

A Modest Proposal

Monday night of last week Brevard must have been the busiest city of its size in the nation.

Out on the far west tip of Main Street, a meeting of the school board was held at the Education Center.

Closer in on West Main Street the City Council was in session.

And in the Court House a joint meeting of planning boards held a hearing on what to do with eight acres of land soon to be vacated by the Brevard Elementary and Middle Schools.

All were engaged in the management of government and public business.

At least one member of the Board of Education wondered out loud in our presence if the hearing on the school property was scheduled intentionally on a night the school board would be

meeting elsewhere so that school board members wouldn't be at the hearing.

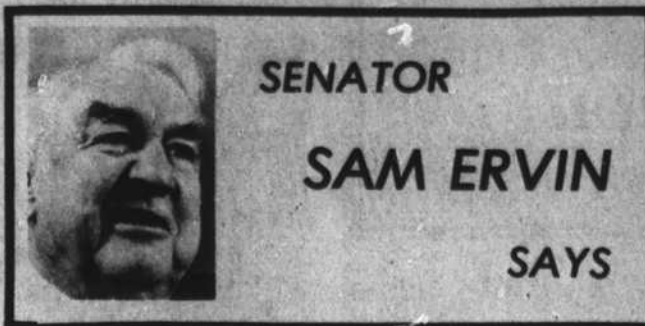
Several private citizens also mentioned such a possibility.

Since we don't know for certain we'll chalk it up to mere coincidence.

But what would be nice would be to have governmental leaders meeting on different nights. On the Monday night mentioned, several citizens told us, they had business at two of the sessions. Some may have had business at all three.

Maximum citizen input isn't possible under such conditions.

We'd like to vote for an intergovernmental scheduling committee to work out separate meeting nights for our elected leaders, one which could also avoid conflicts when scheduling important hearings.



SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
SAYS

WASHINGTON — When Congress reconvenes next week, I expect to push for the enactment of a political practices reform act and for a privacy bill which I have been working on for many months.

The political reform measure embodies a number of recommendations made by the Senate Watergate Committee. In my judgment, changes recommended by the Committee must be written into law to prevent a recurrence of the abuses which were disclosed as a result of the investigation into the Watergate affair.

Some of the Committee's recommendations have already become law with the enactment of the Federal Election Campaign Act, but others, which would seek to curb political "dirty tricks," will require new provisions in the Federal criminal code.

Basically, the bill will include provisions to create a public attorney similar to the office of Watergate Special Prosecutor who could investigate and prosecute criminal cases involving the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The purpose of this permanent office would be to prevent "coverups" of wrongdoing such as occurred in the Watergate affair.

The reform measure would seek to prevent illegal manipulation and interference with elections. It would attempt to prevent the creation of such groups as the so-called White House "plumbers," which were deeply implicated in the Watergate affair and it would improve Congressional oversight of the CIA and FBI to see that they are not used for political espionage or harassment of political candidates.

This package proposal would also make it illegal for individuals to join a candidate's political campaign for the purpose of spying, copying private documents, or carrying out "dirty tricks," or the payments of campaign funds for such purposes.

The bill would require White House inquiries of the IRS to be reported in order to prevent intimidation or favoritism on taxes. Congress would also be given additional powers to enforce subpoenas on the White House and would have its own legal counsellors to represent it in court.

The provisions of the bill are still being drafted, but the foregoing proposals are likely to be embraced in the bill which I will introduce this month.

The privacy bill, S. 3418, which I introduced on May 1, 1974, has been favorably reported by the Senate Government Operations Committee. This bill constitutes a major effort to safeguard the privacy of individuals against governmental abuse and tyranny.

It creates a Federal Privacy Board to conduct inspections of information systems and to order Federal, state, local governments or other data collecting organizations to desist from acts in violation of the rules and orders promulgated by the legislation. The bill also provides standards for the handling of information relating to individuals.

I am hopeful that the Senate and House will pass the corrupt practices and privacy bills prior to adjournment of the 93rd Congress.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor
The Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C. 28712

To the Editor of The Transylvania Times, Brevard, N. C. It is a tragic and heartbreaking situation in our own community to learn that young children 10 to 14 years of age have become so emotionally disturbed that a juvenile center must be built for their rehabilitation.

One can only ask the question "Why?"

For every ill there is a cause. Has this ill been caused by the "New Trend" in education, which comes down to us from the Regional Governance Planning Center in Chicago?

The plan now is to "herd" as many as 125 in one class room. "How interesting." The child will wonder if he is a machine, or an individual. How can a child concentrate with that many milling around, giggling, sniffing, coughing, sneezing? — a fine way to start epidemics!

The "New Trend" in education "scores" children on the number of books they read alone; the "New Math" on the number of problems he does alone. How interesting to them!—No competition, no incentives to stand out over an individual! If so the building now being constructed to house such children will soon need be enlarged ten times its size.

Now that the regimentation has taken the place of individuality, emotionally disturbed children will continue in our schools. I have been out of the school room only a few years. Throughout my 35 years of service, the present situation was unheard of. Our classes were small so that special attention could be given each child at his level of ability.

May our citizens awake and demand a change for their children before they become as sheep driven to a slaughter pen.

Mrs. Mitchell Neely
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Pisgah Forest, N. C.

The Editor
Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C.

In regards to the comment broadcasted over WPNF about Sheriff Hubbard's handshaking, arm waving, etc.

I would suggest that it is the proverbial helping hand. He has helped in a number of situations, and remains ready to help at all times with little or no notice. The county and state would benefit from more Milford Hubbards.

I would like to express our congratulations in behalf of myself and family to the handshaking, arm-waving Milford Hubbard; also to Marian McMahon.

Handshaking and arm waving must have done some good for Transylvania County. I see the same old sheriff was voted in again.

Jobs well done.
Van E. Gribble
William E. Rigler
Bruce E. Rigler

Black Mtn. N. C.
Oct. 28th, 1974

Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Editor
Having served six years as a court official, I visited several courts here in North Carolina observing rules, procedures, and court officials.

I had an occasion in August, 1974 to visit the Transylvania County Court as I had on other occasions.

In view of the proceedings in this Court, I would certainly recommend that other court officials visit with open minds and to apply the same in their judgments. This alone would bring more respect back to our court systems.

I have found no other court which enforced the laws with impartiality, friendliness and efficiency as I found in Transylvania County.

We owe the people a salute for giving these public servants the opportunity to bring confidence and respect back to our court systems.

Wayne Rayburn
Box 462
Black Mtn. N. C.

Editor
The Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Representatives of the Western North Carolina Wildlife Defense Association met with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in Asheville October 1st, in an effort to get the Davidson River fishing designation changed from Native Trout Water to general bait fishing. The Resources Commission ruled against our petition, evidently allowing tourist fishermen to dictate the uses of local waters rather than accede to the wishes of local people.

From this it seems that special organizations of "native trout" fishermen swing more weight with the Commission than the much larger numbers of the general public, children, and older fishermen who simply want to enjoy catching fish with bait rather than by the highly sportive and more strenuous method of dry fly fishing.

They, the native trout fishermen, are evidently so confident of their command of stream designation they can tell general bait fishermen that, "You aren't taking any more of 'our' streams for stocking," and make it stick. It surely looks very much if the majority of the local fishermen, who would like to see more streams stocked for bait fishing, are being left out in the Commission's considerations.

As it stands now, the Commission has given the "sports" fishermen three of the larger streams in this area; that is, these streams are designated "Native Trout" waters and are restricted to dry fly fishing for native fish. These streams are the Davidson River, the North Fork of the French Broad, and the Horse Pasture River. Bait fishermen—by far the larger part of the local general public, children, and older people—have been given three much smaller streams. These are Cathey's Creek, Looking Glass Creek, and Avery's Creek.

The Western North Carolina Wildlife Defense Association, working for the local and public good, does not propose to take this favoritism for a small number of local and tourist fishermen lying down. We intend to present the wishes of the public majority to the Commission firmly and repeatedly until the situation is changed. We ask the help of everyone else who feels as we do.

The WNCWDA is a volunteer organization with the purpose of preserving our wildlife and the rights of everyone who wants to hunt and fish as well as those who simply want to enjoy the outdoors in its natural state. We are bringing our influence to bear to eliminate out-of-season game poaching, "spotlighting" and any and all abuse of hunting and fishing rights.

The WNCWDA meets regularly in Brevard. The meeting times and places will be furnished to you beforehand for publication in your newspaper. Anyone who despairs of the steady disappearance of wildlife in the forests of Western North Carolina as has been going on for years, anyone who wants to preserve equitable fishing rights for other than special sportsmen groups; anyone who deplores poaching and "spotlighting" for humane, conservation, or any other reason, is invited to attend our meetings and join us.

Sincerely,
Ray Holland
Clement Road
Brevard, N. C.

Nov. 4, 1974

Dear Editor:
May I have space in your valuable paper for this letter? I have debated with myself for months as to whether I should write it or not. Well the affirmative won. When I considered shut-ins and people who have to move about slowly.

One of my friends was seriously injured when she hurriedly tried to answer a call. Our Telephone Company asks us to let it ring for ten times, one minute.

Personally, I work in a room within hearing distance, but it takes about 8 rings for me to reach the phone. Well, countless times it would only ring from three to four times.

Sincerely,
Thank You,
Mrs. J.P. Cheek
Box 152
Pisgah Forest, N.C. 28768

It's A Good Feeling

Last week's joint hearing of the Transylvania County and Brevard Planning Boards on disposition of the eight-acre Brevard school site soon to be vacated was a happy experience.

Over the last several years as a newsman, this editor attended many, many hearings on what to do with public property. He has heard many shouting matches, and cries of "Don't Do This; You'll Be Sorry If You;" Also "Don't Do That," and other completely negative approaches.

But at last week's meeting there were no such outbursts. Every person who spoke at the hearing had a specific purpose, a definite proposal for use of the property. True, a couple of

agencies asked for the same building — both with valid reasons for wanting it.

It will eventually become the burden of the County Commissioners to decide how the property will be used, of course, and it may be a tough decision to make. It is doubtful if any decision can make everyone happy.

Nonetheless, we wanted to point out that the hearing was an excellent forum; some excellent ideas and suggestions came out of it. We're impressed with the citizen input, the fairness with which the hearing was conducted, and with the tone of sanity which dominated the entire proceeding.

Makes one feel good to be a part of Brevard.

Celebration Time

We feel almost as if Santa Claus came early this year with the announcement of the end of strike of more than 1,800 workers at Olin Corporation's giant plant at Pisgah Forest.

The immediate affect of the union-company agreement—average of \$300 in immediate pay to workers—will be to turn more than half a million dollars loose in the county. Many of the workers sorely need this check. Several mentioned that they were really suffering after receiving no pay checks for five weeks.

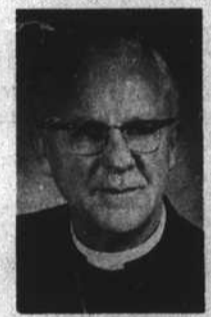
Some were beginning to wonder, also before the settlement, if Santa would make his usual rounds this year.

Not only the affected workers, however, are glad that the strike is over. Everyone in Transylvania is relieved that the issue is settled.

Both sides—Olin, and the United Paperworkers International Union—conducted themselves admirably during the strike, we think. They are to be congratulated.

**THE EVERYDAY
COUNSELOR**

BY
DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



November 11, was Veterans Day in North Carolina and certain other states. We observed it throughout the United States until Congress commenced to move the national holidays around to get them on weekends in order to give some people more time to travel and in some cases get killed.

The day was originally called Armistice Day in commemoration of the armistice signed between the allies and the central powers on November 11, 1918 following World War I.

Veterans have been clamoring for the return of their day to them and Congress will probably soon yield to their request. The history of World War I and World War II and the events leading up to them ought to be compulsory reading and study for the generations which have risen up since these times.

Along with these studies, there should be further studies concerning the events in this country which brought on recessions about every generation for the last 100 years.

Back of these events which culminated in these terrible conflicts as well as the procession of recessions which followed, were all the same - the secularization of life, neglect of the worship of God, breakdown of Sunday or Sabbath observance, speculation, immorality, crime, and selfishness come to full bloom.

In the case of World War I and World War II, they were precipitated by the same cause - national selfishness, desire for other people's property and invasion of surrounding countries.

William Ridgeway in his book, "In God We Trust, and Why Not?" gives thumbnail sketches of recessions which have taken place in this country in the last 150 years: 1837, 1857, 1892, 1907, 1920, 1929. Proceeding each of these there was the same old pattern.

The same old story was repeated with a moral letdown, speculation, inflation and then unemployment and suffering. After each of these recessions there came a religious revival which swept the country restoring faith in God, sound morals, sane living and a back-to-church movement.

That same thing is happening today except in a bigger way. There has been a world-wide revival during the last 25 years under the preaching of the Billy Graham Crusade Team. At the same time there has been inflation, speculation, moral let down, gambling. Unless the nation turns back to God, we are setting the stage for another World War of staggering proportion, perhaps an end to civilization.

Armistice Day is to remind us of what scouting teaches its members, the American Legion praiseworthy states, "For God and Country," we associate ourselves for the common good.

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