

Heard And Seen
ON MACON BYWAYS

By ROLFE NEILL

John Archer, president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, is a pleasant fellow, a gentleman, the kind of man you'd hardly expect to see in a Marlon Brando leather jacket or driving a hot rod. Therefore, if he dropped by the Macon Theater last week he must have gotten quite a start to see a John Archer listed in the cast of the theater's rock 'em, sock 'em, rock 'n roll movie.

SPEAKING OF being surprised, that's the word for me when I

looked out the office window and saw a huge semi-trailer truck pull into Frank Henry's service station with a girl behind the wheel. Curiosity got the best of me so I went down to talk to her. She said she lives in Stuttgart, Ark., and that her husband, in the truck with her, drove for a living. He hauls oats and grains from Arkansas to California and brings dried fruits back east. The couple has four children and she finds little time to be with her husband. So, occasionally she goes along for the ride—er, drive. Now 24, she's been helping drive that big long rig since she married seven years ago.

ALL OF WHICH prompted Ed Crawford to say he had an aunt who once drove a similar kind of truck, hauling coal out of Kentucky.

To which Carl Cabe added that he'd heard an expert on television

testify to the belief that women excel men in everything but muscular power.

Zory Sutton begged that that not be put in the paper. "Let's keep it quiet," he advised.

A PERSON works better at night than during the day, I've always believed.

When Russell E. McKelvey, Jr., was home with his wife, Betty, I got some support for my theory. Russell is a junior quality control engineer in the General Motors auto assembly plant near Atlanta and works at night.

It was his observation that the auto workers on the night shift outstrip those on the day side in amount produced, greater quality, and less wasted materials.

TWO SOCIETY leaders in an African cannibal tribe were discussing marriage troubles. "I don't know what to make of my husband," said one.

"Don't let that bother you," said the other, "I'll lend you my new recipe book."

IMPRESSIONS of a trip to Highlands:

Ten cents is too much to pay for a Coke. Crime rate must be low (both jail cells vacant) and the jailer a man of neat habits (both cells' beds freshly made).

In a village of lovely old buildings (Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, to name two), the most interesting architecture belongs to the Highlands Inn.

Maybe the town would like to add to its slogan, which now says, "The highest incorporated town in Eastern America." That could be changed to, "The highest incorporated town in Eastern America without parking meters."

Senior classes are noted for the climbing habits they develop around graduation time. Water tanks, steeples etc. are not beyond their reach. Perhaps, somebody'll

shiny up the tower to the Highlands town clock and give the timepiece a wind, or whatever it needs.

"HONEST SIMPLE, economical, courageous, states' rights advocate, and guardian of the planter-slaveholders of his district."

That's a North Carolina historian's description of Nathaniel Macon, for whom this county is named. Macon, incidentally, was still living when this western territory had his name bestowed on it.

Economical? I should say. Macon opposed the building of a mausoleum for President Washington, voted against giving money for White House furniture, and frequently reminded Congress of the scarcity of money in North Carolina, a state which had "no splendid luxury or extravagance."

NAT MACON served as Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives and later was a U. S. senator. Although he was a broken down old man and but a figurehead, Macon presided over our state's constitutional convention in 1835. Important constitutional changes were made in that con-

vention, though, including the proviso that we the people would choose our senators to the Congress. Until then, the state legislature chose them.

(This was a nice gesture toward the people but had no practical value. It wasn't until a U. S. constitutional amendment in 1913 that the people chose their senators.)

Macon was a native of Warren County, a Republican, and a shrewd politician. What was the Republican Party in Macon's day became today's Democratic Party. Macon, I suspect, would have been a G. O. P. man in 1957 and in the same wing as, say, the late Robert A. Taft.

There are 12 historical markers erected by the state in this county but not a single one to honor, or point out the man for whom our county is named. Something should be done about it.

WHEN the General Assembly opens in Raleigh next week, the University of North Carolina will be well represented in the Senate. Of the 50 members, 28 are U. N. C. alumni. That includes the senator from this district, Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City. His degree was in pharmacy, '12.

STATEMENT
EXPRESSMEN'S MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
New York, N. Y.
Condition December 31, 1955, as Shown by Statement Filed

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$14,346,990.76
Stocks	751,352.00
Premium notes and policy loans	2,561,629.07
Cash and bank deposits	57,858.32
All other assets (as detailed in annual statement)	199,595.26
Total Assets	\$17,917,425.41
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Aggregate reserve for life policies and contracts	\$15,520,100.00
Supplementary contracts without life contingencies	51,021.25
Policy and contract claims	
4.1 Life	52,000.00
Policyholders' dividend accumulations	327,077.10
Provision for policyholders' dividends payable the following calendar year	120,000.00
Premiums and annuity consideration received in advance	6,415.81
Commissions to agents due or accrued Life and Annuity, \$9,659.73	9,659.73
General expense due or accrued	5,426.23
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued (including Federal Income Tax \$27,000.00)	66,000.00
All other liabilities (as detailed in annual statement)	731,255.14
Total Liabilities (except Capital)	\$16,888,955.26
Special Surplus funds	\$832,144.19
Unassigned surplus	196,325.96
Total	\$1,028,470.15
	\$17,917,425.41

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1955

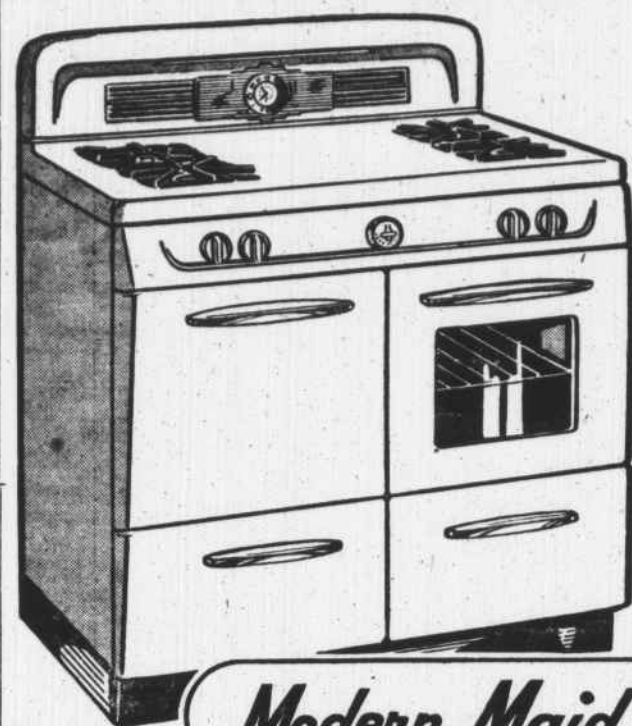
	No.	Ordinary Amount
Policies on the lives of citizens of said State in force December 31st of previous year	1386	\$1,533,076
Policies on the lives of citizens so said State issued during the year	63	82,103
Total	1449	\$1,615,179
Deduct ceased to be in force during the year	72	77,826
Policies in force December 31st	1377	\$1,537,353

Losses and Claims incurred during year	4	4,000
Total	4	4,000
Losses and Claims settled during the year, in full, \$3,500	3	3,500
Losses and Claims unpaid Dec. 31	1	500
Premium Income—Ordinary, \$46,008.35; Total, \$48,008.35.		
President: L. O. Head	Secretary: J. J. Connelly	
Treasurer: R. J. Force	Actuary: M. M. Dawson & Sons, Inc.	
Home Office: New York, N. Y.	Attorney for Service: CHAS. F. GOLD,	
Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.		

NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, N. C., 1956.

I, CHAS. F. GOLD, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Expressmen's Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, N. Y., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1955. Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

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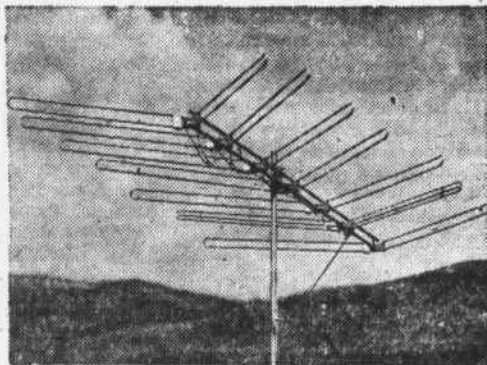
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