

TAR HEEL PEOPLE and ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

LOCAL SALES TAX . . . Many Boards of County Commissioners like most other taxing authorities have far greater requests than funds to appropriate.

In many counties the county commissioners have been eyeing the sales tax as a place to secure more revenue for county spending. Many of the county commissioners would like for the General Assembly to levy an additional 1-cent sales tax and turn the money over to the counties without any strings attached.

This is reminiscent of the foot-in-the-door approach to Federal Aid to Education heard 20 years ago. Many were clamoring for Federal Aid to Education but without Federal Control. Well, now we have the Federal Air with Complete Federal Control!

If the county commissioners want to raise money through a local sales tax, they should have the courage and backbone to ask for the authority to levy it, or, for the authority to call a referendum and let the people decide. We strongly feel that if a local sales tax is to be considered for county revenue that it should be decided by a vote of the people.

It is generally conceded that an across the board sales tax imposes a heavier burden on the average citizen and the poor man than other methods of taxation with which we are familiar.

There is one thing that officials with authority to tax at the town hall, the county courthouse, the state legislative and national congress should recognize: They can never come anywhere near granting all the requests of the people, and if they should seriously attempt to do so they would simply be bankrupting and pulling down the pillars of our society.

GOOD BILL KILLED . . . We have always felt that the best kind of politics is to provide good honest government and the results will pretty well take care of the political fences.

Recently the Republicans in the House sponsored a bill which would have provided that superior court judges be elected from the districts where they are nominated, but it was rejected by a 49-51 vote.

The present set-up provides that judges be nominated by districts but that all then be voted on state-wide in the General election.

This is where the "long ballot" could well be cut down by many names nominated in districts.

They should either be nominated and elected by districts or nominated and elected state-wide. We have long felt that superior court judges should be nominated and elected on a district basis. This would likely give the Republicans some superior court judges and unless the General Assembly stops

***** EYES EXAMINED GLASSES FITTED by DR. LOCKARD 8 A.M. to 12 Noon FRIDAYS IN LOY P. ROBERTS BUILDING MARSHALL, N. C. *****

playing politics with our courts and judges we may wake up some morning to read that the people have elected a state-wide slate of Republican superior court judges! What is good for the goose is good for the gander!

BACKBONE Citizens across the nation can well agree with President Nixon's statement that: "There can be no compromise with lawlessness and no surrender to force if free education is to survive in the U. S. It is time for faculties, boards of trustees and school administrations to have the backbone to stand up against this kind of situation."

Many people feel that many of our institutions of higher learning need more of the characteristics which President Nixon called for than additional funds with which to operate.

Probably Bob Scott's finest move since he became governor was when he stepped in at Chapel Hill and let everyone know that the militants were not going to take over in North Carolina.

R. L. McMILLAN North Carolina lost one of its fine gentlemen of the old school with the passing of R. L. McMillan of Raleigh last week. A native of Scotland County, where he was laid to rest, he had a great appreciation of a noble heritage and was every inch a Christian gentleman.

ONE MASTER The Bible says that you cannot serve God and Mammon. We feel that Supreme Court Justices, Congressmen, U. S. Senators and some of our other top officials should be very cautious about accepting any honorariums or fees other than traveling expenses outside of their government pay. These high positions call for full time and talent — and sometimes more of men and women today.

TRAINING FOR LUMBER MEN NOW AVAILABLE

The Haywood County Technical Institute will start training classes on June 9 to train men for key jobs in the lumber industry. Classes will be taught for sawyers, lumber graders, dry kiln operators and saw filers. Each class will last twenty-seven weeks except for sawyers and it will take forty weeks to complete the course in sawing.

Men with twenty to thirty years of experience in the lumber industry have been employed to instruct the classes. Part of the funds to purchase equipment are being supplied by people in the lumber industry.

A training allowance will be available to men taking the courses from the Man Development and Training Act. Living expenses will be provided for men not living within a reasonable driving distance of Clyde, N. C. Anyone living in Madison County who has an interest in either of four courses should contact the County Agricultural Extension Office in Marshall for further information.

Heart Surgery Is Near, Mike Is Optimistic

Is Son Of Former Marshall Lady; Donations Needed

Mike Robertson of the Erwin Hills Community does not know yet exactly what he wants to do when he grows up . . . he just wants to grow up.

He is scheduled for heart surgery at Duke Hospital in Durham on June 10, the day after school is out for the summer vacation. The operation will correct a narrowed valve, a congenital condition, which doctors say could possibly shorten his life without surgery.

And Mike does not want his life to be shortened. He enjoys living too much. He lives with his father and mother, Lonnie and Reva Robertson, and eight-year-old sister, Angela, in a house built by his great-grandfather, Tom Rhodes, near the Olivet Road.

The operation was scheduled for June of this year when Mike was taken to Duke University last October for extensive tests at the suggestion of Erwin school authorities. Mike had just entered the ninth grade and, while he had participated in physical education classes before, was having difficulty with the more strenuous high school exercises and sports. He tired easily and became short of breath after any physical exertion.

Members of the Victory Baptist Church and community residents organized the drive to help with the heavy expenses involved in the operation according to the Rev. Burl Ashley, pastor of the church.

The tests last year were expensive and the hospital and surgical expenses anticipated in connection with the operation will be greater, even with insurance.

In addition there will be the expenses of room and board near the hospital for his parents. Mrs. Robertson, the former Reva Ward of Marshall, cannot drive and both will have to stay with Mike.

Mike's father will lose at least three weeks work . . . the fourth week coincides with Burlington's annual closing of the plant for vacation.

Mrs. Robertson attempted to find work after last year's expenses ran so high; but, when she explained to prospective employers that she might have to be off a couple of months this summer, was told she would be hired after Mike's operation was over, not before. Mike's mother and father added emphatically that they are very "appreciative and grateful" for the attitude of their friends and neighbors.

Anyone who wishes to help may send contributions to the "Mike Robertson Heart Fund," Mrs. C. G. Rynnion, Box 466, Rt. 1, Asheville 28804; or to the First Union National Bank, Asheville 28801.

And the Robertsons agree, that no matter what is involved in paying for the operation, Mike is going to be able to play football with the other boys, to run races and climb trees . . . he is going to have a chance to grow up.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward, of the Long Branch community of Madison County.

Cecil McLaughlin Passes Tuesday; Funeral Today

Cecil McLaughlin, 44 formerly of Mars Hill, died Tuesday, May 13, 1969, in a Western North Carolina hospital after a long illness.

Surviving are the father, John McLaughlin of Marshall Rt. 2; three sisters, Mrs. Grant Metcalf of Marshall Rt. 2, Mrs. Ralph Ponder of Mars Hill and Mrs. Walter Roper of Nantahala; four brothers, Eugene of Marion, John Jr. of Mars Hill, Shirley of Greenville, S. C. and Bill McLaughlin of Fletcher.

Services were held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Holcombe Funeral Home.

The Rev. Arthur Hensley and the Rev. Dearl Ammons officiated. Burial was in Baker's Creek Cemetery.

Schedule Of Homemakers Clubs In County

Monday, May 19 — Beech Glen EH Club will meet with Mrs. Joan Ramsey at 2 p. m.

Tuesday, May 20 — Little Pine EH Club will meet at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Sylvene Shelton.

Wednesday, May 21 — Mars Hill EH Club will meet with Mrs. Huff and Mrs. Wells at 2 p. m.

Marshall Firemen To Meet Fri. Nights

Joe Fisher, Marshall Fire Chief, announced this week that regular meetings of the firemen would begin Friday night and will be held each Friday thereafter at 7:30 o'clock.

Chief Fisher urges all firemen to be present, especially this Friday night when important matters will be discussed.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Citizens Bank

of Marshall in the State of N. C., and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on April 30, 1969

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Cash and due from banks, U.S. Treasury securities, Securities of other U.S. Government agencies, etc. Liabilities include Demand deposits, Time and savings deposits, etc.

Table for RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES. Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service ruling) \$ 69,578.75. TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES \$ 69,578.75.

Table for CAPITAL ACCOUNTS. Equity capital, total (sum of items 36 to 40 below) \$ 746,600.46. Common stock-total par value 100,000.00. Surplus 550,000.00. Undivided profits 96,600.46. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 746,600.46.

Table for TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$8,324,974.45.

Table for MEMORANDA. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$7,228,384.91. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$3,208,676.76.

I, Frank T. Moore, Executive Vice President of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Corroborating Attest: FRANK T. MOORE CHARLES E. MASHBUEN, Director JOHN CORBETT, Director E. C. TEAGUE, Director

Total Deposit of the State of N. C. or any official thereof \$218,677.26 State of North Carolina, County of Madison, ss: Given to and subscribed before me this 15th day of May, 1969, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires Oct. 1, 1970. GARY C. SILVER, Notary Public.

In Memory Of Marine Sergeant Walter Reese

who was killed in action May 19, 1968, in Vietnam.

As we visit your grave high on the green hill where lovely flowers are springing up, our minds rush back to that day one year ago when we stood on this hill and heard Taps in your honor echo back and forth across the beautiful mountains you loved so much. Your fellow Marines stood round about you, Sadly, they performed their duties, for one of their own, one of their very best had been cut down by a cruel enemy. Our hearts bled as we were handed the flag from your casket and we had to see your precious body lowered into its final resting place.

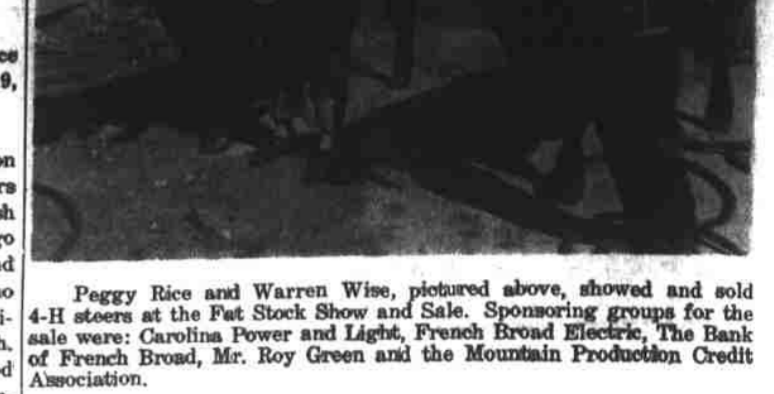
At times it seemed our grief would overwhelm us, but always our son, we were very proud of you. Bravely you had gone off to war with your head held high, your country had called you and you never once betrayed the faith she had in you.

It was our sad duty to receive the many medals posthumously awarded to you. We shall cherish all of them but the one we treasure most is the Good Conduct Medal for this one tells us you never changed from the wonderful boy we knew so well.

With the help of God we are trying to accept your going. As we look up and beyond the lonely hill where your body rests peacefully the whispering breezes over your grave seem to draw us nearer to that haven of rest where you now dwell in perfect peace.

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Peggy Rice and Warren Wise, pictured above, showed and sold 4-H steers at the Fat Stock Show and Sale. Sponsoring groups for the sale were: Carolina Power and Light, French Broad Electric, The Bank of French Broad, Mr. Roy Green and the Mountain Production Credit Association.

County 4-H'ers Participate In Fat Stock Show And Sale

Young People Encouraged To Grow Out Stock For Show, Sale. Decoration At Dry Pond Cemetery On May 25. Decoration will be held at the Dry Pond Cemetery on Sunday, May 25 beginning at 10 a. m. The cemetery is being cleaned off today (Thursday) it was announced and those who could not help today are asked to go to the cemetery in the next few days if they wish to assist in the cleaning process.

Advertisement for HOMELITE XL-12 CHAIN SAW. NOW! Own a famous lightweight HOMELITE XL-12 CHAIN SAW. ONLY \$169.95. Completely Assembled with 14" Hard Track Bar and Chain!

Advertisement for Ducker Improving. Cpl. Arnold L. Ducker, of Marshall, is recuperating in the United States Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, N. C., from a serious leg injury received in Da Nang Vietnam on April 9. Cpl. Ducker had 38 men under his command who were guarding four bridges when the attack occurred. Ducker received a rifle wound in his left leg which broke the bone.

Advertisement for BON WHITE GENERAL MERCHANDISE. Hot Springs, N. C. DIAL - A - PRAYER 649-9231

SPORTS DAY CAMP MARS HILL COLLEGE June 9 to 27, 1969 Monday Through Friday 9:00 a. m. - 12:00 Noon FOR BOYS & GIRLS Ages 6 - 13 (Age 5 if starting school in Fall) COST: \$30.00 1 Week \$17.50 per week for 2 weeks \$15.00 per week for 3 weeks For Application Write To: DR. W. P. WALKER or CHARLES PHILLIPS Mars Hill College Mars Hill, N. C. 28754 Phone: (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday) (704) 585-7481

Hayes Run Junior 4-H Met Thursday The Hayes Run Junior 4-H Club held its monthly meeting, Thursday, May 8. The meeting was called to order by Faith Wise, vice president. The American and 4-H pledges were led by Diane and Sandra Landers. The devotions were given by Nannette Sprinkle, secretary. Rhonda Sprinkle called the roll and read the minutes of last month's meeting. Nancy Gentry, junior leader, helped the children who were going to give demonstrations. We enjoyed delicious refreshments and played games. Our club has been very active in the last month. We had 13 entries in the Talent Show and six girls modeled garments in the Druss Revue. Warren Wise showed his steer in the 4-H Fat Stock Show last week. WARREN WISE, Reporter

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