

FROM THE EDITOR'S CORNER

EDITOR JOHN ANDERSON

We were jarred out of bed shortly after midnight last Friday. And to make matters worse, the lights were out at our house and throughout the neighborhood.

A car had clipped a power pole down two blocks away on East Main street.

Naturally, we dressed quickly and went to cover the accident.

It was an eerie sight.

There was darkness everywhere except for the sparking, dangling wires above the car and up and down the street.

But members of the Sheriff's Department, reserve officers and Patrolman Zeb Hawes were there telling the crowd to stay back and not get electrocuted.

It seemed like eternity, but soon Duke Power company crewmen were on the scene and cut the power off. In about an hour and a half, they had a new pole erected and light restored in the East Main, Park avenue sections.

They did a marvelous job and under such difficult circumstances.

We told Patrolman Zeb Hawes that we didn't envy his job.

He had just clocked the car travelling at more than 100 miles per hour.

Actually, it is a miracle that no one was killed in the accident.

It would have been a different story, though, if the car had been meeting someone when it went across East Main street and struck the power pole on

the other side of the road.

As we suppose do most newspaper editors, we get a great deal of satisfaction from looking over each new issue as it finally comes from the presses. We also see many places where everything isn't quite the way we wanted it.

Take the story on page one of Section Four this week about the three Brevard youths being arrested for attempting to pass drugs into the County Jail Window. We had a photo of the tree to go with the story.

But, as sometimes happens with news photos, it just wouldn't do. It was made from the sidewalk beside the jail and now, looking back, we realize it should have been made from across the street.

As printed out, we had a fine picture of the tree the story was about, but it was just tree and nothing else. Made into an engraving for our letterpress, there would have been too little detail to have added anything to the story. If we'd made it from across the street, the tree might have stood out from the building and there'd have been a photo without story the way we wanted it.

Sorry, but "You can't win 'em all."

Medical science has changed in recent years. At one time, not too many years ago, doctors advised those having operations to remain in bed for days or in some cases weeks, before attempting to walk. Today, they encourage their patients to be up and walking as quickly as possible, maybe even

the day after the operation.

Young Kevin Norris, oldest son of Bill and Freddie, is a recent case in point. The eleven year old youngster had an emergency appendectomy this past Sunday night, "walked" a little bit on Monday and went home from the hospital at noon Tuesday, and is recovering rapidly.

Kevin is to go by Dr. James Sanders' office this coming Saturday where he will have his stitches removed, less than a week from the time of his operation. Barring unforeseen complications, he'll probably be back playing Little League baseball with the Colts within three weeks.

The recuperative powers of the young today are truly amazing.

This all reminds us of a story that we heard recently.

It seems that Grandma had an emergency operation, and the next day Grandpa went to visit her in the hospital. He was amazed to see her walking down the hall, and quickly inquired of her doctor, "Is that Grandma I see walking down the hall?"

The doctor replied that it was indeed Grandma, and went on to explain that medical science today encourages patients to be up and walking as quickly as possible after an operation.

"But good grief man," yelled Grandpa, "Grandma ain't walked a step in five years!"

Borrowed... The honeymoon is really over when the spouses that he will be late for dinner and she has already left a note that it's in the refrigerator.

Sign over a dog in a pet

shop window: Reduced Price! Obedience school dropout.

The 4 1/2-year-old heard baby brother begin to cry. He ran to the crib, put the pacifier in the baby's mouth, then told his mother, "He's all right Mother, I've got him plugged in."

Man with hand on TV knob, to wife: "Helen, do you have anything to say before the baseball season starts?"

Planning to take a vacation in the family car?

We ran across some figures you might want to jot down.

Vacations and vacation travel costs are on the rise.

It is reported that at the present time the daily budget for two people is \$46.

The figure is broken down as follows: \$16 for meals and snacks; \$17 for lodging; \$9 for gas and oil; and \$4 for tips and miscellaneous.

Joke of the week...

There was a certain judge sitting in a courtroom with two lawyers, and one of the lawyers got mad at the other and suddenly turned upon him and said, "Of all the unmitigated, consummate jack asses that ever lived, you are the absolute limit!"

The judge, rapping heavily with his gavel, cried: "Gentlemen, gentlemen! You forgot that I am present."

And we also like...

First Russian: "What was the nationality of Adam and Eve?"

Second Russian: "No doubt about it. They were citizens of the Soviet Union. They had nothing to wear, nothing to eat but an apple — and, yet, they thought they were living in paradise."

When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S, adv.

Brevard Personals

Among those attending Clemson University graduation exercises May 7th were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Gilstrap, of 107 Hill street. Their son David Gaines was commissioned 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Army Medical Service later in the afternoon. He received his BB degree in Pre-Medicine. David plans to enter the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gravely spent the weekend in Greenville, South Carolina, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Sheets and attended Lee Road Methodist church, where their grandson, Allen Sheets was presented his Eagle Scout award.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Saltz of St. Petersburg, Florida, have been visiting relatives in Brevard during the past week.

Some five million job openings are expected in the crafts during the 1970's, the Labor Department reports. Some 85 percent of these openings will occur among five occupational groups: construction craftsmen, mechanics and repairmen, foremen, metal-working craftsmen, and printing craftsmen.

Brevard's Proposed Budget For New Year Is \$544,061

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new communications system. Upon motion of Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Melton and unanimously passed the Street and Sanitation Budget was approved as presented. Operating expenses totaling \$137,213.00.

Upon motion of Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Duckworth and unanimously passed the Fire Department Budget was approved as presented. Operating expenses totaling \$18,745.68.

Upon motion of Alderman Melton, seconded by Alderman Russell and unanimously passed the Water and Sewer Department was approved as presented. Operating expenses totaling \$126,897.00.

Upon motion of Alderman Duckworth, seconded by Alderman Melton and unanimously passed the Debt Service Budget was approved as presented. Operating expenses totaling \$53,977.00.

Upon motion of Alderman Duckworth, seconded by Alderman Russell, Lucius B. Morgan was suggested for City Manager, the motion was tabled

Mrs. Armentrout made the following statements to the Board:

1. The proposed budget is \$49,261 greater than originally approved for the Fiscal Year 1970-71. An amendment to our Fiscal Year 1970-71 budget will be requested in late June increasing it considerably. The actual increase for 1971-72 is therefore not as great as \$49,261.

2. A foot note on each departmental budget sheet explains most of the increase. A 10% increase is proposed for all hourly wage employees and a 5 to 8% for all salaried employees.

3. An additional police officer is proposed. Since it has proven to be almost impossible to keep a full complement of officers employed at all times, past vacancies have resulted in prolonged and severe working conditions on those officers available. The extra officer will materially relieve this very undesirable situation. It is also believed at this time

that we will be unable to buy police patrol cars from the state as we have in the past, therefore increasing the price of cars more than double.

4. A city manager's salary and travel expense is also proposed over last year.

5. In conclusion, I offer this budget as a realistic solution to many, but not all, of our wage problems as a practical program for continuing essential City services at an acceptable level of effectiveness and response to public needs.

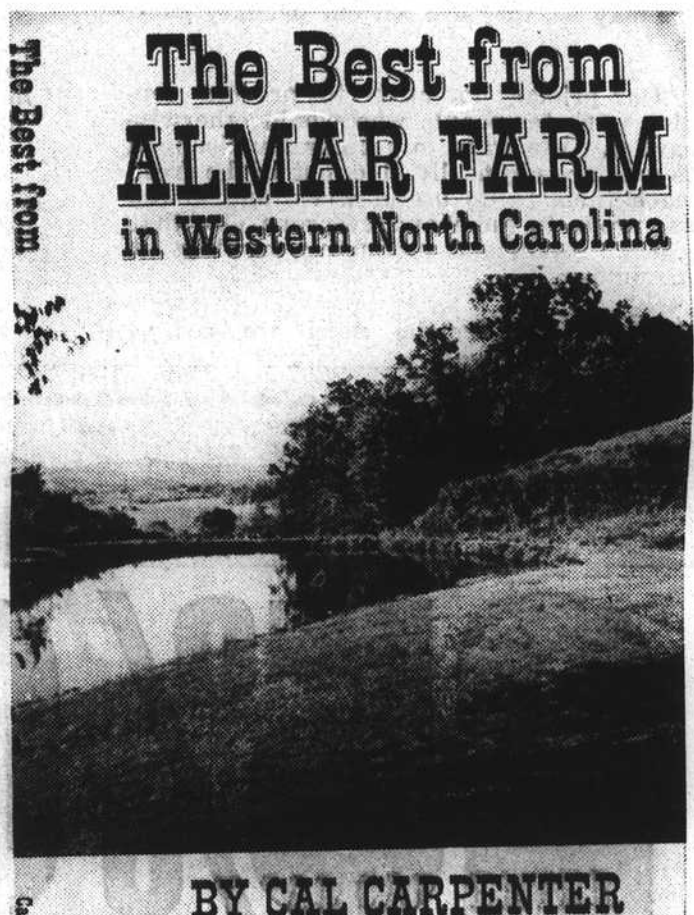
Respectfully submitted, Opal C. Armentrout Acting City Manager

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