

Let's Leave It State College

A lot of arguments, both pro and con, have been heard recently over the proposal to change the name of North Carolina State College to the University of North Carolina at Raleigh.

Absolutely no advantage whatsoever can be foreseen by changing the school's name. Certainly a change would not guarantee Quality Education, nor would it guarantee that State would be able to offer students any more than it already does.

Many years have gone into the building up of the name, reputation and prestige of North Carolina State College. The school has a national and international reputation for excellence in many technological fields not enjoyed by other institutions in North Carolina.

Sentimentally too, the name should be kept as it is. Tradition and

school pride play an integral part in life on any college campus. Students and alumni alike carry a deep self-satisfying pride in "their school." And there is little student support on the State campus for the name change.

Then there's the cost that the name change would involve. Imagine the number of signs that would have to be re-painted, the number of stationery, letterheads that would have to be changed, the number of student records, etc. that would have to be converted, ad infinitum.

If the present administration in Raleigh is really interested in Quality Education, let them point their time and efforts towards really needed projects like additional classrooms, improved curriculum and teacher salary increases. These are areas in which there is a true need for legislative action and leadership.

Dangerous Pranksterism

Parents in Duplin County should take heed of recent happenings in several North Carolina towns regarding the purchase and use of fireworks and other nuisance amusements.

At this time of the year when most towns are holding Veteran's Day parades, homecoming parades or Christmas parades, the use of these devices by thoughtless and irresponsible persons has become a problem.

In New Bern last week the town council voted to outlaw the sale of either fireworks or pea shooters because several pranksters had injured people participating in parades with them. Pellets were fired through pea shooters at marchers of high school bands and fireworks were also exploded at their feet. Costly musical instruments were even damaged in some instances.

In Search of a Home

Appearing elsewhere in today's DUPLIN TIMES is a feature story on your County Welfare Department and the work they do with children who come from unfortunate homes. These children, who have been abandoned or neglected or who have gotten into juvenile trouble. They are children who are victims of their environment. The help they receive from the Welfare Department is Monumental. For the first time in their lives a lot of them are given care, love and understanding that they have never known before and they are given a new chance at life.

As the story states, one of the most important phases of this rehabilitation is the care a child receives while he is in a boarding home. Here the child is placed while the Welfare Department attempts to find a permanent home.

"Our greatest need in this work with the children is for more boarding homes for White children," says Welfare director Mrs. Thelma Taylor. At present we have in the county enough boarding homes for Negro children but finding homes for White children, either in or out of the county, has always been a problem," she added.

Boarding home operators are licensed by the state. The cost of boarding children and seeing that they are properly cared for is paid by the Welfare Department and in some

cases by the parents of the child being boarded. Clothes for the child are usually provided by donations to the Welfare Department. The value of the boarding homes to the work of the Welfare Department has been pointed out to the Department more than once.

On one occasion the Welfare Department placed a boy in a boarding home who had been in constant trouble with juvenile authorities and who had refused to go to school because the other children and the teachers made fun of his shabby clothes.

At the boarding home the boy became a model of good behavior and attended school regularly. Later he was sent to live with a great aunt and once again he became a problem. Since then he has been returned to the boarding home where he has been for the last three years.

The love and understanding that this boy received at the boarding home plus three good meals a day and clean and well-kept clothes made all the difference in the world.

The work being done by the Welfare Department and its children's boarding homes merit the highest praise. In many instances they are moving into situations where no one else has shown even a casual interest and they are helping little souls who are unable to help themselves and who, for all their lives, have been in search of a home.



"YOU SHOULD GET OUT IN THE OPEN MORE."

Quips and Quotes

Anyone who didn't hear the testing of the new Kenansville alarm system Monday is just plain deaf.

The basketball fix trials now in progress has remained us once more - what ever beame of the saying about the 'old college try?'

We've heard of moving houses an eleven baseball teams but now New Bern is trying to move a college.

To try and understand government spending is like a child trying to learn Greek but it seems like it would have been cheaper for Russia to simply fly its bombers out of Cuba.

Anybody around remember what a bright sunshine day looks like? Well, the Wake Forest basketball team is following in the steps of the Deacon football team.

To those who remember such grid

People react helpfully to the problems of an individual and his family, but in public welfare we have grave difficulties around the fact that often people are unwilling to generalize in terms of the needs of a large segment of the population.

County directors of public welfare in North Carolina take great pride in the "success stories" of persons who have received aid to dependent children payments. Taxpayers, too, are interested in knowing what happens to the boys and girls who, through aid to dependent children, are kept in school and are thus able to become self-supporting citizens when they become adults.

Recent reports from county directors of public welfare, who have followed the progress of these ADC cases should be shared with the public.

In one county, a girl from a family who formerly received aid to dependent children is a sophomore in college and has consistently made the Dean's list. Another girl, one of a family of eight children who formerly received ADC, a high school senior last year, did so well in her school work that she is in college this year on a scholarship. Still another girl, from a family of five now receiving ADC, is in her first year in college, and is making excellent grades.

By law, children cannot receive aid to dependent children payments when they reach their 18th birthday. Therefore, these young people are necessarily having to secure part-time jobs to get an education. They will work during the summer months.

Another county director of public welfare reports that many of the people in his county who are among the finest contributing citizens of

their communities, received aid to dependent children help when they were young. One of such former ADC recipients is a candidate for the county school board. Some have graduated from college; others have taken business courses and have found employment in good jobs. One young man, who received ADC because his father's disability made it impossible for him to support his family, was able to graduate from high school, and, with his own earnings and the help of a scholarship, was graduate from college. He is now a teacher and assistant coach in a high school.

Aid to dependent children is a money payment for needy dependent children who have been deprived of parental care and support because of the death, physical, or mental incapacity, or continued absence from the home of one or both parents.

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Free Wheeling

By Bill Crowell

Winter driving has its perils, but the driver who "knows his way around" usually gets through the worst of it without getting hurt.

That's the belief of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt in commenting on the agency's campaign to alert motorists to hazards of the winter season.

He pointed out that anti-freeze and tire chains are but two elements in the "get prepared" formula for cold weather driving. An engine tune up together with a check of the heater-defroster system should be on the schedule, he said. Also, inspection of the muffler, adjustment of brakes, snow tires, if you intend to use them, battery and all lighting equipment.

Windshield wiper blades, if not flexible and "live," should be replaced. Good blades with adequate arm pressure cleaning the glass outside and a good defroster clearing the glass inside will assure drivers adequate vision when the going gets rough.

Scheidt said driving habits must be revised, too.

"Just as we change our type of clothing from one season to the next, we must change our driving habits to fit the season," he declared.

"It takes far longer to stop on ice or snow than it takes on dry pavement. As an example the average braking distance for regular tires on glare ice is 700 feet at 40 miles an hour.

"Therefore it's imperative that we slow down, and while we are in a line of traffic it's important to maintain an increased interval between cars.

"Before moving into the traffic stream on icy or snow covered pavement, it's wise to "feel out" the road as you pull away from your parked position," Scheidt pointed out. "Give a clear signal of your intention to turn well in advance and make your turns carefully."

Sudden stops, the vehicles chief concluded, can lead to sudden mishaps. Braking should be done expertly, with a light, intermittent pumping action. Preventing a skid is easier than trying to maneuver out of one.

Health and Safety Tips

From The American Medical Association

If you live in the far northern states where winter comes early and stays late, you probably already have seen the first snow of the season. If you live in the more southernly states the first snow likely is yet to fall. If you live in the deep south you may not see any snow all winter and need read on further.

Almost everyone in North America sooner or later awakes one morning to find a covering of snow. It may be only an inch or so that soon melts, if you live in the South. Or it may be in drifts two feet deep along the front walk and along the driveway. The walk and drive must be cleared of snow.

This is a renewal of the annual warning to men of middle age and beyond not to rush into shoveling away the snow.

The warning against overexertion in shoveling away the first snowfall of the season is aimed particularly at men past 40, and especially for those men who lead physically rather inactive lives, those who are overweight and those who have had an illness that has left

them weakened. Snow shoveling actually can be good for you, if you approach it leisurely. The fresh air and the exercise are fine, but don't overdo it. Hard, vigorous exercise, such as rapid plying of a snow shovel in a frantic effort to clear the drive way and get to the office on time, could be dangerous. It could even kill you, by putting an undue strain on your heart.

If your heart is all right, you won't hurt it much by overexertion. But the problem is to be certain that your heart is all right. If you've had a recent physical check-up, say within six months, and have felt okay since, you very likely are all right.

But if you are not in good condition don't be ashamed to get a small snow blower or snow plow for clearing walks and drives. Or don't hesitate to hire the neighbor's son to do the clearing job for you. Trying to prove that you're still a he-man who can shovel snow like a youngster is foolish and unnecessary.

Are you well-informed on local happenings? You will be if you read the

EDITORIAL PAGE
Of Your Local Newspaper

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

My old lady was in town last Saturday and she brings home one of those slick magazines for winter. On account of not getting my weekly dose of fine reading material from the Department of Agriculture and then other Government agencies, I picked up this thing the other night to give it a glimpse or two.

Things is going on in this country, Mister Editor, that the menfolk don't know about. Some of the items that was in that magazine ought to be barred under the Fifth Amendment. For instant, one of them female writers allowed as how the average man could tell everything he knowed in one hour flat. Personal, I don't think it would slow down his conversation much. After that he could set in and talk about wimmen.

And another wiman writer was claiming that they is a plot among men writers to git wives back in the kitchen. I think this statement was a little overdrawed and that most men would be satisfied just to git the wife back in the house. But the item that put the stopper in the jug was this piece by some wiman perfesser at one of them big female colleges in New York. First off, she says gossip is good for wimmen, claims the reason wimmen live longer than men is because they relax by gossiping. If that's true, Mister Editor, we got several female characters out this way that'll live to be 167.

Yours truly,
Uncle Pete

School And Your Child

By John Carey Education Department Appalachian State Teachers College

Children must see well to do well in school. Most learning comes through vision, states Dr. Roy Blanton, principal of the laboratory high school on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

And smart parents see to it that Junior receives a thorough visual examination not later than age five, advises Dr. Blanton, who has worked with children for over 20 years.

Early comparison of Junior's visual development with that of others his own age can avoid many difficulties that would occur later on. As the youngster moves through this school year, alert parents and teachers also constantly observe him for indications of visual problems.

There are distinct reactions that warn of possible difficulties. These should be known.

The reactions have been grouped into these ABC's of symptoms as set down by two noted authorities, Drs. Lois B. Bing, chairman of the American Optometric Association's committee on visual problems of children and youth, and George D. Spache, head of the reading laboratory and clinic at University of Florida.

Dr. Spache was visiting professor this past summer in the reading center of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Here are the ABC's of poor vision symptoms:

A's (Appearance of eyes)
-Eyes crossed constantly (or even occasionally).
-Reddened eyes.

B's (Behavior)
-Daydreaming.
-Short attention span for any task requiring visual concentration.

C's (Complaints)
-Headaches, nausea, or dizziness associated with use of eyes.
-Burning or itching eyes (rubbing them frequently).
-Seeing double.
-Blurring of vision when looking up from close work.
-Parents and teachers can observe all these ABC's of visual difficulty symptoms among children at all grades.

Dr. Bing and Spache advise: "Children displaying one or more of them, persistently, particularly when visual concentration is required, deserve to have a complete examination of the total process of vision as quickly as possible before avoidance techniques become habitual."

now many of us feel that with the short days we'd like to sleep then through. Yet, we have much to do and never seem quite through with any days work.

Before Thanksgiving our coldest weather had been ten above, not much of that. Suddenly on the eve of Thanksgiving, temperatures, accompanied with clear skies calmness and a great hush that penetrates a new-come, plummeted. Since that time we haven't had a temperature warmer than 20 below zero nor colder than 22 below. This isn't unusual but just ordinary.

The northern lights playing ceremoniously above make up for any discomfort. They are so new each time they arrive that no matter how long one lives up here, they are yet a spectacle demanding attention. They like the fiery fingers of an angry God reaching down to warm mankind that He yet sits enthroned observing man's follies. Yet, they are a bit comforting for they make an otherwise dull period one of extreme satisfaction. One who lives in the shadows of these amazing natural spectacles must feel the call of the great north as did the poet of the north, Robert Service, in his great poem - THE SPELL OF THE YUKON.

This last summer I enjoyed my visit to Duplin County and especially seeing all my friends and relatives - but its good to be back in Alaska. Even after I retire to N. Carolina I shall yet cling to a piece of Alaska and return when the urge gets the better of me. Yet, even so the longer I am away from Duplin the greater comes the urge to return to the scenes and environs of my childhood.

Incidentally, I miss your paper and its many mentionings of people I know. I'm going to send for a renewal of my subscription. Its amazing how much the weather figures in the thinking of all Alaskans. Possibly none ever writes and good men better.

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