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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Bureaucrats Making Laws

In 1964, the Congress passed a Civil Rights Act. It called for certain things to be done and prohibited others from continuing to be done. No where in the Act did the Congress require many of the things that have been done by the bureaucrats in Washington.

Since the Congress did not cause the doing and since the people, for the most part, made no great outcry, the bureaucrats continued on their merry way. Late last year, facing the elections, Congress failed to remedy the situation.

That same Congress, still facing the elections, refused to enact a gun registration law. Thousands of Americans — voters — wrote, wired and called in opposition to such legislation and the Congress responded by defeating all gun registration bills. The only gun bill passed was one restricting interstate and mail-order sales of firearms.

It was, one would assume, not the intention of Congress that this country have gun registration.

In spite of this obvious intent of Congress, on November 6 — one day after the election — in the Federal Register, Volume 23, No. 217, the Internal Revenue Service served notice that it is prepared to enforce new

rules — not the law — on reporting the sales of ammunition or firearms.

Under the new rules, any person buying firearms or ammunition from a dealer will have to report his name and address, height and weight, place and date of birth, and provide identification. Further the rules will empower the regional offices of IRS to require regular reports from all dealers on the names and addresses of all persons buying firearms.

Thus, every firearm purchase will be a permanent record in the files of the Internal Revenue Service. And this is gun registration — not by the laws of Congress — but by bureaucrat in defiance of the clearly expressed will of the Congress of the United States.

There may be some merit in the registration of guns under some circumstances, although these merits are overshadowed by something far more frightening than an unregistered gun.

That is that the Internal Revenue Service would take it upon itself to do, on its own, what the Congress refused to make the law of the land.

Frightening, yes. Surprising, no. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been writing its own laws for years.



'Something new has been added to your territory.'

### From The Office Of Congressman Fountain

#### New Beginnings

Washington, D. C. This week marks new beginnings in your government both at the state and national levels. On the same dates, our new governor formally takes

office in Raleigh and the 91st Congress, beginning the 181st year of constitutional government in our nation, is sworn in here in Washington.

The fact that these events take place at the same time is a little unfortunate to me personally because I will not be able to be present to see Bob Scott begin his term as North Carolina's chief executive. I am sure this will be the feeling of other members of the North Carolina congressional delegation also.

Although the new president does not take office for almost three weeks, Congress will be busy as it usually is when a new Congress is organized.

Even before we take the oath of office, both major parties will have met in caucus to choose candidates for various House offices such as speaker and clerk, to discuss committee assignments and other pending House business.

While waiting for the Nixon administration to take over, we will receive the proposed budget for the year beginning July 1 from the outgoing Johnson Administration.

Although there has been no formal word from the White House, there is some speculation here that the new budget will be a "light" one and that a small surplus might actually be shown in the budget for the current fiscal year.

Thus, Congress will have had a chance to organize itself for business and will have had a look at proposed spending for the new fiscal year. The final budget, of course, depends on just how much Congress appropriates for various purposes.

During my recent tour of the Second District, many of you wondered what to expect from the new administration. This was and still is a difficult question to answer at this time.

For instance, I have known the new secretary of Defense, Rep. Melvin Laird of Wisconsin, since we both came to Congress in 1953. And, although I have known him as a Congressman and not as a departmental administrator, he has served in positions of leadership in his party and on the House Appropriations Committee, especially in the fields of defense and health, education and welfare.

One of the most important departments to our area is the Agriculture Department. Mr. Nixon's choice to head this department, President Clifford Hardin of the University of Nebraska, is not widely known in North Carolina nor is his outlook concerning the basic commodities we grow.

Basically, these and other cabinet members designate and other appointees to policy-making positions appear to have the basic quali-

## Come To Think Of It

By Frank Count

New Year's Day ain't the best time in the world to write a column. Some nut always wants to have a party on New Year's Eve and some other nuts always go to it. It's the American way and some nuts suffer a mite for the doing on the next morn. Let's face it, partying ain't one of my strong points.

After listening to that long-haired juvenile blow his brains out on that shiny horn most of the night... some light-fingered neighbor decided to blast stumps all night. The Normandy landing was quiet compared to my neighborhood... and who ever hear of celebrating New Year's at 3 o'clock in the morning?



I ain't quite sure yet whether or not I have survived. But in case I do, I'm gonna make me some New Year's resolutions. I ain't gonna keep them... but I sure, granny, am gonna make them.

I, Franklin (No Middle Name) Count do hereby and herewith make and proclaim the following resolutions on this the very first day of 1969 and you can feel free to take any or all as your very own:

I resolute to become 39 years old this year... again.

I also resolute to continue dying my hair... what's left of it.

I ain't gonna shine my shoes this year... just like I didn't shine them last year.

I'm gonna try real hard to eat as much as I been eating... but I ain't gonna gain no weight.

If Washington don't take their hands off my money, I'm gonna take Washington's picture off it.

I'm gonna live within my income (and starve to death). This way I won't have as many worries... and I won't have as many anything elses either.

I'm gonna remember that quiet people ain't the only ones who ain't got nothing to say.

I am also gonna resolve to remember that if her lips are on fire and she trembles in my arms that she's probably got malaria.

And I will remember that only a hankerchief maker wants people to stick their noses in his business.

I will also try to concentrate and look folks in the eye. In this day of mini-skirts, bikinis and low cut gowns... it ain't gonna be easy.

And I'm gonna keep smiling. It makes everybody wonder what I've been up to.

And I will join in some of the demonstrations. When they holler to get rid of socialism, communism and anarchism... I'm gonna tell 'em to lets throw out rheumatism, too.

And I ain't gonna tell nobody I'm boss at my house. They'd think I'd lie about other things, too.

But, I am going to resolve to be kinder to the little woman. 'Cause until a husband can get alimony by crossing his legs and winking at the judge, there ain't no equal rights.

### Headlines

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- Rate Set At \$1.71
- 4 - Hall Damage May Reach \$200,000
- 9 - Resignation Of Third Policeman Stirs Some Members Of Town Council
- 16 - District Court Gets Franklin School Plans
- 18 - Groups Form Private Schools
- 23 - Council Raises Pay Of Town Employees
- 25 - County To Get Geodetic Survey
- 30 - Hosiery Mill Plans To Locate At Franklinton
- August
- 1 - Aycock School Head Named Louisburg Principal
- 6 - Court Orders Total Integration This Fall
- 8 - Board Files Petition For Stay Of Court Order
- 15 - Board Attorneys To Meet With Judge Butler
- 20 - Teachers Notified To Report Aug. 28
- 22 - School Officials Await District Court Decision
- 27 - Fourth Circuit Denies Stay, Move Hearing To October
- 29 - Zones, Schools, Teachers Assignments Announced

- September
- 3 - Schools, Public And Private, To Open Monday
- 5 - Board Wrestles With School Opening Problems Until 2 A.M.
- 10 - Fountain Investigates Franklin School Situation
- 12 - Sen. Ervin Blasts Attorney General's Use Of "National Police Force" Here
- 17 - Raleigh Newspaper Hits Speed's Road Interest
- 19 - Board Of Education's Tuition Policy Criticized
- 24 - Questions Raised Over Attack On Franklin School Tuition
- 26 - Reid Not Instructor At State University
- October
- 1 - Murray To Get Outside Jurors
- 3 - Commissioners Approve Purchase Of Land For Education Building
- 10 - Franklin School Case Heard In Richmond
- 15 - Two Youths Killed In Saturday Crash
- 17 - FBI Back In Franklin County Investigating School Operation
- 22 - Accountant's Assistant Testifies As Murray Trial Enters Second Week
- 24 - Murray Case May Go To Jury Today
- 29 - Murray Attorneys File Appeal Following Conviction
- November
- 5 - Voters Turning Out In Record Numbers
- 7 - Wallace, Scott Carry Franklin County
- 14 - NLRB Affirms Ruling In Sports-wear Appeal
- 19 - Friends Of Murray To Petition Court
- 21 - College Combines Homecoming, Alumni Day
- 26 - Thugs Hit Three Local Businesses
- 28 - New Court System Goes Into Effect Monday
- December
- 10 - Fourth Circuit Court Upholds District Court Ruling In Franklin School Case
- 12 - Road Project Not Approved
- 17 - Smith Named Man Of The Year
- 19 - Commissioners Accept Court-house
- 24 - Commissioners Give Industrial Commitment
- 31 - Louisburg Tobaccoist, Sister-In-Law Killed In Wake County Crash

### Inflation

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money. That is the way our primitive ancestors lived-by barter.

On March 10, 1933 the new President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, closed the banks. Seven days later, The Times reported that "new confidence had been built" in the country.

And the editor wrote: "Our country is now paying the price of cheap money and easy credit during the boom days. That is all that lies at the bottom of our present difficult financial status."

Washington Exclusive, a service of the U.S. Press Association, said in its December issue: "Inflation can, after all, bring the same kind of torment to our land." That inflation has hit the land most surely cannot be denied. That torment may follow could be just as sure.

The March, 1933 issue of The Franklin Times carried a cartoon showing the devil-wearing a banner saying "Fear"—choking an American. Fear itself was the only thing we had to fear back then according to President Roosevelt.

An ad in The Times cried: "Saturday April 1st is positively the last day of the sale of — bankrupt stock". An ad on April 4th said: "Your old friend —

is now in New York purchasing brand new and up-to-date merchandise and will reopen soon. Three days later, he did. The country was on its way back.

Or was it on its way to \$5,000 automobiles, \$1.15 steak and 65 cent cheese? Inflation or depression, if you don't have the money... it's torment.

### Draft & College Grads

Washington Since graduate students have become eligible for induction last July, the percentage of draftees has more than tripled. The Department of Defense estimates that 16 percent of the drafted men from July through October were college graduates.

### Vietnam And Paris

The United States has inducted South Vietnam to join Paris talks by strongly reaffirming its promises to make no compromises to the Communists that would imperil the integrity and independence of the Saigon government.

cents or a work shirt for 39 cents. Indeed prosperity was somewhere around the corner.

The County Commissioners met that year in December to cut the pay of the Sheriff, the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of Court twenty-five percent. Later they asked the General Assembly to enact legislation allowing this to be done. And fresh hams were selling for 12 cents a pound. Turkeys and chickens or even oranges were not listed in grocery ads. The State Advisory Budget Commission was recommending to the 1933 General Assembly that salaries of state employees, including teachers, be cut and that road and school programs be curtailed.

"All over the country", the Times editor wrote, "people are learning how to live without

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