

Thursday, February 16, 1967

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Happens To The Best Of Them

The error in a motion passed by the Louisburg Town Council last week is understandable if inexcusable. The Council passed a resolution dealing with zoning outside of town. It meant to pass one dealing with annexation of areas outside the town limits. There is quite a difference.

However, all members understood what it was they were voting for since annexation was the topic at hand. The error was relatively a simple one, but allowed to take its course, could have ended giving the Council powers it did not seek and withholding those it sought.

Although not amusing to the Council, perhaps, it does show that mistakes are made . . . even by the best of them. Somehow, the knowledge of this makes the rest of us feel better.

Once this matter is cleared and assuming Representatives Speed and Church will concur in the request and it will be granted by the General Assembly, the Council should make per-

fectly clear just what it has in mind when it talks of annexation.

If Louisburg (or any other Franklin County town) is to grow, annexation is going to have to take place. There will, of course, be some opposition, but the Council might be surprised to find a great deal of support, provided, of course, it is handled properly.

Areas outside of town, once annexed will expect and rightfully so, the same services enjoyed by present residents. Sensible folks will not expect full services immediately, but firm commitments on the part of the town will perhaps, be expected.

However, in the absence of any definite statements on the part of town officials, annexation might be some time off and the motion, which was intended last week, might be only a first step.

At any rate, it shows that the Council is thinking ahead and this, in itself, is a good thing.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Americans In Russia

Whether we like to admit it or not, Americans are not the best behaved people in the world abroad. One of our failings, as a people, is the conviction that our way of life is the best in every aspect and that we can do things our way when we travel abroad.

Keeping this in mind we should not become overly aroused when we read about Americans being arrested in Russia or in other countries for black market dealings in foreign currencies. The laws of the nations which Americans visit should be observed and tourists who break the laws are subject to the penalty

under the laws.

Of course, the penalty is often stiff by U.S. standards. But this should be taken into consideration by tourists before they enter Communist countries. When one fails to do this, and breaks the law in Communist-ruled countries, he cannot then expect Western justice or trial and punishment by Western standards.

When Americans abroad break currency laws and steal from hotels, and get caught, they are asking for the harsh penalties likely to be received.

Healthier States

Based on life expectancy, the healthiest states in the union are Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and North Dakota. Thus the Midwest is the place to live if you want to live longest. That's the gist of life insurance statistics recently analyzed.

The unhealthiest state (including the District of Columbia) is South Carolina. The average lifespan of a caucasian male in South Carolina is only 65.97, while the national average is 67.55 and the average in the healthiest states several years more. (Females live seven or eight years longer than males in practically all areas of the country.) Among

non-whites the average is even lower. Geographical location is not the only factor in longevity, however. The experts say another influence is heredity. Climate and rainfall and soil (which relate to geography) are all thought to have an effect. Contrary to what some might think, the ratio of doctors to the number of citizens has relatively little influence on life expectancy.

And the warm weather—which so many elderly people seek in later life—doesn't produce an average longevity as great as that in the upper Midwest, where the winters are cold and the weather severe, which may surprise a number of readers.

"I Declare, Jimmy, What Big Ol' Eyes You Have!"



Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, February 14th:

Yvonne Taylor, w/1/27, abandonment of children. State takes Nolle Pros.

Willie Lee Kearney, c/m/29, no operator's license. State takes Nolle Pros.

Walter Lee Foster, c/m/25, motor vehicle violation. State takes Nolle Pros.

James Kenneth Edwards, non support. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$10.00 per week into C. S. C. for support of minor child, and costs of court.

Eloise Sorrell Robbins, w/1-58, failing to reduce speed to prevent an accident. Pleads Nolo Contendere. Prayer for judgment continued.

William Young Jones, w/m/21, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Lowell Eugene Shearin, w/m/25, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Simon (NMN) Harris, c/m/38, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Robert Riddick, w/m/20, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Felix Parrish, w/m/48, assault on female. State takes Nolle Pros on payment of costs by prosecuting witness.

Russell P. Driver, w/m/35, no operator's license. 14 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

James Monroe Baker, w/m/42, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Dallas Pritchard Parker, Jr., w/m/23, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Douglas Spearman, c/m/25, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Guy Dean, c/m/48, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$150.00 fine and costs. Defendant placed on probation for one year; to pay all medical expense of Early Wilbert Williams that has not been paid by insurance. To post compliance bond.

Larry Chavies, c/m, injury to personal property. State takes Nolle Pros on payment of costs by prosecuting witness.

Roberta Decker, bigamy. State takes a Nolle Pros on payment of costs by prosecuting witness.

Earnest Goodman, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

Richard Mann, c/m/43, assault on a female. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Dave Franklin Hunt, w/m/31, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

James Henry Davis, c/m/50, careless and reckless driving. \$50.00 fine and costs.

William Thomas Smith, c/m/26, speeding; operating auto intoxicated; falling to stop for blue light and siren. \$150.00 fine and costs.

Willie Edward Hicks, no insurance; improper registration. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Wallace Jordan Horton, c/m/28, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Leonard Earl Williams, c/m/20, driving on wrong side of road; failing to report ac-

cident. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Willie Junius Paschall, c/m/20, careless and reckless driving; driving without lights. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Douglas Gupton, c/m/24, non support. State takes Nolle Pros on prosecuting witness paying costs of court.

Eugene Allen Walker, c/m/21, careless and reckless driving. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

The keenest punishment is to ignore the man who tries to insult you.



Teenage Chat

By Bettie Lavender

Last Thursday afternoon many teens enjoyed the falling snow. As it fell plans were being made for the weekend. Of course all ballgames were canceled and scheduled for a later date.

Saturday night many teens fought the weather and headed for Raleigh. These enjoying show or dancing were Blake York, Bill Riggan, Frances Murphy, Mark Warren, Vickie Wrenn, John Lloyd, Bryant Wrenn, George Fleming, Susan Pleasants, Rita Patterson, Anita Tillotson, Charles Toney, Cliff Edwards, Margo Raynor, and Parker Lumpkin.

Despite the weather many teens made it home for the weekend. A few were Phyllis Jeffreys, Mary Ann Fleming, Emma Ruth Bartholomew, and Bryant Wrenn. Nice to see you teens.

The Louisburg High School seniors will present the annual Senior Play on March 23, at 8:00 in the High School Auditorium. The play will be directed by Mr. Allen Shearin and the title is the Red Headed Stepchild. This should be an outstanding play and I urge you all to attend if at all possible. As the tournaments start this weekend many teens will be enjoying the sport-filled activities. Immediately after the games on both Friday and Saturday nights the Key Club of Louisburg will be open. It will be "Stag Night" both nights. This should be just the thing to end an exciting night after the victories.

Thought: It is never any good dwelling on goodbyes. It is not being together that it prolongs, it is the parting.

Gift

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of 5,256,945 days of care, 17.3 per cent of them free in comparison with 18.5 per cent in 1965, a slight decrease which Mr. Felts attributed to Medicare, which was in operation the last quarter of the fiscal year. These hospitals had 17,655 beds in use and an average of 13,433 patients per day. In 1965, the average number of patients per day was 13,393.

Assisted North Carolina hospitals had a total of 3,495,216 days of care, 16.2 per cent of them free in comparison with 17 per cent in 1965. Beds in use were 11,666, and the hospitals averaged 8,906 patients per day, which compares with 8,786 in 1965.

The present renovations and additions to the local hospital are on schedule and the target date for completion is May 17, 1967. The original project, slated to cost \$900,000, is financed with a \$325,000 bond issue approved by the

people and \$495,000 of Hill-Burton federal funds and other funds from N. C. Medical Care Commission. The Duke Endowment gift will allow total completion of the original project, which will move the facilities.

After four years of planning, the local hospital was completed in the fall of 1960 and dedicated on February 11, 1961. A special local hospital election raised \$150,000 and the county financed 18 per cent of the \$750,000, with funds from Hill-Burton and the Medical Care Commission.

Safe Dealer's Find

Toledo, Ohio--John Rich, Jr. showed a bank vault to a customer and upon opening it they found about \$33,000 in uncashed traveler's checks. The vault had been stored at least three years. The name on the checks was not disclosed.

The Winter Sky

For those who are interested in watching the sky, and the signs and marvels it reveals, the winter sky is fascinating.

At night, one can see the Big Dipper dragging its handle near the northern border of the horizon. In December the Dipper began to rise again.

If you will look at the sky on a clear night, you will easily find the Big Dipper on the northern horizon. Start at the top of the cup and follow a line of stars down towards the horizon, and then curving back up into the sky, and then jutting down again toward the horizon with a four-star box, or dragon head at the end. This is Draco the Dragon.

It is a longer constellation than the Big Dipper and covers a larger area of the sky.

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A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY:

On February 1, 1967, Allen Insurance Agency purchased the Ford Insurance Agency of Franklinton. This is the old Armistead Henderson Agency, owned by Charlie Ford for the past several years.

Mr. James S. "Betty" Joyner, who has most capably operated this agency for Mr. Henderson and Mr. Ford, will continue to operate this agency for us.

There will be no change in agency policy, only a change in name. We will expand our coverage to include not only fire, auto, hail, bonds and workman's compensation, but a complete line of life, health and accident, group, major medical and hospitalization plans, including Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

The AIA offices of Franklinton and Louisburg will operate as one.

If either Betty or I can help with any of your insurance needs or problems, please don't hesitate to call.

With best regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,

James S. Allen, Jr.

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