

Limit Judges Ages?

U. S. Senator Jesse Helms, N. C. Republican, and Virginia's Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr. have co-sponsored what they call "an important and much-needed Constitutional Amendment" which would deny to Federal judges their present privilege of lifetime appointments.

Seldom have we had opportunity to agree with Senator Helms' actions since he entered the Senate. Early in his tenure he vowed to help push through a road which would have destroyed Joyce Kilmer Forest in Graham County. Later he backed off this attitude, and withdrew his objection to making the area into a wilderness.

His ultra-conservative stands on other issues have occasionally aroused our dander also.

But we could support a move that would require all Federal judges to be reconfirmed by the Senate each eight years, although our reasoning for this support is a long way from that articulated by Senator Helms.

Mr. Helms told the Senate that "far too many Federal judges in the past few years have gone far beyond their prescribed Constitutional duty of interpreting the law, and have moved into the domain of making the law."

He says that Federal judges, like all other Federal officials, ought to be reasonably accountable to the people. He added that at present the judges are accountable to nobody.

Sen. Helms says that the time has come to limit the power of Federal judges "from the Supreme Court on down."

We, like Senator Helms, have disagreed from time to time with Supreme Court decisions, and perhaps the jurists have overreached the Constitution on occasion; that is, read more between the lines than the American people intended to be there.

Howe'er, our main reason for supporting Sen. Helms' proposed amendment is the age factor. Senility in such a high post can be dangerous in one who is supposed to be protecting the rights of others.

We'd go further than Senator Helms, even, and suggest an age limit for service as a Federal judge, say 70 years, although a high percentage of men and women above that age retain full use of their faculties.

We'd recommend retirement at that age.

Such an amendment, we feel, is long overdue.

New Job For Plunger

Men, the next time you go to the basement to look for the bathroom plunger and find it missing, just go on out to the garage and you'll probably find it.

Heloise Cruse, whose newspaper column is a well known clearing house for women's labor-saving or clever ideas from coast to coast passes along the idea that the old plumber's friend can be used to remove many dents from auto fenders and sides.

You place the plunger over the dent and tug as hard as you can. The dent pops back out. There's no explaining to do to an irate hubby, no sneaky visits to the body shop.

Presto! The plumber's helper serves in still another manner, this time as an instrument of domestic tranquility.

But girls, we suggest that you be sure to return the plunger to its proper storage place. Else the husband might deem its presence in the garage as prima facie evidence it was used to remove a fender dent.

Still better, buy an extra one and hide it out some place for use in such emergencies.

The idea is just great.

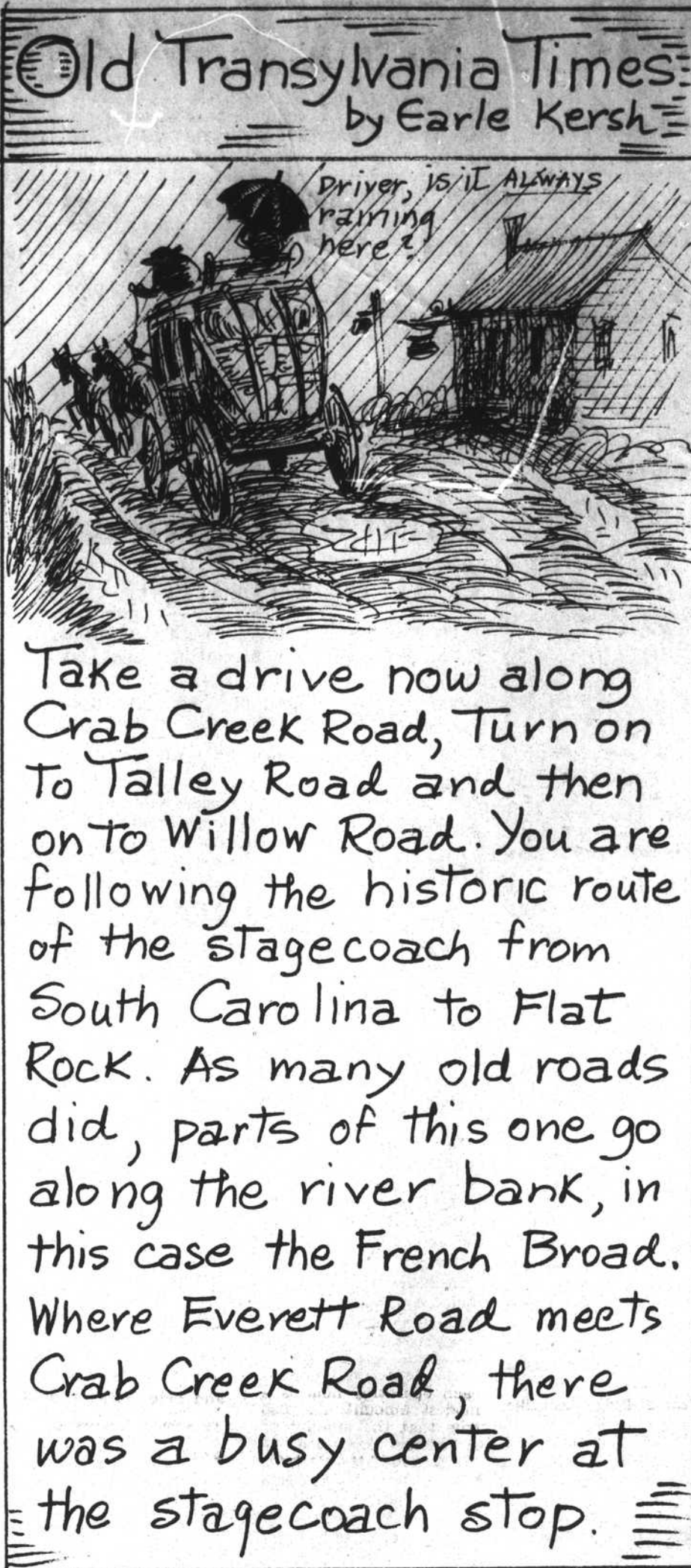
And it speaks volumes about the quality of metal being used in some automobiles these days.

Hon, have you seen the bathroom plunger? It was on that shelf in the . . .

Togetherhness

Tonight three elected governmental bodies of Transylvania County are meeting—the County Commissioners, the Brevard Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Education are gathering at the invitation of the latter. Only the Rosman aldermen are missing.

Let's all wish for them a productive session, one in which they can talk out many problems: political, personal, and governmental. We'll all reap the rewards if they do.



Human Condition

Tonsils Often Deserve Medal, Not Removal

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A reader inquires, "My child has frequent colds. When I was five or six years old, I had my tonsils and adenoids removed, but my doctor is reluctant to recommend this surgery for my child. Could you comment?"

Many physicians now feel that entirely too many children are subjected to the removal of tonsils and adenoids. This procedure is still one of the most common causes for hospital admissions in the country—about 250,000 children are hospitalized each year for a T&A (tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy) at a cost of several hundred million dollars.

At best, all of these children will suffer several miserable days and a very bad sore throat, and perhaps one hundred or more of these children will die as a result of the complications of surgery or anesthesia.

Unfortunately, most of these children did not need surgery in the first place. Frequent colds, large tonsils, or some noisy breathing at night certainly would not justify major surgery. Even recurrent sore throats will usually respond to safer, more conservative management.

The tonsils and adenoids and other lymphoid tissue in the neck constitute one of the body's first lines of defense, and the fact that the tonsils are large doesn't mean that they are diseased.

As a matter of fact, the tonsils are probably doing their job well, trapping germs and making antibodies, and the tonsils will usually get small as the child gets older.

Studies have failed to show that children who have had a T&A actually have fewer colds or miss less school after surgery. Some youngsters whose respiratory symptoms are due to allergy may even be made worse by this surgery. When the tonsil tissue itself becomes a focus of infection, however, removal may be indicated.

Don't try to talk your physician into scheduling surgery on your child because of colds, large tonsils, or snoring, and do not be too quick to accept a recommendation for such an operation on your youngster.

The tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy operation is not a minor procedure. The T&A carries a real risk and should be performed only if there is a real need. Even then, only a skilled surgeon should perform the operation.

Readers to Pay More

New York (HK)—Because newspaper production costs are rising sharply, readers will have to pay a larger share in 1975 and beyond, says C.H. Favor, general manager of the International Circulation Managers Association. He told the trade publication Newspaper Facts that circulation revenue would have to pay nearly 30 percent of the cost of producing the newspaper as against 70 percent from advertisers.

Mr. Clyde Osborne, Editor
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Why are young legislators hell-bent on throwing away the Legislature, betraying every citizen with loss of control of home and children?

If the mis-named Equal Rights Amendment passes, it joins the other "un-constitutional" amendments now on the books.

We will forever have lost these vital rights to Big Brother Fed. He will then use his trumped-up "legal" right to take over the children of the state.

Legislators who have researched ERA say it is the most dangerous piece of legislation ever presented.

They are backed by persons not controlled by politics. Professor Kurland of the University of Chicago Law School says: "The primary beneficiaries of the Equal Rights Amendment are men."

Professor Paul Freund of Harvard Law School studied ERA for twenty-five years. In March '71 Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review he says every wife and mother will lose her right to be supported by her husband unless she has pre-school minor children, and then only if there is no handy day care center.

Dr. Jonathan H. Pincus, neurology professor, Yale Medical School predicts ERA would bring unhappiness, increasing divorce, desertion leading to increased alcoholism, suicide, sexual deviation dropping American women to where Russian women were fifty years ago. Isn't that what the "libbers" have always wanted?

Women will lose special social security, insurance and property privileges among other things. We now have equal employment wage laws and other protective laws

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: Letters must be brief, signed typed or written legibly on one side of paper. We reserve the right to reject, edit, or condense. Letters should be received by The Times by Monday mornings.)

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Letters To The Editor
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Dear Editor:

As a citizen who follows the political process in North Carolina with much interest, I urge you to support the concept of constitutional and legislative initiative by referendum. To do so will help influence the General Assembly to adopt the measure which hopefully will be considered during the present session.

The initiative is a mechanism that allows the citizen to petition and enact directly constitutional amendments as well as certain types of legislation. At present, the North Carolina Constitution provides for no method for the citizens to do this, although Article I, Section 2 proclaims that "all political power vested in and derived from the people". Furthermore, Section 3 of the same article states that the people of this State have the "exclusive right of altering or abolishing their constitution whenever it may be necessary", but at present only the legislature can start this process.

Constitutional and legislative initiatives by referendum are neither new nor isolated phenomena. The concepts date back to ancient Greece when they were used as a part of the original democratic system. Various forms of initiative are already in effect in at least 25 states. In these states, this mechanism acts as an additional check and balance on the legislature, thus forcing the government to become more responsive to the needs of the people as well as guiding our elected representatives by acting as a barometer of public opinion in certain areas of concern. This brings the government closer to the people because the citizen knows that he can act on his own to enact proper legislation if he feels that Raleigh has not given him a fair shake. This knowledge does two things. First, it makes each person a part of the government as he should be and helps to strengthen our system at the grass roots level where it is the weakest. Finally, people will participate more in the affairs of government since they will

proving ERA not needed. After Bella Abzug, FOR and Phyllis Schlafly, AGAINST, wrote in the National Enquirer, their millions of readers were polled with 86 per cent against ERA. Elmo Roper and Lou Harris polls showed similar results. Prayer without works is fruitless; so with the foregoing factual information unless right away there is an avalanche of personal visits, postal cards, letters, telegrams, phone calls waking up legislators to Vote No on ERA. Men, women, who never wrote a legislator before, besiege House members from your districts now, your senators later. House members are being harassed, pursued, heckled day and night by "libbers" to vote first, taking away all your good laws.

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wish to be responsible in their use of this power.

Constitutional and legislative initiatives by referendum are designed to complement and supplement the legislative and executive branches of government and not to usurp their powers. For this reason, there are safeguards built into this measure to prevent this from happening. Initiative has worked quite well in the states that have adopted it as the beneficial effects mentioned above have been accomplished. I sincerely hope that you and your paper will endorse this idea and that your readers will help by writing their legislators (c/o North Carolina General Assembly, State Legislative Building, Raleigh 27611) and urge them to support the constitutional and legislative initiatives by referendum. Your investment of time now will pay substantial dividend benefits in the near future. Thank you for your help!

Very truly yours,

John W. Hedwick

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because I with so many others I am wondering just what will happen next at City Hall.

First our town manager was thrown out, next Jimmy Rowe and L. B. Vaughn who had the seniority to be chief was passed over just like he wasn't even there and the job was given to someone else.

All I can say is that they are a lot going on at City Hall lately and it seems unfair to not even give a man the right to defend his self. I am pretty sure when the next election comes up that there will be some changes in City Hall besides just in the police department.

I don't know just how many know it but Brevard is very upset about the way some of the people are being thrown out with no explanation for it and their name smeared all over the front page of the paper. It is not only a shock to the people themselves but to the whole public.

As for me, it seems like they are something going on there that nobody knows about. Our town has had a good name but it certainly isn't going to remain that way, especially at City Hall.

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Editor
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Dear Sir:

The head of Common Cause — the "peoples lobby" or "reform lobby" — is former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare John Gardner. Common Cause fills its expensive fund appeals with populist cant.

"Buried deep in the records of the clerk of the Senate was a lobbyist's report filed by Gardner showing receipts for the last quarter of 1970. The largest donor was John D. Rockefeller III, with \$25,000 then David at \$10,000, Chase Manhattan Bank at \$5,000, Arthur Amory Houghton Jr. of the Rockefeller Foundation at \$10,000, Nelson at \$500, and J. Richards Dilworth, the family's financial advisor at \$500. Unless pressed, John Gardner fails to mention that he is a long-time trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

As the January 1, 1975 issue of The Review of the News states, Common Cause, obviously, is not "just folks."

Sincerely,
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