## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thursday, February 14, 1963

## A Greater Louisburg

How often have we sat in a banquet hall and listened to a speaker, with a full head of steam, painting rosy dreams and seeing visions of a greater Louisburg?

Quite often, to be sure, we have heard of this sort of speech. After it is over, however, how many of us acted upon the suggestions, meeting together and planning the building of a greater community?

A greater community can be achieved by us if we work together in the hope that future generations will enjoy this town and if we are determined to crown our efforts with success. We want our community to be a

thriving, progressive and glorious place in which to live, and we owe much to those who have gone before us who have lived here.

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It-must be remembered that we have accepted not only what the former citizens of our community have left us, but all the gifts of all the men who ever lived, and this is a considerable inheritance-for which we have paid nothing.

We think that every citizen should accept in his heart this debt; and should find a way to contribute something to his community and to his country, and to the human race.

## **Two Tax Bills?**

There is growing sentiment on Capitol Hill to write tax legislation this year in two bills, rather than the one, combined bill President John Kennedy has asked for. The President wants to combine tax "reform" with tax reduction.

In the House of Representatives, where tax legislation starts, House leaders are not backing President Kennedy. Speaker John McCormack has not come out in support of the President.

But the House Democratic Leader, Representative Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, is in favor of writing separate bills. He wants tax reductions included in a bill passed this year and tax

reform to wait until next year. if necessary.

The question which arises in this process is whether the Con-. gress can vote a 13.5 billion dollar tax reduction without voting the "reforms" which the President believes will earn back some three to three and a half billions of the revenues lost.

It'tax reductions are staggered as to the take-effect time, it may be possible for Congress to trim billions in fat off the budget, such as in the foreign aid field, vote sizable reductions, and await results, perhaps until next year, to write the tax reform bill.



From time to time we editors comment on the news and its significance.

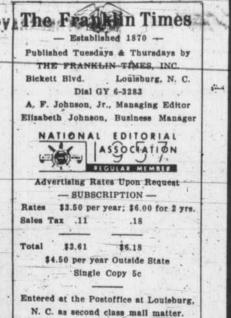
While some editors may be under the illusion that their opinions are profound and that their morning or afternoon comments are world-shaking, we have never been under any such impression.

As a matter of fact, very few? editors in the United States today (or elsewhere) have sufficient training in local government, state government, nation-al government, and international'affairs, to comment intelligently, and wisely, on the mafor news events of the day each day.

All editorials should be an intelligent presentation of facts and opinions, with the editor giving both sides of the question as honestly as he possibly can. He will be better informed than the average reader, naturally, because he has made a life work out of it.

Thus the modern editor, who does his job in the best modern tradition, offers his readers as much in refraining from supercolossal conclusions, positive statements which are unsound,

and over-simplified solutions of complex issues, as he does in providing basic and fundamental knowledge and facts, and his own conclusion which the reader can use in developing his own thinking, philosophy and intelligence.





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