

## A Welcome Visitor

On Sunday Mrs. Mary Nesbitt of Asheville, one of the four 47th District representatives who speak for Transylvania in the General Assembly paid a visit to the county for a look at some of the hazards facing school bus riders and other citizens as well.

She took a look at the two narrow bridges which cross the French Broad River in Rosman which citizens of the town use, then looked in wonder at the fine new bridge which crosses the West Fork of the river above Rosman which serves very few people.

"Why in the world was this bridge put here?" she asked.

"Who had anything to do with this?"

Then she moved on to see the Cantrell Bridge over the West Fork in Gloucester, and visibly shuddered as she saw the narrowness of this bridge which sits in an S-curve.

As the auto maneuvered the narrow State Road 1309 above West Fork gorge without a sign of a guard rail, she marveled that the school bus driver, a girl, would drive a vehicle with 70 children aboard on such a route.

"I'd be scared to death," she

said. "I'm really sorry for that girl."

She promised to do all possible to improve Transylvania's poor road situation. "You have certainly been left out," Mrs. Nesbitt said.

Hers is one more voice on our side. It is good to have her. She is an influential person in the House.

But we'll need many more voices before we begin to get real action on our roads.

But it will help if the county will speak with one voice. We need to decide what we want done with our primary and secondary roads and then exert pressure to get it done. As long as John Doe wants a road located here, or improved there, and John Henry William Brown wants things done in other areas, then the Department of Transportation is going to do nothing. It won't know what to do.

And let's lure some more of the state's political leaders into Transylvania and point out some of the hazards which face us and our school children daily.

It's the way we'll finally get action.

## Flying Danger Growing?

We often hear the statement that travel by airline is much safer than travel by auto. And factual data available shows this to be true.

While in 1974, automobile deaths took close to 50,000 lives, air crashes in the U.S. claimed only 467 lives.

Still there's something to think about in some recent statistics.

Auto deaths, based on 100 million miles traveled, is decreasing.

But the airline death rate of

.94 per million flying hours in 1971, has increased to 1.49 per million hours in 1974. Small as these figures are, they represent an increase of 58 per cent.

Two of the major airline crashes of 1974 were attributed to pilot errors, including the one which killed more than 70 persons near Charlotte in September.

As more and more automatic devices are added to airplanes, it seems, some pilots are becoming less attentive on the job.

## Swinging Church?

In Dallas, Texas there's a Lover's Lane United Methodist Church.

The name is for real, honest.

And it has a minister of music named Lovelace — Dr. Austin C.

Lovelace, who incidentally is a noted composer of church music.

We thought you'd like to know.

Dr. Lovelace is a native of Rutherford County.



The Morgan mill, across the road from the Cherryfield Baptist Church, is one of the few water powered mills still operating. It dates back to 1855 and was one of the fourteen mills shown on the first map of Transylvania. The old wooden wheel is gone, replaced by a 30 ft. iron wheel. Albert McKinney has been miller since 1920.



## Report To Hill Country

BY CECIL HILL  
State Senator

North Carolina has a Home Rule Bill which grants to counties and towns the general rights of self-government; however, many county commissioners and elected town officials are refusing to accept their rights under this very fine law.

We are spending a great deal of time in the legislature dealing with matters that ought to be handled by local officials.

For example: We have had several bills extending the city limits of cities and towns. Personally, I do not favor this plan of extending city limits except in rare cases. The law provides that the city officials may extend the city limits in some cases even without a vote of the people. In other cases, a vote is required.

Nevertheless, town officials do not want to accept the criticism involved in such an issue.

Another section of the law provides for the organization of new towns; however, we have had charters for several towns granted by the General Assembly.

I think such matters as I have set out above ought to be exercised locally. The best government is the government closest to the people.

My bill prohibiting members of the General Assembly from sitting on boards and commissions in the executive Department was tabled in committee this week. In my opinion, the practice of members of the General Assembly who accept appointments by the Governor to sit on legislative boards violates two basic safeguards

in our government.

In the first place, it violates the premise of the separation of the Executive and Legislative Branches — or the separation of power. In the next place, it makes a lobbyist on the floor of the General Assembly of any person serving on such a board or commission.

The Governor appoints about 5,000 people to assist in the administration of the state affairs, and this is good.

However, when I learned that 40 out of 170 members in the General Assembly held such positions of responsibility by appointment, I knew the bill would never become the law of the state.

Another bill introduced in the Senate provides up to \$100 per month as a deduction on income taxes for child care or the care of a dependent disabled spouse.

The right of the various state departments to continue to regulate personal appearance was maintained when a bill prohibiting the firing of a persons wearing unreasonably long hair or beards, mustaches, etc., was defeated in committee. Although the bill did not specifically say so, it was directed at the Highway Patrol.

I co-sponsored a bill providing \$84,000 for Christmas tree research in North Carolina. This has become big business in our area, as you know, and the future of the industry offers great potential.

Another bill introduced in both houses would move the primary date to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August. This

makes sense to me. A long campaign not only wears out the candidate, but I am sure the public is sick of politicians before the campaign is over.

The District Court of the United States recently overturned the law providing for foreclosures of deeds of trust in North Carolina and this decision may raise a cloud on the title of much real estate. Title insurance companies have stopped issuing title insurance on titles having a foreclosure proceeding in the chain of title. We lawyers have moved with haste to introduce a curative statute to take care of this situation.

At the request of the Board of Aldermen and the ABC Board, I introduced a bill permitting sale of native and unfortified wines in the local ABC store. This store had sold such wines until recently when it was discovered that the charter for the ABC Board did not permit such sale. As you know, wine can be bought in practically every grocery store in town, and I think the local citizens should get the profits from such sale and not the stockholders of such companies.

## My Neighbors



## EDITORIAL PAGE

### THE TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY  
DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



Those who through the removal of Bible reading and devotions from the public schools have done this country a tremendous disservice. Indeed they are biting the hand of God that feeds them.

There is no question about the historical, Biblical foundation of this government. It is written into the Great Seal of the United States as seen on the back of a dollar bill. It was involved in the adoption of the Constitution.

When the delegates of the Constitution had spent weeks bickering over details, the venerable Benjamin Franklin rose to his feet, was granted the privilege of the floor and said that the delegates had been seeking and arguing for days comparing governments hither and yon, but had forgotten to seek the guidance and direction of Almighty God from whom all blessings come.

He then moved that the convention pause and have prayer for guidance. This was done and soon the convention commenced to make orderly progress.

Here is a case where the country is being ruled by the determined opinions of an atheistic and irreligious, but vocal minority.

More than ten years ago in 1962, the Supreme Court held that a New York program of daily classroom prayer, using a non-denominational prayer composed by the State Board of Regents, was unconstitutional.

From then on, it has been a constant erosion of efforts to inculcate religious principles in the schools. An amoral school system without religious teachings is spawning a whole generation in which crime is growing at an unprecedented rate. In many cities, it is not safe for a man or woman to walk the

streets after dark. Houses have to be locked up and burglary alarm systems installed to protect property.

We have sown to the wind and are reaping the whirlwind.

I was in a position to see this at work, having served 27 years on the Board of Education of Charlotte. I saw this minority tear the religious heart out of the schools, demonish baccalaureate services and even question prayer at commencement exercises.

In Charlotte in order to try to preserve some semblance of baccalaureate unity, a single service was projected sponsored by different religious groups. Attendance at this has consistently dwindled.

Slowly, but surely, we are eroding the moral and spritual foundations of this nation. No wonder we have moved from amorality (without morals) to immorality (bad morals). The Ten Commandments receive scant attention. It is unusual to find them read in churches today. There is an old expression, "Every man for himself and the devil take the hind most." This seems to be taking place today.

Sadly to relate it is happening in the courts. The rights of the criminal are receiving more attention from the courts than the rights of the one against whom the crime has been committed. If enough bite the hand that feeds us, the future of our country is bleak.

If we don't have revival, we are going to have revolution. It has already commenced.

Write the Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper for a copy of "Can We Wave the Flag Too Much," enclosing 25 cents. Also write for Dr. Spough's biography, "The Boy, The Man, The Bishop," \$3 postpaid.

## 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.)

Mr. C. K. Osborne,  
Editor, Transylvania Times  
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Osborne

I would appreciate it very much if you would print this, as an open letter to the directors of our local Hospital. I would rather stay home, than go to the Hospital as a Pastor to visit and have a fight instead.

Twice in one week I have been given what amounts in my mind as harrassment at the front desk of our hospital. The first time I waited after hearing, that I as a Pastor had to have a visitors card to visit the sick. Finally, I walked past the lady at the desk without her permission. This does no 'one any good. The person that you visit, wants someone to visit them to comfort them, not someone who needs comforting after fighting out front.

Today I went to visit at the hour of 1 p.m. and was told that visiting hours were at 2:00 p.m. Never, no never have I been told when as a Pastor that I could or could not visit my people. I could have done as before, but why visit under those circumstances. I will tell my people on Sunday, that IF they want me to visit them in the Hospital, to go elsewhere to with their people, or get permission from the office that I can visit at any time. The Pastors of the area are

busy people also. One day I started at 9:00 a.m. at our Hospital, went to Mission in Asheville, on to St. Joseph's, Then to Oteah where a man was being operated on, then finished up at Margaret Pardee in Hendersonville at 9:30 p.m. Started on home, had a mechanical break down, and had to catch to Olin Bus as 11:30 p.m. back to Brevard. A very long day, which would not have been possible if I had had to observe visiting hours, or wait for the family to return the few visiting cards to the front desk before going in.

I was told that I should have been notified of this action by the Ministers Union, Union, or Association, NO PASTOR, should have to belong to a union to get into see his flock. If this is to be true the LORD JESUS HIMSELF, could not make it into our local hospital. Especially after April the first.

I have visited our hospital at all hours of the night, the same is true at the Hendersonville, and Asheville Hospitals. I have never been detained before, and do not intend to be detained in the local Hospital here. THIS POLICY MUST BE CHANGED. Tell your doctors how you feel. Send and go where visiting is controlled, but not chained.

Thanks for printing this, and thanks to you readers for putting up with one put out Preacher.

Rev. Kenneth E. Bragg  
Pastor  
Cathy's Creek Baptist  
Church

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