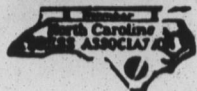


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● ACTION AWAITED WITH INTEREST

The whole county—and particularly Roxboro—will await with interest the action, if any, of the City Commissioners on the proposal that a department of recreation be set up and that money be appropriated to enable Roxboro high school to employ a year-round coach. The proposal was to have been presented to the Commissioners last week by Supt. R. B. Griffin and Principal Jerry L. Hester, but the meeting was postponed. It will be presented at a later date.

Of the two ideas—a department of recreation and a supplemental salary for a coach—the proposal for a year-round coach will probably attract the most attention at the present time. In the long run, however, the idea of setting up the recreation department as a legal part of the City government is likely to prove more important.

All factors indicate that the time is ripe for the City to establish such a department. The need for recreation facilities is great, and even a modest beginning will, we believe, prove to be one of the most progressive steps ever taken by the City.

Roxboro high needs and wants a good coach during school months. The City needs and wants a recreational supervisor for the other three months in the year. By combining the two positions and giving the coach a year-round job, the City can, we believe, obtain a good man for both places, at a cost which is not prohibitive.

● AN IDEA FOR 1947?

It is to be regretted that the proposal for summer concerts by the Roxboro high school band has had to be abandoned, especially since all the necessary funds for the project had already been obtained or had been promised. The County Commissioners had appropriated a sum for the purchase of a band stand, and had given permission for such a stand to be erected and used on the back lot of the courthouse. Rotary, Exchange, and Kiwanis clubs had indicated their approval of the plan by voting to donate a total of \$150 for the salary of the band director during the summer months.

Now comes the news that attendance has been so poor at rehearsal periods that the director, Johnny Thompson, has had to give up the whole program. Before school closed, band members were polled on whether they wished to participate in summer concerts, and more than 90 per cent of them voted "Yes." However, with the coming of summer, many of them obtained jobs; some went away to camp; others enjoyed their vacation-period freedom so much, or were so absorbed in other activities, that they lost interest in the band.

Mr. Thompson did all he could to make the plan successful, and so did the civic clubs and the County Commissioners. We feel sure that a large part of the public had been counting on the concerts as a welcome form of recreation during June, July, and August. Many persons are disappointed that the concerts are not going to be given.

Isn't the idea back of the project good enough for us to remember—and perhaps carry out in 1947?

● POLIO SEASON IS HERE

The North Carolina Board of Health has acted wisely in placing a quarantine on all children under 16 who come into the State from Florida and from certain parts of Texas, two states which have infantile paralysis epidemics. Purpose of the quarantine is to lessen the possibilities of an outbreak of polio in this State.

North Carolinians recall with a shudder the epidemic of 1944, when 700 cases were reported in the State. So far this year, only 19 cases have been reported.

Public health officials tell us that as yet there are no signs of a mass outbreak of the disease in this State. They warn, however,

that the hot-weather danger period lies just ahead, and they urge that general cleanliness be practiced as completely as possible, especially control of flies. Children should be taught to keep their hands clean and keep them out of their mouths. All other possible measures to promote sanitation should be carried out.

There is no reason for alarm; but sane and sensible preventive measures now may save many long years of regret later on.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

● LIQUOR QUESTION IN PERSON

Greensboro Daily News
 Person county folks—that is, some of them—are circulating a petition for the calling of an election on ABC stores. Seems that only 400 names need be affixed to require submission of the question.

This ought in part to help take the minds of the voters off the second primary between Messrs. Chatham and Folger, congressional aspirants; but we fancy there is no connection. Some of the circulators will be wanting more and better whiskey; others will be thinking of the proposition in terms of decreased taxes.

Naturally Durham, Person's nextdoor liquor-selling neighbor, will be used as an object lesson, and no doubt friends and foes of legalized liquor will both use the same premises from which to draw their conclusions.

There's but one bit of advice we would offer to those who won't take it anyhow, and that is against any pro or con charging George Kane and his highway employees with activity in connection with petition or election, if any. He has a simple, direct fashion of discouraging such animadversions, and no arguer on even the liquor question likes to be called a liar.

● WHY PRODUCTION LAGS

Christian Science Monitor.
 A serious question has arisen in the minds of businessmen generally as to whether the in-many-ways admirable unemployment compensation laws of the 48 States are not largely responsible for the tremendous lag in American industrial production.

While American industry today is begging for workers, millions are drawing compensation. The record attendance at racetracks and ball games, and the greatly increased race-betting totals, indicate the extent of the leisure. Some of the money spent, of course, comes from the taxpayers.

Why are people being paid unemployment benefits when the newspaper help-wanted columns are offering thousands of jobs every day and the burden of every interviewed employer's complaint is, "I can't get help"?

One answer seems to be: "Because of faulty employment security laws, plus inadequate administration."

● WHY?

Charlotte Observer
 The Census Bureau, which dotes in figures, has found that there's a baby born in the United States every 11½ seconds, the result being a steady increase in population—154 persons every hour after deducting the deaths.

What does Baby say to this? Nothing; he merely greets the world with a loud, protesting bawl.

What is a baby trying to say with its bawl? Nobody has yet figured an interpretation, but with things as they now are, it seems reasonable that it is yelling "Why?"

It comes into a particularly troubled world. With housing short even for adults, it finds many places barred especially against children, with "not wanted, stay out, this means you" signs.

It finds a food shortage, and food is the first thing a baby wants.

It finds a fuel shortage, and babies especially resent cold.

It finds a milk shortage and milk is No. 1 for babies.

It finds people quarreling, drowning out its attempts to coo.

It may well bawl "Why?" As it grows it will find the answers more and more difficult—all because the adults haven't sense to get along together in a world that could be a paradise but is turning out to be the opposite.

● Happiness in this world when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit, and it leads us a wild goose chase, and is never attained.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.



FRENCH TROOPS INVADE SIAM... Dispatches from Bangkok, Siam, tell of bitter border fighting as 800 French troops, supported by planes and artillery, invaded Siam from Indochina across the river five miles southeast of Vientiane. No. 1 on the above map indicates where Siamese opposed the invasion as far as No. 2.

OPEN FORUM

June 15, 1946

Dear Sir:

In your editorial, "Legal, Yes, But Unfair to the County", printed in the July 10, 1946 issue of the Courier-Times, you expressed your opinion of the coming second primary. If you will grant me the liberty of your Open Forum, I would like to express a layman's opinion of the matter.

It seems to me that Congressman John H. Folger is certain in his opinion that he was shortchanged in the first primary. When a man as distinguished as Congressman Folger accuses such distinguished people as a highway commissioner and a former Lt. Governor of using unfair election methods against him, he undoubtedly has some reason other than reluctance to leave office.

You wrote that Congressman Folger is unfair to the county, but I wonder if you are half as interested in the thousand dollar county

paid election as it appears on the surface, or whether you are using the State granted rights of a man in an effort to condemn him in the eyes of the people. The way I (a layman's eye) see it, you insinuate that Congressman Folger should accept the decision, even though he is certain that the ten counts came from a blow beneath the belt. In my opinion the use of the second primary in this instance is more than the right of Congressman Folger—it is his duty to him-

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P. S.—You quoted, "Simply to satisfy the ambition of one person". That statement is undoubtedly incorrect, because it is also my ambition at present to see Congressman Folger elected.

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