

# VIEWPOINT

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Mr. Nat Townsend, campaign manager for gubernatorial candidate Richardson Preyer, jumped to a curious conclusion last week in rejecting what we had intended as a constructive and friendly offer. This station had proposed to donate six one-hour periods of prime-time television for joint appearances by the candidates for Governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Townsend replied - rather tartly, we thought - that he had doubts about this station's "neutrality" and that he did not believe a confrontation of the candidates, taking place at our studios, "could possibly be fair to all candidates." That posture, taken by Mr. Townsend, of course served the purpose of taking this station out of the arrangements and cancelling our offer. And since no other television or radio station in the state has yet expressed an interest or willingness to provide such service, the possibility of the people's witnessing such a confrontation is in a state of suspension.

Mr. Townsend said, however, that Candidate Preyer would be willing to appear on a telecast originated by another station and subject to certain restrictions suggested by Mr. Townsend. We take this to mean that Mr. Townsend and his associates will now assume the responsibility for making the necessary arrangements.

Candidates Dan Moore and Beverly Lake accepted our offer promptly and without restrictions. Each indicated in telegrams that such a series of joint appearances by the candidates would serve a useful purpose. And certainly we do. We have no idea which of the candidates would emerge from the experience with the most favorable image. We simply think that it is a test which the people, in choosing the highest officer of their state, are entitled to witness. To be frank about it, we think this is one of the many services which television and radio can render better than other media.

As for Mr. Townsend's reply to our offer, which his headquarters released to the press, we are almost inclined to disregard his uncomplicated references to us. This station has been fair to all candidates seeking the nomination for Governor. We have no apologies to make. We do not know what Mr. Townsend meant when he stated his doubts about our "neutrality."

In any case, we are not interested in a running argument with Mr. Townsend. His candidate is entitled to have his campaign run as he sees fit, and if Judge Preyer does not wish to use our facilities, that is a judgment for him and his associates to make. We will not quarrel with him and will continue to extend to him the hand of fairness.

But in our coverage of the current political campaigns, we have an obligation to the people who tune to our station. They deserve fair play, too. They deserve to have as much information as possible about all candidates, their positions, their views, their achievements, and their mistakes. If doing as comprehensive a job as possible in this regard should appear to Mr. Townsend as an indication of "non neutrality," then this is a risk we must take.

In any event, we have made a specific offer and it has been specifically rejected by Candidate Preyer's campaign manager. The fact that Mr. Townsend, acting for Judge Preyer, has stated an alternative seems to us to suggest that Judge Preyer's campaign staff is prepared to take over the responsibility which we originally had offered to assume. This suits us fine. We went as far as we could, in perfectly good faith, in attempting to provide a service for the people which we think would be extremely beneficial.

We make these comments, not to lecture Mr. Townsend or in any way to denigrate his candidate. And we do not brood to sulk because Mr. Townsend chose to make some uncomplicated statements about us. Mr. Townsend has a job to do. And so do we.

The future of North Carolina in these important times demands that the people pick their leaders with an understanding of the issues, a familiarity with the candidates, and a complete knowledge of the views of those who have offered themselves for election to office. We offered to try to make a contribution in that direction. Our offer was rejected. And that, as far as we are concerned, is all there is to it.

## Williford Rites Conducted Today

Funeral services for Thurman D. (Tink) Williford, 43, of Dunn, Rt. 2, who was killed in an auto accident Tuesday, were held Friday at 3 p.m. at the home, Elder Lester Lee officiated. Burial was in Johnson and Lee Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cassie P. Williford; one daughter, Carolyn Ann Williford of home; one brother, Archie Williford of Dunn, Rt. 2; one sister, Mrs. Willie Gurley of Smithfield, and his mother, Mrs. Henry Williford of Dunn, Rt. 2.

## Registration For Kindergarten Mon.

The Week Day Kindergarten committee of the First Presbyterian Church announced that registration will start Monday morning for the children of non Presbyterian families who wish their child to attend the Week Day Kindergarten of the First Presbyterian Church. The registration is for the 1964-65 school year and will be limited in number to a total of 28 children. Those who have an interest in this are urged to act promptly in order that they will not be disappointed.

## Storm

"What do you do besides dodge teen-agers and answer questions?" "What else is there to do?" "How will you protect yourself from fans when you go swimming here?" "Hire a swimming cop." "Hearn't this hair style been used before?" "Sure, remember Napoleon?"

### SORORITY FLEDGE

Miss Barbara Langdon of Route 2, Angier, is one of eight East Carolina girls pledged for membership in Gamma Phi chapter of Ipha Xi Delta. Miss Langdon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merchant Langdon.

## The Answer

Readers' questions on the proposed Dunn Hospital will be answered in this space three times weekly. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays hereafter, in order that every citizen of our community be made fully aware of the program's details. Address a card or letter with your question to Answer Box. In care of this newspaper, or telephone 892-8127 and ask for Answer Box.

### WHY DOES IT COST SO MUCH

**TO BUILD A HOSPITAL?**  
New methods of diagnosing disease and restoring health are being constantly developed and must be available immediately in a hospital. Many require costly equipment and specially designed building space, which means that every cubic foot of hospital space is more expensive than the same amount of space in any other public building.

### WHY DO HOSPITAL BILLS SEEM SO HIGH?

During the last few years, the increase in hospital expenses has exceeded the increase during all of the previous years of this century. Hospitals have had to raise wages to hold enough nurses, technicians, and other personnel to care adequately for the patients, and everything used in a hospital today costs more. Every housewife knows what has happened during the last decade, for example, to the cost of food and clothing. The hospital must pay adequate wages in order to compete with other employers in our area.

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## Brock Files

mittee and has made an excellent record in the office.

So far, no opposition to him has been reported and none is expected.

In his announcement today, Mr. Brock said he would serve "the people of Harnett, Duke and Grove townships to the very best of my ability and will give the people the very best representation I possibly can by being conservative in all that I do."

### Favors Economy Efficiency

"I do not favor any tax increase of any kind for the people of Harnett County and will vote against it," said Mr. Brock. "I will further do all in my power to see that the county gets full value for all tax money spent and at all times I will try to give the county good, honest, clean and fair government."

Pointing out that the board has just recently appointed an industry hunting group, commissioner Brock said he would lend his full support in an effort to secure additional industry and more badly needed payrolls for Harnett.

The District Two official listed the procurement of additional industry as among the county's vital needs. He said he would also do what he could to receive greater allocation of secondary road funds for Harnett.

"Every section of the county needs road improvements," said Commissioner Brock, "and I feel that the townships of Duke, Grove and Ayracham have been especially neglected in the allocation of road funds."

### Pinns Serving

"I appreciate the opportunity of serving citizens on the county board of commissioners," he said. "It has been a privilege and an honor for me to do so. I regard the office as one of the most important in the county because the hard decisions how and where tax money is to be spent and the welfare and progress of the entire county depends to a large extent on what the county board does."

Mr. Brock said "I like the job. I like people and I like to serve them. I feel that I have gained valuable experience during recent months and am now in a position to really be able to render good service to the people. I shall appreciate the support of all citizens in the Democratic primary."

A notice and lifetime resident of Harnett, Mr. Brock has been a grocery merchant in Erwin for the

past 16 years, owning and operating his own business firm.

A combat veteran of World War II, Commissioner Brock left Dunn with the National Guard in 1940, and served with the Army until 1946, when he was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant with the 40th Division. He saw combat duty in three major campaigns in the South Pacific, in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. At the end of the war, he served with Army of Occupation forces in Korea.

He then returned to Erwin and went into business. Throughout the years, he has played an important role in community and county affairs.

He is a lifelong Methodist and has served on the official board of the Erwin Methodist Church for 15 years, four of them as chairman of the board. He is now teacher of the Men's Adult Class in Sunday School and is active in all phases of church work.

### Community Leader

He has been a member of the Neil S. Stewart Masonic Lodge at Erwin for 16 years, is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies at Wilmington, Sudan Temple in New Bern and a member of the Dunn Shrine Club.

For 26 years he has been a member of the Woodmen of the World, is also a member of the Coats lodge of the Junior Order, and is now serving his fourth year as a member of the Harnett County Tuberculosis Association. He has also been active in other civic, religious and fraternal groups and has been a lifelong, staunch Democrat.

He married the former Miss Martha Whitesell in 1948. Mrs. Brock has been a member of the Erwin school faculty for the past 14 years. They have one son, Worth Brock, age 7. He has two brothers, Clifford Brock, the Chevrolet dealer at Lillington, and Fred Brock, who holds a position with Colonial Stores in Norfolk, Va. His only sister, Mrs. Havnard (Onella) Roberts is postmistress at Coats.

## Bannerman

our hospital fund, to approve the important, and necessary, Water and Sanitary Sewer Bonds. All of these will demonstrate the progress of our city." Bannerman pointed out that every citizen of Dunn should participate in the bond vote for "each of us will have an equal hand met by these outstanding issues."

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## Lake Says He Would Enforce Speaker Ban Law

# Scales Issue Plagues Preyer

**BURLINGTON (UPI)** - Gubernatorial candidate I. Beverly Lake says Communists cannot expect any sympathy from him if he is elected governor.

Lake told the Lions Club here Thursday that if elected he would see that the state's so-called speaker-ban law is obeyed. The law prohibits Communists and Fifth Amendment pleaders from speaking at state supported colleges and universities.

Lake added he would consider proposed amendments which would clarify and assist in accomplishing the state's purpose.

Lake repeated his charge that gubernatorial opponent Richardson Preyer exercised "mighty poor judgment" as a federal judge by trying to "seek clemency" for Julius Scales, a convicted Communist.

Judge Preyer acknowledged recently that he had written a letter asking that Scales' prison term be cut, explaining he regarded him as a "mixed-up" idealist.

State Legionnaires have taken up the issue and rejected Preyer's explanation, claiming that Scales is a hard-core Communist who advocated overthrow of the U. S. government by force and firearms.

### Wife Was Scales Witness

In a Legion address at Dunn last week, Joe Butler of Burlington called Preyer's explanation "pure tommyrot."

He said Preyer's action in seeking release of Scales from prison was "not surprising in view of the fact that candidate Preyer's wife took the witness stand at the trial of Scales in an attempt to save him from prison."

RALEIGH (UPI) - I. Richard-

son Preyer ended the third week of his 100 - county stumping year today in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor. Preyer, completing appearances in over one - half of the counties in the state, called for increased agricultural diversification in a speech to a Raleigh civic club.

"The most tragic feature of our state's economy," Preyer said, "is that we do not raise enough food or feed for either our people or our livestock."

He said North Carolina spent \$1 billion annually in other states for food which could be grown by the state's farmers.

"Here - in lies the great tragedy and the great hope of our state," Preyer said. "If we could overcome, even in small part, this great deficit, we could lift North Carolina out of a cycle of poverty into a cycle of hope."

## Reftopoulos

at 8 p.m. of which Mr. Raftopoulos will address the congregation on proper christian conduct and how one can make a success of the ministry. Then on Sunday the climax of this week's special activity will be the widely advertised talk being delivered by Mr. Raftopoulos on the subject, "Building a Happy Human Family". This will be delivered at 3 p.m. The Bible's answer as to what is required to build a happy family will thoroughly be considered. All persons of good will are welcome to come, no collections are ever taken.

## Dunn PCA

The new Federal Land Bank Association emblem is a deep blue oval, the new Production Credit Association emblem is a brilliant red oval, and the Banks for Cooperatives will be identified by the metallic gold oval.

The overall emblem for the Farm Credit System is also an oval. The pillars of its illustration represent the three banking groups, the roof signifies the uniting service objective, and the solid foundation symbolizes the strong financial base of the system. The oval of this emblem is enclosed by the words, "Farm Credit Service."

"Up to the present," Mr. Brewer and Mr. Green said, "banks and associations of the system have used a variety of emblems. As a result there was little indication that our institutions at related and have closely correlated purposes, objectives, and goals. Actually, this close relationship is the source of much of our strength in providing sound credit for farmers."

Behind these emblems are remarkable credit institutions, deeply rooted in the history of American agriculture. The farmer - owned Federal Land Bank Associations have served farmers for 47 years with long - term land bank loans to refinance debts and purchase and improve farms. The Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, established in 1923, supply loan funds for local farmer - owned Production Credit Associations. The Production Credit Associations make short-term production loans and intermediate - term loans for capital purposes to farmers, and the Banks for Cooperatives provide specialized credit service to farmer - owned cooperatives.

Funds loaned by the banks and associations are obtained by the banks from the sale of bonds and debentures on the public market to private investors.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Sanford was founded in 1918. Today it has 1233 members and has \$8,056,000.00 in loans outstanding.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Sanford, along with 45 other associations in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina own and act as agent for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

The Dunn Production Credit Association and 76 other associations in the same four state area are served by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia.

The Dunn PCA was established in 1923. Today it has 1889 members and has \$2,899,500.00 in loans outstanding. Area farmers borrowed \$2,891,923. from the association in 1963.

Nationally, nearly 300,000 farmers have loans outstanding from the Federal Land Bank through the 766 Federal Land Bank Associations for over \$3 billion. Farmers borrow \$8.6 billion a year in short and intermediate - term credit from the 484 PCAs in the nation.

"Our new corporate identification program will become a nationally known farmer - owned trademark," Mr. Brewer and Mr. Green pointed out. "It reflects our modernization in farm credit methods to keep pace with the needs of modern farming in this community."

## Pope Attends No Agreement

partment will handle more than 90 billion pieces of mail, this will be 420 pieces of mail per person based on the anticipated population of 214 million persons. With the new automatic data processing equipment now being used and to be installed in larger offices later the postal personnel, with the help of Zip Code, will be able to make more accurate distribution, earlier dispatch, less breakage, and faster transportation with better local service.

The United States Post Office Department is the largest employer in the world now having more than one-half million workers on its payroll. It is important that ways and means be found to cope with the ever growing mail volume and the Zone Improvement Program (ZIP) seems to be the answer. This, of course, is a program of automation and is designed to meet the needs of mail handling with less cost to the taxpayers and faster delivery of the mails.

With the advancement of the Zone Improvement Program (ZIP) all of us in the postal service are becoming more concerned with its advantages and the possibilities it offers. We would like to impress upon the mailing public the need to inform themselves concerning the Zip Code Program. When you are mailing use Zip Code in your return address and when receiving mail, that you will want to reply, make note of the Zip Code in the senders return address.

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## Russia Cuts

In his speech, Khrushchev diagnosed the ills of Soviet farming and recommended certain remedies.

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)** - Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios will send a delegation to the United Nations Security Council "in a few days" following failure of Anglo-American attempts to set up a peace force for this embattled island, high diplomatic sources said today.

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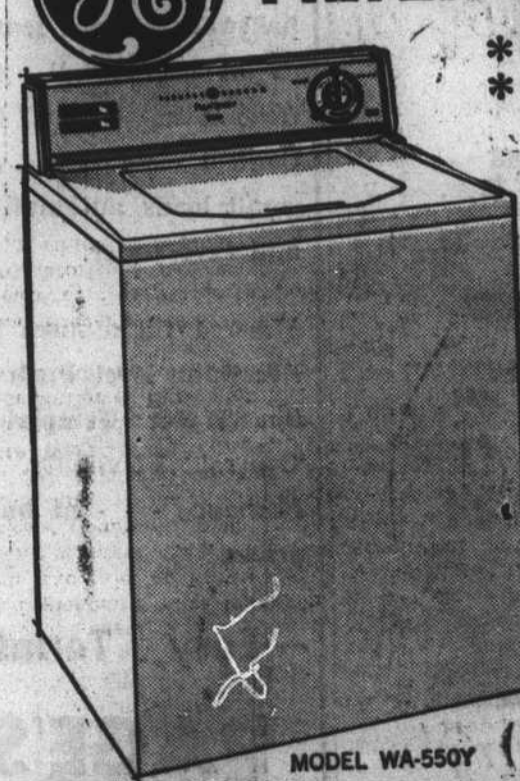
### NOT LEAPING?

**VALENTINE, Neb. (UPI)** - It's Leap Year, but the gals may not be leaping.

At least it isn't evident in the "City of Hearts," Valentine, Neb. Each year thousands of Valentines are sent to Valentine to be postmarked and re-mailed to sweethearts.

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