

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thursday, April 23, 1964

The Rich Get Richer

Franklin County is disappointed in not having been selected as one of the counties to receive grants from the N. C. Fund. Congratulations go to those that were chosen and the best wishes for success as well.

Governor Sanford and Fund officials say selections were made after careful study. They sought they said, to get a cross section of the state and to get a variety of projects. They hope to learn more from those. They feel the entire state will benefit. Maybe so.

But one thing stands out, loud and clear. Counties were not chosen according to need. You need only to check the list. Durham County, Forsythe, Mecklenburg, and Craven are four of the county projects approved.

The other three projects approved involved a total of 10 counties. Taking them in their groups, Avery County, for instance, recently completed a 3,000 ft. paved runway at their airport, built a \$400,000 Golf Club and Playhouse adjacent to a new motor lodge and is building an \$800,000 Ski Resort. Mitchell County has an FHA approved 22 unit housing development, three industries enlarging and two new ones employing a total of 250 people. Watauga County just enjoyed a \$12 million dollar travel season last year, built a \$1 million dollar Golf and Ski Club opened a new shoe factory with

an annual payroll of a million dollars, among other things.

Yancey is a poor county, bless them and how did they ever get into the above group? Check on Richmond County with its new multi-million dollar shopping center and 48,000 sq. ft. furniture plant just completed to add to others already there. Add Robeson and Scotland Counties and the sum total is the same.

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. The Fund is hoping to learn something from these needy areas. It's like telling the hungry to learn while watching the well-fed eat.

If North Carolina is going to fight poverty, it must go where poverty is. You can slow an insect down by spraying from afar, but nothing beats walloping it up close.

We'd be the first to admit that all our counties have some poverty and that all can use all the help they can get. We realize, too, that the Fund is just starting and of necessity must start small. We are for it and we are among those that believe that eventually it will help all our counties. But, it must be disappointing indeed to the other small counties presenting plans to see grants go to those, that on the surface at least, appear to be less in need.

And one big question remains unanswered. How did poor old Guilford and Wake get left out?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Tobacco Program In Grave Danger

Few weeks ago, the Senate passed an amendment to do away with the tobacco support program. No other action in tobacco's most troubled time shows so clearly the danger North Carolina is in. If there had been enough Senators on the floor, and the "no amendment" rule had not been in effect, this completely unexpected proposal (from Senator Williams of New Jersey) might have passed. Suppose it had cleared Congress and won the President's signature? There would be no price support on tobacco. Prices would plunge. An average drop of ten cents a pound would mean a loss of nearly \$100 million to Tar Heel tobacco farmers. It's quite possible that the price would drop twenty or even thirty cents a pound. Figure the loss accordingly.

What every citizen of North Carolina needs to understand once and for all is this: When you say "tobacco program," you mean a support program for everybody in the state -- not just the tobacco farmer. Multiply that \$100 million loss by seven. The resulting \$700 million is the loss to the whole economy of North Carolina, since the tobacco dollar turns over at least seven times before it's spent out.

In other words, for every tobacco farmer seven other people in North Carolina have jobs.

While this may be an oversimplification, it's by no means an exaggeration. Indeed, it may be a conservative estimate. One leading banker in the state estimates that the tobacco program turns over ten times or more in the economy.

You could go on and on about the effects of dropping the tobacco program. How it would cut down farm real estate values. The chaos it would cause in employment. Untold damage to our complex programs for raising quality tobacco.

North Carolina and the other tobacco states, to a lesser extent, are geared deeply to the production and processing and manufacturing of tobacco. There is no doubt that we need some changes in the support program and other phases of the industry.

But the one thing we "do not need and must not have" is elimination of the program. The one thing we "need badly and must have" is the support of all the people of North Carolina for the tobacco program.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In regard to your recent article about Franklinton's and Oak's track meet, I suggest that you send in the results of the Pole Vault and the Discus Jump to the AAU for recognition in setting a new world's record and establishing a new event. Be sure to explain the rules of the Discus Jump to the AAU officials when sending in the news release. You could also let the world know what kind of pole and form were used in making this great jump. I think athletes of this caliber in Franklinton should go to

the olympic games this summer. They would greatly help of U. S. team.

Yours truly

Wallace Eakes
Campbell College Student

Editor:

We have always said, Franklin County has the best athletes. That's what we get for taking track meet results by phone. You throw a discus and we have no idea how high the boy jumped. Tell you what, we'll study our track meet and you take a look at your spelling.

Winston Speaks At PTA Meet

Youngsville -- The Parent Teacher Association of the Youngsville School met on Thursday, April 16, with President, Mrs. James G. Lye, presiding. After the devotional, members enjoyed a musical program given by the glee club, under the direction of Mrs. R. F. Potts. The Junior Chorus also rendered several selections.

Mr. F. C. Winston, Agriculture teacher, was recognized and gave a very interesting program of the "Purpose of Agriculture in High School."

One of the highlights of the meeting was a fashion show, given by the girls of the Home Economics Department. These girls made and modeled their own fashions.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Lye expressed appreciation for such an outstanding program, which showed a great deal of work. After the reading of the minutes by Mrs. T. E. Lindsey, secretary, Mr. Felton, the school principal, was recognized for several announcements. He also introduced Mrs. Pearce, new teacher who will replace Mrs. Bonnie Sorrells. Room count banner went to the fifth grade.

Joe Lane Speaks To Lions Club

Mr. Joe Lane, manager of the local radio station and one of three owners of Triangle Realty Corporation, spoke to the Lions Club Tuesday night. His subject concerned the new automation equipment the station has recently installed.

After this brief tape, Mr. on radio statistics. It was revealed that 22 million radio sets were bought in 1962, and that there are 200 million working sets today in this country, an average of 3.6 radios per family.

After this brief tape, Mrs. Lane invited all members to the radio station, where he demonstrated five pieces of automation equipment. One piece of equipment, a brain circuit which performs the almost unbelievable task of locating various programs on tape. This saves the manager considerable nerve-racking work.

The club announces its broom sale will begin on the night of May 5.

Looking Back With The Times

1 Year Ago

Mrs. Fred Johnson named Woman of Year, by Jr. Woman's Club. Race looms in Youngsville elections for mayor.

5 Years Ago

Mill workers ambushed near Gillburg. Dennis files in local council race. Franklinton bank remodeled.

or before April 28.

1964 Cotton Program -- Franklinton County cotton growers should take a careful look at what this new program will have to offer for those who participate.

Producers with 1964 effective cotton allotments of less than 15 acres will receive an average price support rate of 30¢ per

10 Years Ago

First cinemascope production to play here. Louisburg to get TV news coverage as WTVD opens in Durham. County Glee Club appears at Mills school.

25 Years Ago

Webb elected Mayor. R. C. Beck, F. H. Allen, W. G. Lancaster, P. W. Elam, W. B. Barrow, and C. R. Sykes elected councilmen.

lb. for 1964 crop cotton put under loan and 3 1/2 ¢ per lb. based on the farm's normal yield.

Producers with farm allotments in excess of 22.4 acres will have to reduce their plantings by 33% to qualify for the 3 1/2 ¢ price support payment.

THE PASSING SCENE

Why not let Kidd be on television, if he wants to all that much.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

More On Lodge

It may take more than his surprising write-in victory in New Hampshire to convert Henry Cabot Lodge into a full-fledged candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination.

But the current feeling in Washington political circles is that a few other developments in the same direction could turn the trick, notwithstanding the staid Bostonian's announced intention of remaining in Saigon.

First of all, it appears Lodge's unsolicited support was far more

than a mere "favorite son" gesture toward a fellow New Englander.

From a negative standpoint, it must rather be interpreted as something of a repudiation of both Senator Barry Goldwater and Governor Nelson Rockefeller, the avowed candidates, at least as far as New Hampshire is concerned.

On the positive side, it seems significant that Lodge -- a man with a tough-line foreign policy image -- should be the one to whom they turned.

ASCS NEWS

John R. Davis
Franklin County
ASCS Manager

1964 Wheat Program -- Wheat growers will have an opportunity to cash in on the benefits of the recent wheat legislation. Growers can qualify for diversion payment, price support and certificates if they elect to divert a portion of their acreage from the production of wheat. Perhaps an example would help to clarify provisions of the program.

A wheat grower with a 1963 allotment of 10 acres received a 1964 allotment of 9.0 acres which was a 10% reduction. He wants to divert the difference in his 1963 and 1964 allotment (which is 1.0 acre) and further divert 4 acres of the 1964 allotment (which is 9.0 acres).

In this case the grower will receive a diversion payment on 5 acres based on the normal yield for the farm. He will also receive certificates worth 70¢ per lb. for domestic wheat and 25¢ per bushel for export wheat. Also the producer could put the wheat that he actually produced under loan at about \$1.46 per bushel.

Growers with allotments of 13.5 acres or less can divert the entire acreage and receive diversion payments.

Producers who have already planted their wheat may dispose of it prior to May 31 and still be eligible to participate.

In order to take part in the program, the wheat grower must visit the ASCS Office in Louisburg between May 1 and May 15 and state his intentions.

Cotton Release and Reapportionment Program -- Cotton producers who wish to release or request additional cotton may do so by filing an application with the county ASCS Office on



Everyone does!

Some folks seem to regard profit as an evil motive. Yet profit is basic to economic growth which creates new jobs and produces more tax dollars.

Consider CP&L, for example. To keep up with the growing need for electricity in our area during the last 10 years, we have invested \$260,000,000 in new facilities.

Where did CP&L get the money? Some of it came from net profits--part of which are plowed back into the business each year. Some of it came from reserve funds set aside to replace old equipment. Part of the money was borrowed. But without profit we could not have built the new facilities necessary to serve our customers.

Nor could we have paid our nearly 32,000 shareholders, about half of them Carolinians, a reason-

able return on the money they have invested as part-owners of our Company.

Provision for taxes for 1963 was \$24.2 million, an increase of \$12.5 million during the last 10 years.

While regulatory commissions do approve rates for public utilities that offer the prospect of a fair profit, companies such as CP&L are not guaranteed any profit whatsoever. It is somewhat like the man who buys a fishing license. He is free to fish but there is no guarantee that he will catch anything. Good management and efficient operation are necessary for any business to make a profit.

Next time you talk about economic growth, remember that profit is both the margin and stimulus for it.

Hoffa's Future

The nation has a right to ponder the fate of the leader of its largest labor union, recently convicted by a jury of trying to tamper with another jury.

Now that a jury has convicted the outspoken union boss, can the rank and file member of his union still justify his chief's actions?

It is difficult to believe that a majority of the million and a half members of the union can conclude that the jury which convicted Hoffa was fixed or unfair.

If Hoffa has to serve his sentence, we suspect that in time the majority of Americans who make up the membership of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will realize that they have been misled on the emotional question of loyalty and brotherhood, substituting this emotionalism for sober judgement and the good of the country and the democratic system we all enjoy.

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