

## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Where Are The True Values?

Just when it seemed the summer was over, and for the most part unlike summers past only the weather was hot, violence has struck again in several major cities. As in other summers prefixed with "long and hot", people have been killed and property has been destroyed.

As millions of youngsters head back to school, warnings are being issued of more violence on our campuses and even at our high schools. In a number of Southern cities, parents-black and white-are marching against federally imposed policies which threaten their children's education and safety.

The President and the Governors are somewhat at odds over which level of government will take care of the millions who do not work. And an organization of welfare recipients just concluded a meeting in which they said \$1600 a year, tax free, was a "stupid" suggestion.

Closer to home, finding anyone to help in the harvest of tobacco or other manual tasks has become one of the great adventures of our time.

Bearded young men and unwashed young women gather by the hundreds of thousands to hear another bearded and unwashed member of the new generation beat on a guitar and yell into a loud speaker. While they watch and listen, many smoke pot. News reports say they come from all over-even across the ocean. They make no mention of where these people get the money.

What ever happened to the true values? Where did we loose love of home and self respect? Where has the man gone who believed in a day's work for a day's pay? And whatever happened to the clean-shaven young man who walked proudly up to the recruiter to say: This is my country; I am willing to fight for it?

What happened to the Navy of John Paul Jones? Why has the Navy of the Pueblo replaced it? Where is the Army of Douglas MacArthur? And where did we substitute the Army of the Green Beret secrecy?

Where are the leaders like Harry Truman who said it crudely, but said it nevertheless. Who spoke and meant what he said. Who spoke and only one side of his mouth opened? Why have we replaced this brand of leadership for a conglomeration of double-talking bureaucrats who don't understand themselves what they're saying?

We are not convinced that the generation gap today is the generation gap that has brought this nation so close to disaster. Much of today's trouble is a result of a gap formed many years ago and try as we may-it

will forever be difficult to place the entire blame on the new generation.

Who looked in on a new bed of political power-the poor and ignorant? Who expediently applied the psychology of promising them all things, knowing full well it could never be. Told repeatedly by national leaders that they had a right to the better things in life, seeing these things vividly portrayed on television and believing that everybody had them all, these people found themselves in the midst of a dilemma. Like a small child tempted by the hot pie in the window, they could not resist.

Nobody bothered to tell them that everybody did not have all the good things and that most of those that did, earned them by working. They do not come free.

And even after all these years of experience with a philosophy that was doomed from the start, the same old beat goes on.

Even so, the madness could not have developed had the values handed down from generation to generation been continued. Respect for truth; honesty and a desire to contribute something to one's neighbors; to be a healthy, working partner of the community in which one lives-values worth treasuring, many now long lost.

And so we arm ourselves to the teeth to fight our enemies abroad and here at home our citizens-fearful for their lives-are prisoners of their own fear. It is no longer safe to walk the streets. And we search longingly for friends.

We have shrunk the world with our modern technology. We have placed men on the moon. And yet we are not smart enough to cope with a bunch of hoodlums that invade private meetings to present unreasonable demands and to disrupt the rights and privileges of others.

People who will not work demand pay from those who do. People who call for the police when they are threatened denounce them later as brutal. A routine arrest for public drunkenness can start a riot costing scores of lives and millions of dollars in property damage.

We have drifted too far off our course. We have lost our way. The hope lies now with our young people. Unless we slow our pace; unless we revive the values taught us; unless we pass them-in tact-on to these youngsters today, there may not be another chance.

The generation gap can be bridged by this teaching of things worthwhile. But it isn't going to be easy. The older generation has made such a mess of things.

## Short Court Docket Heard

The following cases were disposed of in District Court Tuesday, September 2nd:

Buck Pascall, n/m/82, public drunkenness. To pay costs. Harold Junior Joyner, w/m/33, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

James Bumpers, n/m/43, public drunkenness. To pay costs of court.

James Thomas Williams, w/m/33, speeding. Nolle pro's with leave.

Dan Gilleland, non support. Prayer for judgment continued for 5 years on condition defendant pay \$25.00 per week for support of children. The father shall have visitation rights as specified in order. Defendant to pay costs of court.

Daniel Harris, c/m/29, assault with deadly weapon. 24 months in jail, suspended for 5 years on condition he not carry any deadly weapon of any kind on his person during that time, not commit any overt act to be in the presence of Eula Mae Cooper and pay costs.

Rossie Evans, n/m/59, operating auto intoxicated. 4 months in jail, suspended for 12 months on condition he surrender his driver's license for 12 months and not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of N. C. for 12 months except as allowed in Restrict Driving Privileges, and pay \$100.00 fine and costs.

David Vick, n/m/29, assault with deadly weapon. (2 cases). Not less than 12 months nor more than 24 months in jail; Psychiatric examination recommended before defendant serves his sentence.

Charles Lenwood Edwards, w/m/17, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued.

Charles David Keith, w/m/14, reckless driving, no insurance, improper registration, no operator's license. Dismissed.

Herman Lee Foster, n/m/39, public drunkenness. To pay costs.

W. J. Clarke, w/m/21, speeding. Judgment absolute on bond.

Carl Richard Watson, w/m/35, operating auto intoxicated. 6 months in jail. Notice of appeal given - bond set at \$300.00.

The following defendants pleaded guilty to motor vehicle violations under waiver statute and paid costs: Robert Lee Johnson, n/m/16; James Earl Taylor, n/m/24; Haywood Lawrence, n/m/18. Pleading guilty to public drunkenness and paying \$5.00 fine and costs each were: Mark Alexander McLean, w/m/41; and Raymond Allen Wells, w/m/43.

These defendants were charged with speeding and each paid \$5.00 fine and costs: Leon Lewis Coplon, w/m/54; Moses (nmn) Egerton, n/m/48; George Christia Jennings, w/m/47 and Pleas Thomas Faison, w/m/22. John Earl Strickland, n/m/34; speeding, paid \$15.00 fine and costs.

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## Cancio-Bello Addresses Lions Club

Dr. Emilio Cancio-Bello, former Cuban Ambassador and presently Professor of Spanish at Louisburg College, spoke to the Louisburg Lions Club here Tuesday night. Dr. Cancio-Bello talked on Latin American problems.

He stressed the lack of communications between the United States and Latin American countries and recommended unification of the small republics.

He told the Lions that industrial

knowledge was small in Latin America and that the United States is the only nation that can help.

Dr. Cancio-Bello commented on the demonstrations, strikes, revolutions and neglect of the people's welfare and

told of the impact of Communism in Latin American countries.

Lion Ken Schubart introduced Arthur Dail, a new club member at the regular meeting. Dail is resident manager of First Citizens bank here.

## Bids On NC-39 Project Called For This Week

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has announced that bids will be called for this week for the NC-39 highway project in Franklin and Vance counties. Bids will be opened three weeks from now, the announcement said.

The bid sheet describes the project as follows: "6,332 miles of grading, coarse base course, bituminous concrete base, binder, surface, and curbs on NC-39 and US-401 between Ingleside and Louisburg and SR 1229 (Louisburg's Main Street) from NC-39

to Louisburg; similar improvements on NC-39 from a point near Henderson, southeasterly to SR 1148 (Vance Mill Road)."

Franklin Highway Commissioner Cliff Benson announced last week on a visit here, that the Commission hopes to award bids on the remaining section of the 20-mile stretch by the time this week's project is completed. The improvement to the Louisburg-Henderson road was first promised in October, 1966.

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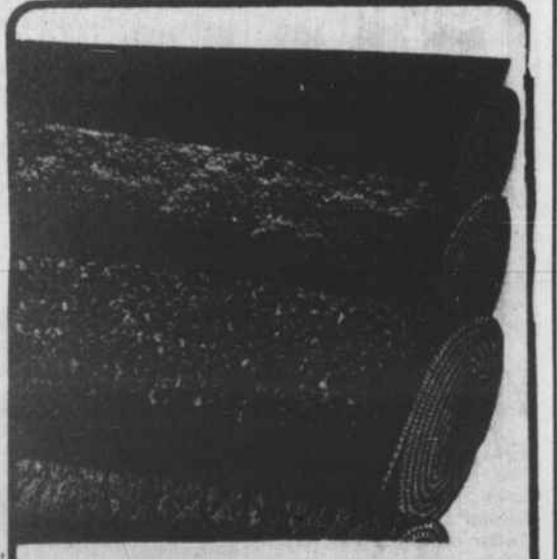


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