

# LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thursday, August 26, 1965

## Coin Shortage

Once again, the coin shortage in the Louisburg and Franklin County area has been termed "critical." This condition existed last fall and never really was alleviated.

Several helpful measures have been suggested. Coin savers should exchange their coins for paper money, or, better still, bank them. Collectors, of course, will continue to save their valuable coins, but those of no extra value should be placed back in circulation.

Whenever possible, give correct change. Store owners should exchange paper money for the coins taken from vending machines in their places of business. Ask salesmen and

collectors from out of town for their change.

In short, don't let any more change than possible get out of this area. Keep every bit in circulation here at home.

It appears that it will be some time yet before the shortage can be helped by greater production of coins by the government. Meanwhile, it is imperative that we intelligently use what we now have in circulation.

Keep as little as possible in your pockets and keep as much as possible in circulation. A further dip in the amount of change now in use in this area could be most serious.

## A Debt Paid

Governor Dan Moore has paid his political debt to Dr. I. Beverly Lake. Without the aid of Lake followers, chances are that Dan Moore would not have been Governor.

Often in politics when debts are paid, unqualified men are sometimes given appointments. This is not the case in the appointment of Dr. Lake to be an Associate Justice. There could not have been a better choice.

Franklin County citizens, having supported Dr. Lake in two elections, will be pleased with

the appointment. However, this could mean the end of any elective aspirations Dr. Lake might have. Local citizens and other Lake followers might now need to find another standard-bearer for their causes.

Dr. Lake's experience in law and his level-headed approach to problems of the day will add greatly to the effectiveness of the State Supreme Court.

His kind is needed, even more so, on the federal Supreme Court.

# NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Kennedy Versus Johnson

The political pattern, as shown by the actions of the two Kennedy brothers in the U. S. Senate in the past five months, is to build another Kennedy machine, independent of, and sometimes opposed to, President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The late President John F. Kennedy made the decision to ask then Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson to be his running mate in August, 1960. That decision made both men President. Without Johnson's ability to carry the South in 1960, Kennedy would not have been elected and without having been chosen to run as Vice President, Johnson would not have been elevated to the Presidency.

Bobby Kennedy, in 1960, reportedly opposed the naming of Johnson as the Vice Presidential candidate. Four years later Johnson, as President, opposed the naming of Bobby

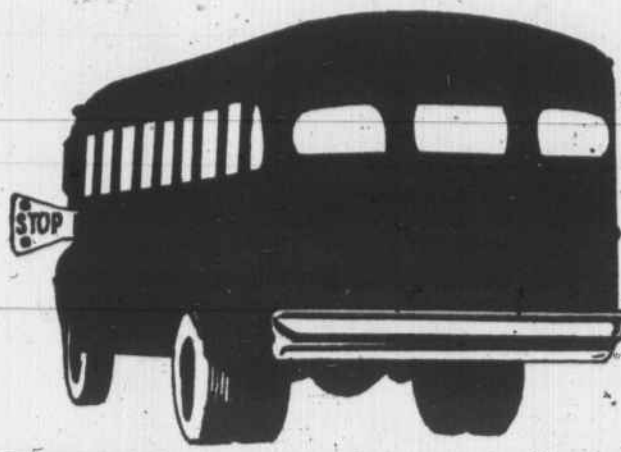
as Vice President, and was able to do something about it.

The future, as far as a new Kennedy machine is concerned, centers on Senator Bobby Kennedy as the national candidate. Only when and if he fails, or withdraws, will Senator Ted Kennedy become political Kennedy number one.

Clearly, the Kennedys are waiting for the opportune moment, 1968 if the unlikely comes about (death or assassination); but more probably 1972. Seven years is not long to wait for two young Senators — and Bobby will still be in his forties come 1972, and just reelected in New York two years earlier — if he runs and is reelected.

Hubert Humphrey will be 61 in 1972. He ran against one Kennedy in 1960, in presidential primaries. He may run, against another seven years hence.

## As The Busses Roll - -



## Drive Carefully

### Viewpoint

# Democracy Versus Idleness

By JESSE HELMS

Winston Churchill once said, in commenting some years ago upon what he called "the American democracy," that the truly remarkable thing about it was not that it worked so well, but that it worked at all. Mr. Churchill was not viewing America in her present posture, but there is room for speculation as to whether there was not a very clear implicit warning in his comment.

The news from California was disturbing, not merely in terms of the shocking violence that was taking place but as a measurement of the attitudes that so threaten both the sanity and the security of the land. Ours is a generation that has condoned, if not encouraged, a sense of irresponsibility that is now engulfing our way of life. We have embraced the doctrine of easy come, easy go. The nation has gone on an equality kick without really confronting the question of equal to what?

We have become so mired up in our definitions! Political hacks and clever rabble-rousers have shamed us—frightened us—into mistaking wrong for right and lawlessness for justice. The democracy about which Winston Churchill marveled threatens to grind to an agonizing stop. We have often voiced our lamentations that the great national sense of personal responsibility, which figured so prominently in the building of

America, is now rapidly disappearing. And, in stating this concern, we have often been misunderstood; we shall, we suppose, be misunderstood again. Still, the events in California and Chicago support our apprehensions. Surely it is now clear that we are witnessing the stark symptoms of a national disease. The question is: how great an epidemic can the republic survive?

Who will justify the conduct of the mobs which have wrought such destruction and bloodshed? Who will explain it away as merely a natural result of grievances? Who will specify the grievances that, in a civilized society, absolve men who transform their communities into jungles? The democracy to which Mr. Churchill referred is in trouble.

One of the great strengths of the republic which Mr. Churchill so admired was the ability of its people to keep busy at productive endeavors. If idleness is the devil's workshop, it is interesting to speculate the mad desire of the nation to create even more idleness. Indeed, we have reached the point that vast numbers of Americans have been taught that loafing is an honorable career. It is government policy to pay people not to work. Men who voluntarily quit their jobs are immediately eligible for government checks, almost without question. A gl-

gant recruiting program is underway for the devil's workshop.

It would be interesting to see the results of a survey of the thousands who burned and destroyed and robbed and pillaged their community in California. How many of these, one might well wonder, did a day's work prior to spending the night in such a riotous and angry frolic? How many of them, on the other hand, sat idle and bored for countless hours before being swept into that emotional tide that transformed them into savages? The questions seem to answer themselves.

And yet, despite political oratory to the contrary, our governmental policy seems clearly directed at making the situation worse instead of better. In Washington, for just one example, there is now federal legislation pending which, if passed, will make it possible for a worker to quit his job voluntarily—just because he chooses not to work—and draw a full year of benefits from the government.

Henry Kendall, head of the state's employment security commission, is quite properly opposing this legislation, known as the Mills-McCarthy bill. Undoubtedly Mr. Kendall is aware that if this bill is passed, there will be even more idle men in America.

If democracy is to work, then its citizens must work.



I been told that I had a visitor at the newspaper office other day...old James "Hoss" Alford...that curly haired softball player from around Bunn...dropped by to set us straight on some road paving in these parts....Old "Hoss" is a pretty fair softballer and a dang good highway man...and we're mighty sorry we missed him...but, then, they don't let us hang around the office...something about upsetting the girls, somehow....

They don't give us much space for this column...mostly, we suppose, because we don't have much to say...but what they'll give us, we want to let "Hoss" have so's his folks in Raleigh will know he is on the old ball and that this no a Count boy, if he ain't nothing else, is of fair mind and sound body.... Here's "Hoss's" figures:

### SECONDARY ROADS PAVED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY SINCE JULY 1, 1964

Secondary Road Number	Name	Length in Miles
1237	Beasley Rd.	3.6
1457	Douglas Williams Rd.	1.8
1460	J. B. Leonard Rd.	1.2
1707	Joe Denton Rd.	2.6
1212 & 1213	Layton St., Franklinton	0.3
1748	Middle Rd.	1.9
1724	Gay Rd.	1.1
1606	Jule Pearce Rd.	2.8
1226	Gayline Drive, Lousburg	0.4
1454	Dorsey Rd.	2.8
Total		18.5 Miles

### ROADS WHICH WERE GRADED & STABILIZED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY SINCE JULY 1, 1964

1210	Montgomery Rd.	0.5
1143	Sutt Rd.	0.5
1118 Extension	Jim Thompson Rd.	1.9
1633 Extension	Beddingfield Rd.	0.6
1450 Extension	Read Rd.	1.0
Addition	Edwards Rd.	0.5
1200	Wes Sandling Rd.	1.5
Total		5.9 Miles

Now, ain't you surprised? Come to think of it, we wuz.

acres. With this water supply the desert can produce three crops of fruits and vegetables a year.

WEST POINT, MESS., TIMES LEADER: "The U. S. Supreme Court has nullified the federal law which bars communist party members from serving as

officers in labor unions. That's what we said! Don't you know the Kremlin is pleased with that one! Come to think of it, we frequently get the impression that the communists have a Supreme Court in this country...and it's about time we Americans got one of our own!"

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## Baffled On Buckles

Most folks around Washington credit defense Secretary Robert McNamara with being the smartest and most efficient businessman in the Administration's top brass.

Hence it's a bit disillusioning to find that all those human brains and computers in the Pentagon haven't been able to solve the problem of a 20-cent belt buckle.

It seems the supply branch has been trying for three years to come up with a standard black buckle acceptable to all the armed services, figuring the government could save

something like \$24,000 a year by standardizing that little piece of equipment.

Seems that on every model they tried, the black chipped off under the wear and tear of use.

So, at least for now, the Navy will keep its polished yellowfasteners, the Air Force its nickel-silver ones and the Marines will continue to sport the reddish brass model now in vogue.

Uniformity will have to wait for a new tactic in the Battle of the Buckle.

## Mariner IV & Mankind

The mission of Mariner IV may not definitely answer the intriguing question of whether life exists on Mars.

But even so, the feat of sending an effective exploring instrument across the intervening millions of miles between the earth and the outer space planet is one which almost staggers the imagination.

That such an instrument could reach target at all is impressive. Even more incomprehensible to the average mind is the fact that the vehicle could be controlled and

directed over a span of some eight months and that, finally, it would be able to transmit picture signals across that vast span in the space of just twelve minutes.

Such a feat must be cheering to even those dubious of this country's scientific capabilities.

But if man has the demonstrated genius to reach back and forth in the universe, somehow it would seem he would be able to find a way for people and nations to live together on this little planet that's already so familiar to all of us.



## GRASSROOTS OPINION

From The Wall Street Journal: "Irresponsibility continues to be a conspicuous preachment. If issues from those in the arts who deliberately seek to loosen moral standards. It is taught by those who insist that the unformed schoolchild must have total freedom of expression. It is proclaimed by sociologists who say the criminal has no responsibility for his crime. It is evidenced in countless ways in the responsibility-diminishing efforts of the national government. It is sometimes declared the law of the land by our highest magistrates."

Shortly before his untimely death in London, Adlai Stevenson said: "Aggression begets aggression. Retreat begets retreat. We either stand, as we discovered in Europe, and hold the line at appropriate places or we don't. And if we don't, and aggression succeeds, they knock on door after door and find that they open. Ultimately they come to the ultimate door where resistance becomes imperative. Then you have a holocaust. You have a major war. This is what we are trying desperately to avoid in South Viet Nam."

has declined for the sixth straight year. It fell during 1964 from a level of 86.2 to an all-time low of 86.0 (1949 equals 100). This index, which measures price changes annually, has been prepared by Dr. John M. Firestone of the City College of the City University of New York.

Handicapped people in more than 25 different disability groups are served by the non-profit Goodwill Industries. They receive on-the-job training, paid employment and hope for a fuller life. Goodwill needs public support by giving household items no longer needed.

Barry Goldwater writes: "Income in the business world is distributed on the basis of how hard and how well you work or build or plan. But when a politician passes out money the basis may be for any reason at all, including partisan advantage. No matter what the reason, however, the giving of money is a poor substitute for the earning of money. Money earned in a productive job is

true business expansion. Money given away is nothing but a drain on available resources."

While drilling for oil in the Sahara Desert, Oil Facts reports, U. S. oilmen discovered a huge underground lake of fresh water. More than 200 water wells have now been drilled in the area, each capable of irrigating up to 500

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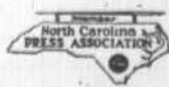
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