill was soundly conceived. Its purpose is to discourage speeding and save lives. The safe and law-abiding driver has nothing to fear.

Quotes

While some of my friends are studying a menu at a restaurant I can, in less time, look around my pantry and come up with a delicious snack or full meal. — William Feather.

A financier is a pawnbroker with imagination. — Arthur Wing Pinero.

Character is made by what you stand for; reputation by what you fall for. — Robert Quillen.

A gentleman never heard the story before. — Austin O'Malley.

"It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles; the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring out." — Alexander Pope