



NEWSPAPER FOLK VISIT AREA—Hugh Morton, left shows several newspapermen and their wives some of the beauties of Grandfather Mountain. Left to right are Mr. Morton; L. F. Amburn, Statesville Daily Record; Mrs. Bill Shires, wife of UPI representative in Raleigh; Mrs. Amburn; Wint Capel, Thomsaville Times; and Bob Curst, Lexington Daily Dispatch. They were in the area for Publishers and Editors' week end of Horn in the West.—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Representative Coffey Explains Acts As Solon

Dear Mr. Rivers:

I would like for you to print this in the next issue of your paper so the people in Watauga county may know what I did in the General Assembly.

I voted against a 3 per cent tax on food because I felt there were other things that could be taxed, such as tobacco, whiskey, beer, also bottled drinks. I don't think that a tax on food to raise the money for better education is the best way, when the Governor told how many thousand people in N.C. that didn't have enough to eat, and were being given surplus food, yet they will have to pay tax on what they do buy to eat. I am not against better education and higher teachers pay. I am for it, but not by taxing food when there are luxuries that can be taxed.

I introduced a bill to make the tax collector and tax supervisor to be elected instead of being appointed, which was given an unfavorable report in committee.

I think that is the fair way for people in the county to say who will serve them. The Senator opposed this bill.

I also introduced a bill to raise the salary of the county commissioners and got it passed in the House and sent to the Senate, and it was killed in Senate committee. The Senator opposed this bill.

Another bill I introduced was to let the people in Watauga county vote in the next election to say if they wanted the tax collector to be elected or appointed and got it out of committee and passed in the House; also got a favorable report out of Senate committee. The Senator opposed this bill and it never passed the Senate. I feel like the people are the ones to say, and I feel like this would have been the fair way to do so.

I also introduced a bill that the

county board of education be elected in Watauga county. It was killed in committee. I think that is the only fair way and in this county where it is about even between Republicans and Democrats, each pays taxes, and the Republicans have as many children in school, that they ought to have some representation on the county board of education as well as on local school boards which they do not have at present.

Mr. Rivers, I think I have covered and tried to explain the most important things and want to, in closing, thank you very much for

Washington Comments

Washington, D. C.—The Kennedy Administration is now moving into and through heavy fire from all sides, on the foreign policy issue. The loss of half of Laos, the Cuban fiasco and the apparent indecisiveness on Berlin has begun to take its toll.

From abroad criticism has come from Great Britain, the most valuable of our allies—along with West Germany. In West Germany criticism is also heard, though officially Bonn remains quiet, as it must.

In Congress both Democrats and Republicans were disappointed at the weak reaction of President Kennedy and his administration leaders to recent threats from Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

It was some three weeks after Khrushchev's proposals were handed Kennedy, in Vienna, that Secretary of State Dean Rusk finally got around to stating flatly that Soviet action could not void our rights in Berlin.

And even at that time the President had not spoken out forcefully on the critical Berlin question.

His Senate Majority Leader, Mike Mansfield, instead had proposed a compromise solution to the Berlin problem, which would take the troops out of both the eastern and western sectors of the huge city.

But Khrushchev did not buy this compromise, rejecting it in a speech a week after Mansfield put out the feeler. The Germans were relieved that Mansfield's offer was rejected—since it was a naive

sending me the paper to Raleigh while I was there. I enjoyed it very much.

Respectfully yours,
MURRAY COFFEY.

ers tried to get the educational aid bill through Congress first, and then take up the bill which provided parochial and private schools federal money, but the opposition was too strong. Both Senate and House Leaders are Catholics, along with the President, and House Leader John McCormick sided with church leaders rather than the President.

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The power of the Catholic Church, on the Congress and the government, has been amply demonstrated again this year in the fight over federal aid to education. Even the most famous of all Catholics in this country, President John Kennedy, has been unable to stem the tide of opposition from Catholic churchmen—to the federal aid to education bill.

The Catholics have been demanding aid to their own schools, which Kennedy believes is unconstitutional. The President found a way to meet these demands in part—by letting the government give money to all schools, on the theory that this was for national defense. (The money would be used to build science classrooms, etc.)

While there are those who believe that this, too, is unconstitutional, this approach is based on the principle of the GI bill which granted money to veterans and let them choose their college or university. So it might get by.

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Dr. Bryson To Lead Duke Panel

Dr. Joseph E. Bryson, assistant professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers College, will preside over a panel discussion on the legal controls over athletic programs at a conference concerning Legal Aspects of the School Program at Duke University, June 27-28.

Among others attending the two-day conference are Allan S. Hurlbut, professor of education, Duke University; E. Edmund Reutter, Jr., professor of education, Teachers College, Columbia University;

Vester M. Mulholland, director, educational research, State Department of Public Instruction.

Newton Edwards, professor emeritus of education, University of Chicago; Marion A. McGahay, specialist in school law, U. S. Office of Education; William H. Cartwright, chairman, department of education, Duke University; Harry N. Rosenfeld, attorney, Washington, D. C.; and Raymond K. Rhodes, consultant, health and physical education, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh.



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