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### Newspaper Week

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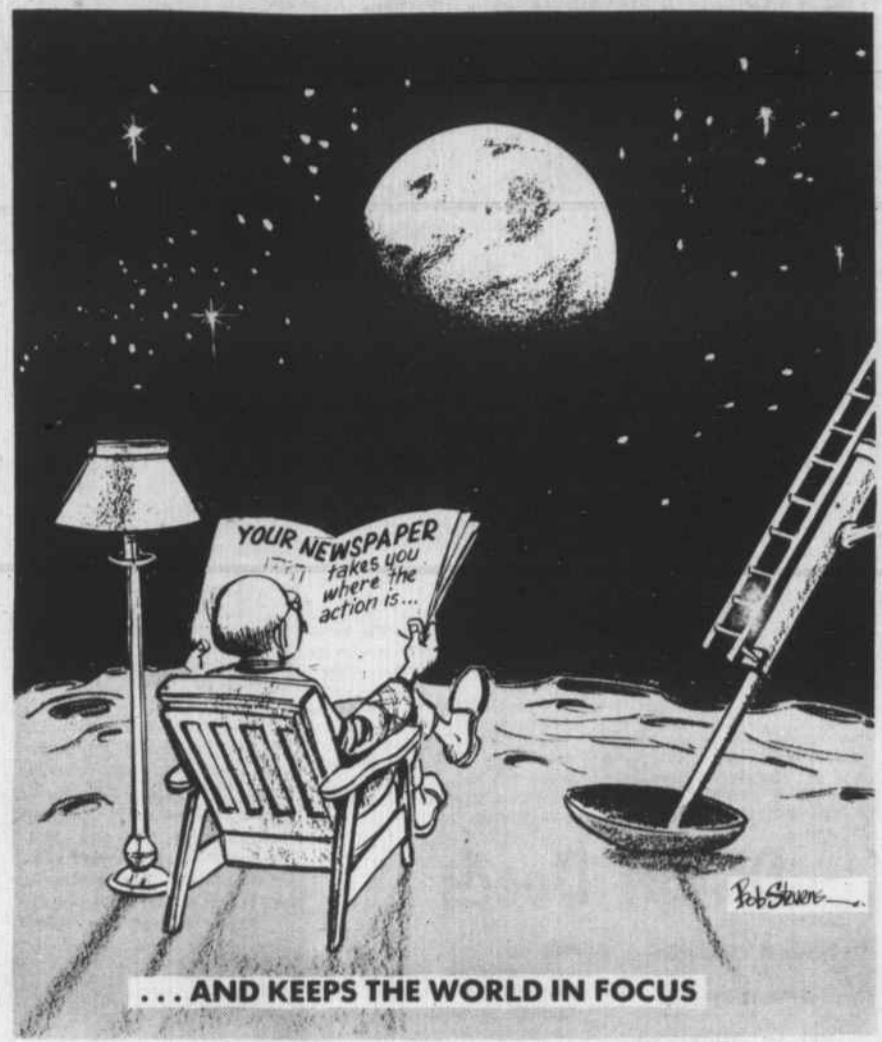
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Only here. Only in your community newspaper. Because we care. We care about you. We care about your community. It's our home, too.



... AND KEEPS THE WORLD IN FOCUS

### Come To Think Of It

By Frank Count



I won't supposed to be back there in that lawyer's room, but I was. I was looking for another kind of room altogether but I can't find nothing since they redone the courthouse. There was a bunch a men sitting 'round talking. Some of them wore police clothes. Them others was rich. Ever one was wearing a necktie and smoking a cigar and strutting. They was arguing. I could tell. Their faces was red.

One said he thought the Motor Vehicle folks was eventually gonna run the state. He was defending a drunk driver. One of the police fellows didn't take kindly to that statement. I could tell. He got red ever where it showed. He musta arrested the drunk driver. Leastwise I guessed he did.



Another man took up the words and talked about some points he had and told that he was a safe driver. He was proud. He was rich and he was not defending a drunk driver.

Pretty soon a man come down the hall with a long black robe and I decided I was in the wrong place and left. But, it started me to thinking. I been wondering all along if everybody thought little of drunk drivers. I found out they don't. Just them that git killed by them. Them that git paid by them likes them. Ain't that the way of things, though?

Being a mule man myself, I ain't never had much truck with automobiles. What I've had ain't always been the best and folks can laugh if they want to, but I ain't never knowed a car that's take you safe home, if you fell asleep at the wheel-or for them that do-passed out at the wheel.

I remember when I was just a boy, Tata Mullens borrowed his rich uncle's brand new car one time when the old man was visiting him. Tata wanted a bunch of us boys to ride to school with him and we did. Being boys, we didn't hurry none on the way. We just rode around for a spell. When we got to school late, we told the teacher we had a flat tire. We all told her that and she seemed right satisfied with the answer. Then she told us to all set apart in the room and to write on a slip of paper, Which Tire.

That made Tata so nervous it was a week before he could go back to his after school job racking up balls in the pool room.

Then one day, Tata got the car again and me and him went to ride to town. We parked at one of them angles and messed around awhile. When we got back there was a note under his windshield wiper. It said, "I have just smashed your car. The people who saw it think I'm writing down my name and address. I ain't."

Soon's Tata growed up he bought him a car. They said it was a real humdinger. He was the Hot-rodder of his day. He won't but twelve at the time.

Back then, you could drive anytime you wanted to. There won't no restrictions, except you had to have a car. I seen seven year old racing. 'Course they won't going more'n 35 at the time, but everything was standing still. That made them look like they was going faster. They was the ones with money. The rest of us was the ones standing still.

I been thinking about what them lawyers said. They may be right. Drunks might have a right. Everybody else got rights. Maybe somebody ought to form a League or something to help out drunks. Everybody knows they can't help themselves. Lawyers is the only ones that cares anything about drunks. And I think that's a shame. Other folks ought to take a interest. If lawyers can take a interest, the rest of us can.

I been thinking we ought to name the group after Tata. He'd a liked that. Tata always was one for helping the underdog. He was finally in a terrible wreck and I remember his last words to me: "I don't see how they make a profit on this stuff at a dollar and a quarter a fifth".

### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

National Newspaper Week, October 5-11, provides a welcome occasion for all of our citizens to think about our newspapers and the traditions in which they work. I am pleased to have this opportunity to add my own words of greeting.

A free and unmanaged press is one of the great products of our system of government and one of its most important guarantors. Much of the world does not know this freedom, nor has it always been present in America. In 1690, one of the first American newspapers, Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick, was suppressed after one issue. Only fourteen years later did another newspaper appear in the colonies.

Over the years bold and brilliant men and women won for the American press the freedom it enjoys today, both to report and to interpret the events of our time. Now, with the whole field of communications revolutionized beyond man's farthest dreams, it is incumbent upon all of us--journalists and readers alike--to see that this freedom is maintained and used in a way that is both creative and responsible. Today's newspapers are heirs to a great tradition--one which must be honored and extended.

*Richard Nixon*



### THE OTHER SIDE OF HITLER'S COIN

JOHN J. SYNON

My morning's paper, in a single article, today listed 17 areas across the country that had experienced high-school racial disturbances within the past 24 hours. One such disturbance (in Pittsburgh) centered on a bare-breasted female who raced through the halls urging students to leave class.

My evening's paper, this same day, reported high-school football games in Richmond (Va.), hitherto played at night, hereafter will be played in the afternoon if at all.

Why? Well, the paper gave the cause, three columns of "incidents". And who is doing it? A police officer said it was "99.44 per cent Negroes." One arrest has been made; a white person.

So it goes. Day after depressing day and not a single voice of national authority raised in outraged opposition. None, not a single one.

It isn't something to make light of; hardly. But there is an inescapable similarity between our worsening public school situation and that of a swineherd trying to round up his escaped charges; a ludicrous similarity.

And yet, in Pittsburgh, as in Dallas, as in New York, as in Chicago, as in Richmond, as in Columbia (S.C.), these wild ones will be rounded up and indiscriminately reseeded. And classes will go on, checker boarded and policed, spiritually dead, one black shackled to one white, in compliance with The Curse of Warren et al.

for things pedantic, gave us a glimpse of the future. He told us what of learning in the public schools. Writing in The Times on New York's public school system, Dr. Mayer said: "The decline will be fairly precipitous but no one will be able to mark the place where the (public-school) system fell over the cliff and became a custodial institution for children who have no future."

Since that was written, four years have passed and what, four years ago, was Dr. Mayer's promise for New York's public schools has become New York's reality.

And what has become the reality of New York is now the promise for the rest of our land; public schools everywhere are rapidly becoming custodial institutions. And no voice of national authority is raised in outraged protest; not a single voice.

Indeed, President Lyndon B. Nixon tells us in no uncertain terms that his administration is unwaveringly committed to further racial integration. In effect, to an intensification of today's situation.

they know it. But the source of the wrong is beyond their ken. Did they know it, they are being told the obverse side of the Hitler lie. Hitler said there was (is) a master race. That lie was bad enough. The one being fed our children, that there are no material, inherent differences between the races is infinitely more degenerate.

Being unable to figure that lie, but feeling its effects, the kids are rebelling.

What's to come of our public-school systems? I put the question to the man I take to be the greatest living authority on the subject: Dr. Henry E. Garrett, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Columbia University, and Past President of The American Psychological Association.

Dr. Garret said, "The public schools have no future." What the, the final question comes, of the future of their product?

Dr. Mayer answered that in 1965.

### Registration Over 10,000

Charlotte - Charlotte's motor-vehicle registration, 175,345 cars and trucks, leads all North Carolina cities, the N. C. State Motor Club said today.

Raleigh ranks second with 106,163 and Greensboro third with 100,331, according to final figures for 1968. Others in the top ten are: Winston-Salem, 96,502; Durham, 64,363; Fayetteville, 57,212; Asheville, 50,415; High Point, 45,006; Wilming-

ton, 37,063; and Gastonia, 35,692.

The reports lists motor vehicle registration in Franklin County at 10,463 and Louisburg is listed as having 6,239 motor vehicles. No other Franklin towns were listed.

The ten leading counties are: Mecklenburg, 191,165; Guilford, 165,081; Wake, 143,466; Forsyth, 121,552; Buncombe, 75,412; Cumberland, 74,694; Gaston, 72,312; Durham, 66,735; Alamance, 54,520; and Catawba, 54,520.

North Carolina's total registration last year climbed to 2,918,420, up 195,472 or 7 per cent over 1967, and ranked eleventh in the nation. California leads the states with 11.1 million, followed by New York with 6.3 million and Texas with 6.2 million.

### Traffic Deaths

Chicago - The National Safety Council reported that more persons died in traffic accidents in July than in any other month so far this year. The council reported, 5,030 deaths on the highways in July and a total of 30,690 for the first seven months of 1969.

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