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Editorial

LOCAL PARKING PROBLEM

The age-old problem of parking in Marshall still exists and probably will continue to be a sore subject for sometime to come. It is definitely a problem and we sympathize with the town authorities who must decide which method or plan is preferable.

It is a known fact that parking spaces are limited since Marshall is located in a narrow gorge with the river on one side and the mountains on the other side of the business area.

It is also a known fact that too many employees and some employers are parking their cars along Main Street, thus taking up valuable parking spaces which could be used by those wishing to shop in Marshall. Many persons are inconsiderate of the true value of trying to provide parking spaces for the trading public. When an employee or employer parks all day in front of his own business it actually "hurts" him. Fortunately, most of our employers and employees practice off-street parking but there are always a few who disregard this practice.

Many plans have been tried throughout the years but for some reason or other, plans go astray unless there is a definite system or pattern of parking.

After years and years of all-day parking on Main Street by merchants and employees, it was decided that parking meters would be one solution in which the all-day parkers would prefer to get off Main Street, thus giving our rural people and others an opportunity to park for an hour for only five cents. After considerable expense, the town purchased parking meters and rigidly enforced them. Of course, some people objected to paying a nickel to park. Actually, the parking meters were primarily purchased and installed to HELP the out-of-towners — not to charge them to park. Fortunately, the vast majority of the public seeing that parking spaces were available without having to circle the block several times were willing to pay the nickel for an hour's parking. Too, the revenue from the parking meters greatly helped the town to pay its policemen.

However, the lack of enforcement faded and people started to park, some for the entire day, without dropping in the nickel and the policemen were lax in putting on tickets. When they did ticket a car, the officials failed to enforce the plan. Soon, the same old problem of all-day parking filled up the choice spaces.

Two-hour parking, more or less on the honor system, was attempted. This also failed. Employers even signed agreements that they would keep their employees off of street-parking. This soon turned out to be a useless effort. Although some employers and employees cooperated, too many re-negged on their signed agreement. This caused the trading public to have to drive countless miles during a year trying to find some place to park.

At one time, off-street parking areas were surveyed and many, realizing the importance of adequate parking spaces for the public, found off-street parking places — even on the Island. But this, too, soon broke down when short-thinking persons again started to take the choice parking spaces on Main Street.

Problem? Yes. Solution? Hard to come by. In any event, a lack of determination and enforcement is "costing" our town thousands of dollars annually as motorists can drive to out of town shopping centers in a few minutes where there are ample parking facilities.

This writer's personal opinion of the best method to get all-day parking stopped and thus giving adequate spaces for our rural people and others to trade here would be to rigidly ENFORCE the parking meters. We do not believe the average person would mind spending a nickel for an hour's parking in order to be able to shop quickly and not have to walk from one end of town to the other with his groceries, dry goods, hardware, etc.

But . . . unless the meters are enforced and violators fined, we might as well throw the parking meters in the river and go back to the "dog-eat-dog" days while we all suffer from lack of business.

We are not alone in our opinion. A vast majority of merchants who recently attended a meeting here also voiced the opinion that in order to ASSIST our rural friends and at the same time realize an additional source of revenue for our town, the best solution

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Pop:
I didn't realize I could miss The News-Record so much until I didn't find it in my mail box this morning. You had warned me my subscription would run out the last of October but I neglected to send the check.

Thanks so much,
MRS. MARIE STEPHENSON
Candler, N. C.

* **AMERICAN** *
* **RED CROSS** *
* **—And—** *
* **OUR COUNTY** *

RED CROSS — SERVICES TO THE MILITARY

A young serviceman, newly arrived with his family at a U. S. military station overseas, spent all his money on hand getting settled, then ran into a financial problem when, because of a computer error, his paycheck didn't show up on schedule.

He applied to the station's Red Cross field director, who made him a no-interest loan that tied him over the emergency.

"Not every dilemma of a serviceman or his family can be straightened out that simply," commented Mrs. S. L. Nix, Chairman of the Madison County Red Cross Chapter's Service to Military Families.

"For instance, a Madison County serviceman made application for compassionate reassignment due to illness of mother. The Red Cross volunteer worker helped in preparation of affidavits stating evidence of need: a complete statement of home situation, affidavits from at least two persons having first hand knowledge of the situation existing, a certificate from attending physician stating nature of illness, expected outcome, effects; reassignment or transfer to have upon the patient. The military authority to whom application was submitted, advised the serviceman on the morning that he was leaving for duty in Vietnam that he had been reassigned to Fort Bragg.

"In Madison County since the first of the year, the Madison County Red Cross Chapter, a branch of the Asheville Area Chapter, has given service to 37 members of the Armed Forces and their families," Mrs. Nix said.

"Specific services by the Red Cross to the Armed Forces, one of the organization's charter responsibilities, are performed at the request of the Department of Defense, whose officials realize that these services contribute greatly to the morale of the serviceman faced with personal or family problems," she explained. These services are:

In American communities, Red Cross chapters provide family services to members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their dependents . . . called Service to Military Families. Services consist of counseling in the solution of personal and family problems, emergency communications, and emergency financial assistance. There is close cooperation between chapters and Red Cross field directors stationed with the troops. This close coordination maintains the communications link which is so vital in helping servicemen and their families solve their problems.

Field directors perform for servicemen at military stations services similar to those performed in the home town by the Red Cross chapter.

In military hospitals, services include, besides the program of social welfare, assistance to patients in solving their personal and family problems; a program of medically approved recreation services for the patients. Red Cross also coordinates the volunteer program in the hospital.

In Veterans Administration hospitals and other medical facilities Red Cross volunteers assist the staffs in their care and treatment of veterans.

In South Vietnam and Korea, Red Cross Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas provides center-clubmobile recreation programs for U. S. troops. Teams of young women, American Red Cross workers, all college graduates, travel from point to point by helicopter, truck and Jeep to bring these programs to service-

Moratorium—

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Moratorium Committee went as scheduled with about 200 students attending the afternoon activities.

A group of veterans raised opposite views at discussions Wednesday morning.

Thomas Rogers of Asheville, president of the club, however, said his group went on record as respecting the right to dissent. A petition opposing the war to be sent to President Nixon was circulated.

At the University of North Carolina at Asheville Wednesday morning, the speakers were about evenly divided on the issue of an early withdrawal of forces from Vietnam.

Don Myers, student government president, said the balanced approach of having both sides represented suited the conservative tendency of the area. He said about half of the students at the programs were high school students.

Program Is Held For Students Of Upward Bound

The first of four follow-up sessions for 55 area high school students in Mars Hill College's Upward Bound Program was held Saturday.

The group attended the Health Careers Congress at the University of North Carolina at Asheville in the morning and the homecoming football game and concert at Mars Hill in the afternoon and evening.

For the past two summers the group has lived on campus and has been given intensive doses of academic instruction and involvement in drama, music and physical education programs, according to program director, Mrs. Judi Sears.

She said Upward Bound youngsters, all from three high schools in Buncombe County and the five high schools in Madison County, have above average intellectual capabilities but are handicapped academically and culturally.

Other on-campus sessions are scheduled for December, February and April.

Criminals Must Not Be Released Before Trial—Con. Taylor

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor presented evidence Wednesday in support of his bill to permit locking up dangerous criminals awaiting trial rather than releasing them on bail to strike again before their cases come up.

In a statement submitted to the House Judiciary Committee, the 11th District Representative observed that in crime-ridden Washington, and elsewhere, professional criminals out on bail awaiting trial "simply continue their well-established pattern of crime".

The Congressman explained that his bill would authorize "preventive detention of dangerous criminals both before their trials and while their cases are being appealed".

"Judges need the authority to stop releasing habitual criminals with or without bond. An experienced judge can determine which defendants pose a danger to society. We have been so concerned with the rights of the criminals that we have permitted conditions to develop that the criminal court cannot cope with," Rep. Taylor said.

Field directors in Veterans Administration Office counsel veterans in a variety of problems and often represent them in presenting applications for compensation benefits and in requests for changes in official military records, referral, and financial aid.

Mrs. Nix pointed out that all of these services are made possible by the continued support of the American people to Red Cross. During the month of October, give willingly toward our goal of \$3,300,000. Contributions may be mailed to Madison County Chapter, American Red Cross, Box 189, Marshall, N. C. 28753.

TAR HEEL . . . PEOPLE and ISSUES

HIGHER EDUCATION . . .

More and more emphasis is now being placed on higher education — education beyond the high school.

The word "university" used to really mean something in higher education circles but the actions of the 1968 General Assembly in juggling so many institutions of higher learning as "universities" has cheapened the meaning.

We note that the "Malcolm V Liberation University" is scheduled to open in Durham on October 27 with some 35 to 40 students with the controversial Howard Fuller as the headmaster. We also note that financial support for the Malcolm X Liberation University may be coming from the national Episcopal Church.

Well, all we can say is: Call your next case in higher education, but give us a good old "college" like Davidson or Campbell or Sandhills!

CAESAR'S WIFE . . . When a person gets involved in partisan politics, few are like Caesar's wife — above suspicion.

We still think Judge Haynsworth of South Carolina would make an able jurist who would improve greatly the calibre of the U. S. Supreme Court but it does look like the gentleman was loose in his stock manipulations at a time when he was on the bench wearing the robe which has gotten not only himself but President Nixon in a peck of troubles.

But if a person believes he is right and on solid ground we don't like to see him turn tail and run or withdraw.

WILLIAMS . . . We felt all along that the USA had plenty of problems and expenses at home without going to the trouble of clearing the way for Robert Williams, the black militant to get back into the States.

RABBLE ROUSERS . . . Our public schools are no place for rabble-rousers and we hope that the proper authorities will keep them off the campus grounds. Our schools are for educating our young and not to promote revolu-

tion to the aggrandizement and notoriety of individuals.

TROUBLE, NOT SICK . . . At the Vance-Aycock meeting in Asheville State Democratic Party Chairman Jimmy Johnson was quoted as saying the party was "sick" but not "sick."

Last week he stepped up and that the party was in "trouble" but not "sick." We agree with Jimmy's second statement. The Democratic Party is not "sick" but it has its troubles just as does the Republican Party — although the Democrats may have more of them.

A major trouble with the Democratic Party in North Carolina is that the record and the image of the National Democratic Party is not pleasing to the members — many of them at least in North Carolina. In fact the national candidate — Hubert Humphrey who helped make the image of the party in the nation was third man in votes for president with both Nixon and Wallace leading him in North Carolina. Had Wallace not been running we suspect that Nixon would have received far more of the Wallace votes than HHH.

On October 17 Bob Scott will name a committee to come up with recommendations to guide the party to victory in 1970 and 1972.

The order is big and challenging.

REPUBLIC OR DEMOCRACY . . . The United States constitution was adopted to provide the people with a republic — not necessarily a democracy. We favor a republic over a pure democracy as did the framers of the U. S. Constitution. However, the Constitution belongs to the people and if they want to change from a republic to a democracy they have a way to do so and in many ways the system has been changed from republic to democracy.

In the early days the U. S. Senators were elected by the state legislatures, now they are all elected by the people. This, in our opinion was a good change.

We feel that our present system of electing our presidents with

Ramsey, Ray Return From Successful Trip To New York

"We had one heck of a good time in New York", Byard Ray, local musician, said following his and Obrey Ramsey's trip to New York City. They returned via plane on Wednesday of last week after spending several days there.

The principal objective of their trip was to video tape two of their selections, "Crazy Arms" and "New River Train" for the David Frost television show to be shown soon.

While there, Mr. Ray performed on a radio show Tuesday night over Station WRJA, New York.

The two musicians were also interviewed by several music magazine writers and press reporters.

On Saturday night they were honored at a party in which more than 300 persons attended.

Bill Simeck, coordinator for ABC Recordings, expressed enthusiasm about their album, "White Lightning".

"We were well received everywhere we went", Byard commented.

FHA District—

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Home Economics teacher, stated that 15 members of the FHA club would attend Mars Hill school will also be represented.

an electoral college should be modified or changed but we question the wisdom of going all the way to a direct popular vote as the proposed amendment recently adopted by the U. S. House of Representatives would provide. The U. S. Senate should give due and careful consideration to the measure before voting to submit it to the people.

We agree with Columnist James Kilpatrick who said in commenting on the proposed change: "They have the right and the power, acting through their states, to convert the republic to a democracy if they want to. But it is like getting married. We ought not to embark lightly upon such a new way of life, but soberly, reverently, and with our eyes open."

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