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be adhered to for the future of our country.

It sure seems to me that the Western Carolina Telephone Company has a lot of explaining to do if they are really going to justify rate increase and tax decrease — and I don't mean just legal justification.

I received a letter from Carlos Rogers last week taking me to task for, as he says, "trying to make political capital out of the Hosiery Factory we are all so happy to get." He implies that we got the mill despite the Commissioners rather than partly because of their help.

I offer these two facts to

support my contention that the commissioners were helpful in bringing the mill here. Officials of the Burlington Mills Company stated that one of their reasons for locating here was because of the fine cooperation they received from the county officials here. The second undisputable fact is that the commissioners had so managed the affairs of the county that they were able to make available on short notice \$10,000.00 to help bring the mill here.

Mr. Rogers intimates that those who underwrote the work of the commissioners and those who made contributions felt that the commissioners should not have been commended for their work. Well, Mr. Rogers I belong in both groups, did you

have a part either as a signer or a contributor?

Mr. Rogers, digresses somewhat in his remarks and implies that if we had administration of a different party we would have made more progress in recent years. I assume he means the Republican party. In the past two years I have had several occasions to visit in both Yancey and Mitchell counties. They are Republican. While I was there I didn't see any progress that gave me the fever to leave Macon county and move over there.

MOVIE WILL MARK MEET OF P. T. A.

Cartoogechaye Gets \$250 From Carnival To Assist Project

A movie on family life will feature a meeting of the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Following the film, a panel discussion on the problems pointed up by the film will be led by Mrs. E. M. McNish.

At its recent Halloween carnival, the P. T. A. cleared approximately \$250, according to officers. This money is earmarked to buy maps and globes for the classrooms as part of a long-range project to make the school standard, it was said.

Babblin' About

Blankidy-Blank Asheville TV

J. P. Brady

As much as I hesitate to admit it, I was actually forced into buying (financing, should we say) a television set.

Of course, I use the word "forced" not in the sense of having my arm twisted or my life threatened, but in a psychological way.

To be blunt about the whole cock-eyed deal, I suddenly found that I was becoming something of a social leper by not having one.

But this didn't bother me half as much as realizing that, without a television set, I was slowly being forced entirely out of conversations with my friends.

For example: In the course of my morning coffee (14th cup of the day) with some of the rising young brains of the town recently, this somewhat gregarious and garrulous newsman had the unpleasant feeling that the world was turning and news was being made without his knowledge.

These coffee chums, instead of discussing the comics and what appeared on the front page of the daily press, kept going into mild hysterics over such unfunny (to me) names as "ol' Sid Caesar", "Red Buttons" and a number of other unfamiliar names and situations.

This stuff just whirled over my head in big question marks and, although there were three of them in the booth, I all of a sudden became lonely. The only Caesar I was familiar with was an emperor and if there was anything hysterical about red buttons I failed to catch the humor of the situation.

So there I sat. And they kept laughing and saying "and do you remember when he did" this and that.

And I kept sitting — and wondering.

And then it dawned on me; it was TV that was taking my friends from the warm fireside of my friendship and turning me out in the cold.

I gave a great deal of thought to this for several weeks as my friends moved further away conversationally, caught in a storm of "Howdy Dooddy", "Dragnet", and "Mr. Peepers" and "those good-looking chorus girls".

But it wasn't this kind of thing that put me in the market for a TV.

It was because I couldn't get mad along with the rest of my TV-viewing friends. Yes, I said mad; mad about the new TV sta-

tion in Asheville not beaming full power into this area.

I was walking down the street one day when a friend — we'll call him Mr. Z — angrily informed me: "That %\$!£-""(b new Asheville TV station isn't even coming in over here."

"Really," I said, acting like I knew all about that %\$!£-""(EE station over in Asheville, when really I didn't know what he was talking about.

"Why doggone it all," Mr. Z raved. "I get channels 2, 5, and 11 out of Atlanta just using my kid's tricycle and an old umbrella for an aerial."

"No," I said in mock horror. "Yeah!", he spit nastily, "and that %\$!£-""(EE Asheville station is so weak you couldn't pick it up if you had the Empire State Building in your back yard."

"Gosh," I gasped.

"The bums," he answered, walking off.

And then I got to thinking. Why, I couldn't even go around making nasty cracks about a %\$!£-""(EE Asheville TV station for not beaming full power out this way because I didn't even own a TV set.

So, I went out and financed one. NOW I WANT TO KNOW WHY THAT %\$!£-""(EE Asheville TV STATION ISN'T BEAMING FULL POWER INTO THIS AREA SO I CAN PICK THEM UP LIKE I DO CHANNEL 2 IN ATLANTA WITH FOUR OLD COAT HANGERS AND MY KID'S TRI CYCLE?

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