



Industry Needs Good Roads

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Nothing But Praise

Nothing but praise may be said about the Louisburg Police Department, the S. B. I. and other officers for their efficient work in the capturing of the accused slayer of a Louisburg storekeeper in less than thirty hours after the discovery of the crime.

Those viewing the scene and reporting on the events were aware of the almost non-existent clues in the slaying. The task of constant search and the followup of numerous leads and tips by officers caused most of them to go without sleep or rest for the total time.

The very nature of the crime dictated that an early solution be found. Brutal killings such as this arouse a community and put fear in the hearts of

many. The calmness with which local officers, assisted by state experts went about the business of solving this deplorable killing, is most commendable.

It's been said that Louisburg's Police Department is one of the best for the size to be found anywhere. The fact that murder was committed in their town in midday disturbed them, as it did the community. Apparently, no one could have prevented this vile deed. Except that fate might have had someone enter the store at the exact time, there was nothing to be done.

The promptness with which the crime was solved, serves once again to the credit of these officers. The community is proud of them for this work.

Franklinton's Problems

The Franklinton community is plagued these days with problems. Troubled by a continuing and increasing water shortage and perplexing problems involving its schools, the citizens are hard put to find some solutions.

Actions have been taken to relieve some of the problems brought about by the depleting water supply. A new pumping facility will be in operation today, hopefully to replenish the dwindling supply from Cedar Creek.

Franklinton School officials are reported to be in Washington today conferring with officials of the Office of Education. Perhaps, from this meeting,

some solution will be found for the growing school problem.

Ironically, one solution hinges on local initiative, the other apparently rests primarily with federal authorities.

The Town of Franklinton and its people must find some way of obtaining a greater water supply. The School Board and the people must find a way to operate their schools.

We are of the opinion, that a solution to the water problem will be found and we feel, too, that allowed to do so, local citizens will find a way to operate their schools.

Poor Roads: What Do They Mean To Me?

An Editorial

What does the present Franklin County road situation mean to us as individual taxpayers? Other than the inconvenience of traveling narrow, forsaken, dilapidated highways, why should we, as private citizens, be concerned?

There are, of course, a number of reasons. PRIDE is one of them. We live here. We want our county, including its roads, to compare favorably with those of other counties. Our families are just as deserving of adequate, safe roads, to ride on, as other families of the state. Our children should be left a highway system, in Franklin County, as good as children will inherit, who happen to live in Wake and other counties.

We want to GROW in Franklin County. Progress is just as important to us here as it is to anyone else in North Carolina. New industry is desired. Adequate highway-transportation is a must in acquiring this type of community asset.

We want to LIVE. We do not wish to die on the highways because they are in need of repairs or because they are too narrow or because a tire hits an unsuspected hole. We want peace of mind when our families travel these roads. We want to know that they, too, will be riding on highways as safe as we can make them, free from hidden dangers.

And then there is the matter of MONEY. Everyone likes to get value received for the dollar spent. None of us like the idea of our tax dollar being spent elsewhere when it is needed right here at home. We want to pay our share and WE EXPECT TO GET OUR SHARE IN RETURN.

These are just some of the reasons Franklin County citizens should be and are concerned with the lingering lack of improvements to our highways. If we here are concerned, what about our state officials. Are they, too, concerned?

Surely they can have no PRIDE in their accomplishments in Franklin County. Governor Terry Sanford visited the county only once in

his four-year term to address the graduates at Louisburg College. Governor Moore has not returned to the county since he carried it in the 1964 campaign. There is nothing here the present administration can point to with PRIDE as their doings.

If, indeed present state officials are as interested in the GROWTH of North Carolina, as they say, how do they justify the ignoring of the fact that LOUISBURG HAS THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF RETAIL GROWTH OF ANY TOWN IN THE STATE? If highway funds are being spent according to need, doesn't the need lie here where there have been no improvements and yet, where there has been tremendous GROWTH?

And in this day of increased emphasis on HIGHWAY SAFETY, with Inspections Laws, increased manpower in the Highway Patrol, and safety-test-cars, how do state officials justify the highways of Franklin County? Most of them would be readily condemned if checked by any reasonable SAFETY standards.

Then, in the matter of MONEY, what explanation is there for the fact that the State of North Carolina collected \$135.49 from each vehicle owner in Franklin County last year and returned only \$16.04 of it? Where did the MONEY go? Who was in greater need of road improvements? Wake, perhaps?

Based on the latest figures available, 1963 State average vehicle tax of \$162.00, why is it that Franklin County owners paid in during these three years an estimated \$4,325,076.00 and received in return, for all road purposes on \$486,319.14? Or a LOSS of \$3,838,756.86 in three years. At this rate, a four-year loss would exceed ALL FUNDS SPENT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY ON ROADS IN THE PAST 29 YEARS.

Pride, Growth, Safety and Money. Four good reasons for every citizen of Franklin County to be concerned with road conditions. Good reasons, too for our state officials to be concerned. And it's about time they were.

Wrong Secrets, Wrong Time, Wrong Way

by Jesse Helms

Jonathan Daniels's decision to rattle the skeletons in the closet of a dead President who trusted him and for whom Mr. Daniels once worked will of course be evaluated by different people in different ways. Mr. Daniels wants to sell some books, and no doubt he will. But in exposing, at this late date, President Roosevelt's feet of clay it seems to us that Mr. Daniels is revealing the wrong secrets at the wrong time in the wrong

way. The "other woman" in Mr. Roosevelt's life has been common knowledge in Washington for a long time. On countless occasions we have heard the details from various Senators and Congressmen who were close to Mr. Roosevelt during his days in the White House. But this was, somehow, a subject to be discussed only in private, not so much to protect a

man--or even his family--but to preserve the personal image and public respect for the office of President of the United States.

There are other secrets involving Mr. Roosevelt's career in the White House that Mr. Daniels, or other historians intimate with the late President, would do well to disclose. Mr. Roosevelt's disenchantment with his

own "New Deal" program comes to mind as an example. He revealed on numerous occasions, in conversations with friends in the Congress, that he was alarmed that federal controls might one day get out of hand. Occasionally he even stated his apprehensions in public, as in the case when he signed a Social Security measure into law. On several occasions he warned, publicly and privately, that public welfare must never be seized upon by politicians seeking votes. To Senator Harry Byrd, who now lies dying of cancer, he once frankly confided his concern about the Tennessee Valley Authority. It was not his original intent, he told Senator Byrd, that the federal government should get so deeply into the business of generating and distributing electric power. This, he said, is strictly a function of private enterprise.

It is remarkable, when one stops to think about it, that the liberal historians who always seem to write about dead Presidents never get around to circulating the second thoughts expressed by the deceased Chief Executives regarding their political and philosophical mistakes. Franklin Roosevelt's apprehensions about federal spending and federal controls; his fears about political manipulation of public welfare and even Social Security--these will forever go unchronicled, we suppose. Meanwhile, ex-Presidents still living have been ignored on great vital questions of the day except when their views happened to fit snugly within the tight little fence of the ultra-liberal doctrine. Not until Herbert Hoover was dead and in his grave was any attention paid to the real cause of the Great Depression. For a fleeting moment, in occasional obituaries, it was grudgingly acknowledged that the depression was not really of Mr. Hoover's making and that nothing he might have done could have prevented it.

Harry Truman has been all but bypassed with respect to the racial conflict that has swept America. When great hordes of demonstrators began to disrupt commerce and lie down in the streets, Mr. Truman made one of his typically tart comments during an interview at his home in Missouri. Since that time, his opinion has not been sought. He warned then, as best he could, the perils of anarchy and civil disobedience. But his views didn't fit the "Liberal" doctrine, so he has been consulted no more.

Meanwhile, Lyndon Johnson has been the beneficiary of a protective screen thrown over his secrets. One day, no doubt, he will be exposed--after he is no longer useful to the ultra-liberal cause. The majority of Americans know little or nothing of Mr. Johnson's political background, how he went to the Senate in surely the most corrupt election in Texas history, or how he amassed such a personal fortune. Even the Bobby Baker stench has been carefully squelched and stifled.

It's quite proper, in our view, to expose the feet of clay of public figures when they are alive and can defend themselves. Indeed, we consider it in the public interest to do so. But writing about Franklin Roosevelt's extra-curricular love life--more than two decades after the man's death--seems purposeless except, perhaps, to sell books. But, then, maybe all of this tells more about the author than about a dead President.

"Aren't Those Folks Up North Ever Going To Solve Their Racial Problems?"



Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, August 30:

Tom Wilson Shearon, w/m/46, careless and reckless driving. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Johnny Robert Webb, c/m/51, assault. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$15.00 fine and costs and defendant to be placed on probation for two years.

Wilson Shearon, worthless check. Judgment suspended on payment of check and costs within 90 days.

James Thomas Horton, c/m/43, motor vehicle violation.

Not guilty to first count. \$25.00 fine and costs of court.

Harold House, w/m/36, motor vehicle violation. Not guilty.

Albert Wayne House, w/m/23, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Floyd Williams, c/m/29, murder. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.

Millard Fillmore Boone, III, c/m/23, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Willie John Long, worthless check. State takes Nol Pros. J. P. Perry, c/m/19, carrying concealed weapon and

assault. State takes Nol Pros. with leave.

Thomas Linvirt Bailey, non support. State takes nol pros to charge of failing to support wife; court finds defendant guilty of not supporting children. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$30.00 every two weeks and costs of court.

Macon Jones, w/m/19, careless and reckless driving (2 cases). \$25.00 fine and costs.

George Buster King, c/m/66, no operator's license. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

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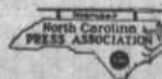
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