

# The Specialists Are Here

On Thursday evening it was our pleasure at hospitable Brevard College's "Library At Six" program to see Mr. and Mrs. George Blaha, a nationally-noted camera couple, present a slide presentation on the Door Peninsula of the Great Lakes Region.

The program was inspiring—natural things always are to us—and also served to remind us again of the tremendous wealth of human resources we now have in Transylvania County.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaha are residents of Sherwood Forest. They, in effect, belong to us now.

Transylvania has other relative newcomers—retired corporation executives, military leaders, scientists, and specialists in just about every area of academic lore who have experience and knowledge to contribute to the citizenry as Mr. and Mrs. Blaha are doing.

We also remember that Vocational Education Week began in North Carolina on Sunday, and that a survey of schools over the state during the week of January 13 revealed that 26 per cent of the boys and girls enrolled in cooperative education programs in Western N.C. are currently out of work.

Vocational Education Supervisor Jim Farley at Brevard High School says that a number of boys and girls have been laid off from their part time jobs in various businesses over

the last few months. Times are rough at the moment, he said.

This means that these students are missing on-the-job instruction. Their only hope for getting this training in specific areas is for outside experts to assist Mr. Farley in developing instructional materials and activities that will give them this training in the classroom or laboratory setting.

We think it would be great if some of these persons who have so much to contribute to the youngsters could find time in the afternoons to impart some of their knowledge and experience to these youngsters.

And other business and industrial leaders might find a way to take some of the teaching load. Mr. Farley is calling a meeting of leaders in various fields to meet with him next Thursday afternoon. He would welcome subject specialists, he says, to assist in providing educational experience for young people caught up in the economic slump.

As we said in the beginning, there is a vast wealth of knowledge here to be made available.

The boys and girls have a wide variety of interests. We're certain that their interests cover no wider ranges of subjects than we have specialists to teach, if those specialists make themselves available.

Please do. Mr. Farley will welcome assistance.

# Earned Recognition

While we were bragging above about Transylvania County's human resources, bless Pat, guess what happened...

Charles L. (Chuck) Bradley, Brevard realtor connected with Jimmy Gaither's firm, was named one of the five Outstanding Young Men Of The Year In North Carolina by the State Jaycees.

This makes two months in a row that Chuck has won fine awards. Last month he was presented the Distinguished Service Award as the Outstanding Young Man Of The Year in Transylvania County by the Brevard Jaycee unit.

Needless to say, we weren't even slightly surprised by Chuck's new honor. As president of the Brevard Jaycee unit, he has directed the town's most active civic organization in the achievement of many worthwhile projects, and the benefit of some fine charities.

The Christmas House, for example, was a notable example of the hard work that the Jaycee organization performed. More than 200 families in need were provided a satisfactory, if not bountiful Christmas by the young men.

Being one of the top young men in N.C., places him in the big leagues along with Jaycees from the large urban areas.

Among other things, he served as selection and building committee chairman for the construction of the Transylvania County Association For Disabled Citizens' facility.

Chuck is confident and optimistic about economic things, even as they are now. This fearless attitude has its roots in his realization of his own talents and willingness to work. He is not one to shirk tasks.

Because he is here, Transylvania is a much finer place to live.

We are fortunate to have him. Our congratulations, Chuck.

When the bushwackers took to the hills in the Civil War, the hills around here had their share of them. These deserters and conscription evaders got together in gangs and preyed on the homesteaders while the men were off to war. At the Rockbrook Hotel below Dunn's Rock, Mrs. Hume was alone when "a friendly enemy" tipped her off that the bushwackers were planning to raid the hotel. She threw her silver and a few belongings in a wagon and raced up the mountain. She looked back from the top to see the hotel go up in smoke.

# Report To Hill Country

BY CECIL HILL  
State Senator

This has been a week of work for the North Carolina State Senate. About 100 bills have been introduced in the Senate alone so far, and the number of bills introduced seems to be increasing daily.

The Senate works in committees. So far the discussion on the floor of the Senate has brought very little change in any committee report.

Nevertheless, each bill that comes before a respective committee is given careful consideration by the members of the committee. I think that the preparation made for the various committee meetings is excellent.

The person introducing the bill explains briefly what the subject matter of the bill is, and then the persons who are experts in the particular field covered by the bill are called upon to testify.

Various members of the committee then interrogate the persons who have made comments; they offer suggestions and amendments.

Each committee is furnished with an attorney from the Attorney General's office who makes suggestions as to form but in no way tries to influence the passage of a bill.

One of the more interesting bills to be considered so far is the bill requiring public disclosure of lobbying activities.

You will recall that last year several lobbyists were tried in the Wake County Superior Court and were not convicted.

The Solicitor for the Superior Court in Wake County has assisted in the preparation of a bill which seems to be much more

thorough than any law now on the books.

The new law would require lobbyists to register before they may begin their activities. The big problem seems to be "Who is a lobbyist?"

Certainly, members of the legislature need lobbyists to advise them of the positions of the people affected by any bill. The legislators need to know the position on both sides of a question, but they ought not to be influenced unduly.

A bill against lobbyists could be too strict. It could keep many qualified people from coming to Raleigh to advise the legislators on matters in the legislature.

For example, I don't think that a school teacher whose expenses for a single trip to Raleigh were paid by the local teacher organization should be classified as a lobbyist, but the provisions of the current bill would indicate that the teacher would be.

I am sure we will adjust the bill to protect people who are in this category.

I introduced last week a bill giving joint control to law enforcement agents in Henderson and Transylvania Counties who were assigned to work on drug abuse problems in the two counties. The bill created a great deal of attention. This agency, using the officers of both counties, is funded by the federal government on a 90 per cent grant, and the balance of the cost is paid by the cities of Brevard and Hendersonville and the counties of Henderson and Transylvania.

Actually, the program is a pilot program, and many of the legislators have expressed the position that they want to do something similar for their

own districts.

I introduced a bill which would prohibit members of the General Assembly from serving on boards and commissions in the Executive Department. This fulfills the last of my campaign promises.

I do not think it is proper for a member of the General Assembly to serve as an appointee of the Governor on any school board, in the Department of Transportation, or on any commission in which such an appointee reports to the Governor.

Likewise, I do not think it proper for such an appointee working with the organization to which he is appointed to work up a budget and then appear on the floor of either house in the General Assembly and press for funds to support such organization.

I believe these situations are a direct violation of the theory to separate the various departments of government. Many constitutional lawyers in the Senate have agreed with me on this point.

This week I also served as a co-sponsor on a bill to establish a School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of North Carolina in Raleigh. We do not have enough veterinarians in North Carolina, and I believe that one of the reasons is that students must attend out-of-state universities for such education.

Out-of-state colleges and universities charge considerably more than state universities charge. I hope such a school can be established and that it will make possible an adequate number of veterinarians to serve the needs of North

# EDITORIAL PAGE

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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.)

February 7, 1975

Mrs. C. E. Wilmot  
Morris Road  
Brevard, North Carolina 28712

Dear Mrs. Wilmot:

The Board of Commissioners would be interested in receiving copies of the minutes of the meetings you propose to hold in the next few months. We regret very much that none of us will be able to attend these meetings, as they are, by coincidence, being held on the same evening and at the same time as the meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

May we suggest as a topic for your first meeting a discussion of the 1969 Special Act. This Act once referred to both the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff's Department. The section referring to the Sheriff's Department was repealed in 1971, but the portion referring to the special election of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and his designation as county manager still remains.

Most counties in North Carolina now separate county government into its two functions of policy and administration. We believe that is incorrect to have the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as both the chief policy maker and top administrator.

The Board of Commissioners has requested that this Special Act be repealed both in 1973 and in 1975. I have written to Senator Cecil Hill and sent copies of the letter to all of the members of our legislative delegation.

We would appreciate the reaction of the people who will be attending your meetings. Our address is 28 East Main Street, Brevard.

May we welcome you to our other meetings held each month which will be on the fourth Tuesday.

Sincerely,

William M. Ives,  
Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

# THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



This Wednesday we commence the annual observance of the Lenten season. It is emphasized more in some churches than in others. It has value for all who observe it.

Lent is that season in the Church Year set apart for self-examination and self-denial. It commences on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days excluding the Sundays. It climaxes in Holy Week and Easter.

This is true with our lives. Lent is the time of annual spiritual inventory. What assets do we have and what liabilities? And what bad habits and what good habits? Is life a time of progress and achievement or a time of stagnation, negation and faultfinding. Look back over the past year and see what you have worthwhile to show for having lived another year. Who have you really helped in the past year, through a time of trial and trouble, or to greater achievement? How many lives have you brightened in times of trouble and discouragement.

Let me share one or two helpful bits of philosophy and pass on to you several thoughts which have been helpful to me:

1. Read thoughtfully the 23rd Psalm. When you come to that passage which reads, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil," fix it in your mind that the Psalm says "through." We are told that with God as our Father, Christ as our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as our companion and guide, all of those trials and tribulations we not only go "into" but we go "through" with the help of God.

2. Adopt the motto of Prayer, Patience, Persistence, (occasionally, Push). Memorize the words of St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

3. Write this down on a card where you can see it all your waking time and engrain it in your memory. "There's no limit to what a man can do, if he doesn't care about who gets the credit for it."

I had to make a survey of my whole life in preparation for my recently published biography, "The Boy, The Man, The Bishop," authored by Barbara Harding. This book is now available from your local bookstore or can be ordered from the Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper.

In reviewing my life story I was constantly reminded of the three guidelines given above which I pass on to you for your help and guidance.

Finally Lent is a time of re-examining your partnership with God, how it is being maintained, and how it is leading to your spiritual growth and witnessing to others. To be useful, happy and satisfied, our lives must bear witness to our faith and joy in the Lord. We must share it with others.

You may order a copy of Dr. Spough's biography by writing the Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper enclosing \$2.25 post paid.

Carolians.

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee, No. 4, began meeting. This committee deals with salary increases for state employees, teachers and the like. It also examines retirement increases and fringe benefits for state employees.

This committee also considers automatic and merit salary increases for all state employees.

I think the committee is going to make a comparison of North Carolina state government salaries with other southern states. It is going into state employee travel expenses and review the efficiency study made by the Governor.

In fact, I think this General Assembly is going to do everything possible to cut expenses, and that includes the operation of the legislature itself.

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