

Editorial

Go Brewers!

October has come again. The mountains are ablaze in a colorful display of gold, violets and yellow. The crop is in and the barns are full with the ripening smells of the harvest. Life lies in still repose, awaiting the arrival of winter.

For baseball fans, all the subtle messages of nature mean just one thing—it's World Series time again.

For Yankee fans, this is a season best forgotten. The Bronx Bombers lead the league in just one category, managers. Atlanta fans will quickly forget the playoff defeat and savor their half pennant victory. The season finale provided Dodger fans with one more reason to hate the Giants and once again, Gene Mauch has lost an opportunity to prove he's the genius sportswriter always proclaimed him to be.

The past season provided a glimmer of hope for old timers everywhere. The performances turned in by gray-haired ballplayers like Pete Rose, Carol Yaztremski, Gaylord Perry and Phil Niekro belied the truth that baseball is a young boy's game.

The millionaire athletes managed to get through the season without a strike and

temperamental owners have Bowie Kuhn wondering if he'll have a job next year.

When World Series time rolls around, all the trials and tribulation of the season fade away. The recession seems less troubling, the conflict in Lebanon seems further away and all our problems seem to take second place in our thoughts.

In this year's October Classic, we're backing the Milwaukee Brewers. Their comeback in the playoff with California marked the first time in playoff history that a club had come back after losing the first two games.

A generation has passed since the last time Milwaukee hosted the world championship.

Back then, the team was called the Braves and the players had names like Spahn, Aaron, Matthews and Burdette. The Brewers, nee Seattle Pilots, present a line-up chocked-full of heavy hitters with names like Thomas, Young and Ogilvie.

The Cardinals present a first class team with a balanced pitching staff, good hitters and the best in field in the National League.

The teams seem evenly matched and we should be treated to another October Classic worthy of the name. In what should be a high-scoring Series. We'll take the Brewers in six games.

Our Wasted Tax Dollars

Two years ago, voters swept Ronald Reagan into the presidency on the promise that he would decrease government spending. Thus far, Mr. Reagan has made good on his promise in a great many areas.

Food stamps have been cut, highway spending has been slashed, job training programs have been eliminated and a great many other programs have been curtailed or terminated. All the while, government spending on defense has increased.

All the cuts in social programs would be much easier to accept if the already huge defense budget were to be trimmed instead of increased. With 10 percent of the work force unemployed, we

have to wonder if America can afford the B-1 bomber, MX missiles and whatever hardware catches the eye of the Pentagon.

As any veteran will attest, the amount of waste in the military is tremendous. Now, along comes the top Pentagon brass with another big idea that we will all pay for maternity camouflage uniforms for pregnant GIs.

While we do not have figures available on the number of soldiers who might have the need for such clothing, we fully expect that the bill for the outfits will be in the millions.

The brass hat who dreamed up this boondoggle should find himself commanding a dog sled team in Greenland.

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY



OPTIMIST OFFICERS INSTALLED

New officers of the Madison Central Optimist Club were installed last Thursday night at Mary's Restaurant with Lieutenant-Governor Bill Teague, of Leicester, performing the installation service. He was introduced by Bryce Hall.

Outgoing president Tom Wallin presided and pointed out the successful projects of the past year. The Optimist motto, "Friend of Youth," was emphasized in the projects.

The following officers installed included Larry Greene, president; Tom Wallin, past president; Troy Allen and Warner Bishop, vice presidents; and Bryce Hall, secretary-treasurer.

Directors include Louie Zimmerman, G.D. Mace, Gerald Young, Ralph Baldwin, Harold Wallin, and the club's newest member, Russell Blevins.

CLARKE READS H & S

You can never tell who reads this column. While sitting on the courthouse porch prior to the arrival of Governor Jim Hunt and other officials, Democratic candidate for Congress, James (Jamie) McClure Clarke came over and shook hands and said, "Pop, I often read your Heard and Seen column and enjoy it very much." Naturally, I thanked him. As I've stated above, "You can never tell who reads this column."

SHOWING APPRECIATION

This is not a requested appeal. Fire Chief Jackie Davis, nor any member of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department have intimated

such a suggestion, but I feel that there should be more input by citizens in the Marshall District in showing their appreciation for the services rendered by the firemen.

Often the firemen have to use any means possible to raise enough money to keep the equipment in shape. True, the county helps by a moderate tax, but by and large, it is through the efforts of the firemen to "keep in step" to finance the operations. It would be appreciated if you, the public, would donate a check, small or large, to these dedicated men who serve us day and night without pay. They deserve it, believe me. If you wish to donate toward the upkeep of the equipment, etc., you may send it to this writer, or the Chief Jackie Davis, Marshall Volunteer Fire Dept. Marshall, NC 28753.

WORLD SERIES TIME

It's the Milwaukee Brewers versus the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series which started Tuesday after the Brewers defeated the California Angels and the Cardinals downed the Atlanta Braves in the playoffs.

I was hoping the Braves could do the "impossible" and win the playoffs, but it wasn't to be. Deep down, I never thought the Braves could do it but at least the Braves, "America's Team," were sentimental favorites, and the pride of the Southeast. I like the Cardinals, however, and hope they win the Series.

I always pull for the National Leaguers. Roy Reeves knows this. Anyway, I'm looking forward to watching the Series on Channel 13. It's been an entertaining season, to say the least.

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Dear Editor: We are newcomers recently settled in Madison County and as such we would like to offer our observations on the quality of life in Madison County before we become so "usen" to it that we don't think it is worthy of comment. The beauty, scenery, and weather are outstanding! A continuous ever present beauty plus which one can really appreciate in comparison to the weather in Germany. But we can't help but wonder why the county tolerates such obvious eyesores such as abandoned vehicles or truck bodies dumped in creeks or junk I've found anywhere who yards astraddle a main highway. We've almost gotten used to these in the short time we've been here, but the impression they made initially was precisely that of an eyesore—a blight on the community that a fence or a few vines; helped truck our stuff up trips to the dump would solve. We marvel at the beauty we discover from each new mountain top we climb. The Duckett Mt. View is virtually on a par with the view from the Zugspitze in the Alps, the highest mountain in Germany. Every time we go to Marshall the junk yard uglies jangle our senses. Madison County, you are beautiful! The people in Madison County are genuine, decent, friendly, and helpful folks. They add to the quality of life here in every area—at the grocery store, the bank, the hardware (the folks at Coal, Feed & Lumber are the only people I've found anywhere who know and understand the business they sell and can answer my dumb questions about chimneys, fences, tools, insecticides, etc.). Our neighbors have helped us in every way possible—admittedly that a fence or a few vines; helped truck our stuff up trips to the dump would solve.

gets that kind of help — you know things must be pretty good in Madison County. We bought the old "Burn Frady" place up on Back Branch on Big Pine. The road was "gaudawful" and the movers could not deliver our furnishings, since neither we nor they had a 4WD.

We called the State Road Department, explained our dilemma and like magic the road was fixed in a matter of three days. That kind of help is unbelievable, personal and for my part, good government. Our other contact has been with the sheriff's department. It seems everyone in our neighborhood grew or tried growing marijuana and the sheriff's deputies keep revisiting the area looking for the stuff. The sheriff's deputies are people who can show you how to hitch up your horse a little better and how to treat mastitis in your goat and will come to your house on a Sunday to look at the aftermath of the "barnyard massacre" and offer whatever assistance they can.

That's good government that is personal, close, helpful, and yet unobtrusive, not distant far away, and smothered in red tape. To the administrators and government representatives of Madison County we outsiders can offer this observation: You don't seem to have forgotten that Government is of, by, and for the people! We could not be much more pleased with the quality of life that we have found in Madison County — except for last Saturday night. While we were at the Bascom Lunsford Festival two men driving a jeep came into our property and turned their dogs loose. That cost us three dead sheep and two injured and one wounded goat. The men skedaddled as we arrived home and before we knew anything was amiss. The same night a neighbor's calf was killed by two black dogs and one red dog. We don't like to post our property, but post it we will and, if necessary, set poison out for the dogs as well as about them on sight. We will also improve our fences to keep them out. I don't like burying my favorite animals and I'd like to see this problem eradicated. Hunters can do their thing on Government



Steve
Ferguson

Well, here I am, picking on television again. It just seems like the fools in Hollywood take us for complete idiots.

They seem to think that we just can't get enough of shows like "Real People," "That's Incredible," "You Asked For It," "Look At Us," and the list goes on. I've even seen the same story featured on different shows! They must not have enough material on their own, so they trade programs like baseball cards.

Well, television executives, in order to keep my attention you're going to have to do better than that. I'm sending these suggestions on to the major networks, and I'm going to tell them this:

If you don't stop all this "Real People" programming, then I'm going to take my television set and do with it the same thing people do with my column — I'm going to line by birdcage with it.

Let's go all the way if we're going to have nothing but this stuff on TV, huh guys?

How about a show to compete with "That's Incredible?" We'll call it "That's Ridiculous." Our line up for the first show will be: a man who can sign his signature without the aid of an electric razor; Three sisters from Bulgaria who claim to be the cow punching queens of the world.

No, I don't mean cowboys. I mean cowpunchers. They just walk up to a cow they don't particularly like, and they punch it. Why? Because "That's Ridiculous!"

Another show that I want to see on the tube is "Fake People." If "Real People" are those persons who are everyday, run-of-the-mill types you meet on the street, then that means that big personalities are "Fake People."

"Fake People" will have such stars as Bo Derrick, Tom Sellick, Suzanne Somers, Robert Redford, and it will be hosted by that oscar-winning rabbit himself, Ronald Reagan.

Mickey Mouse will tell the touching story of how he used to be a common sewer rat until Walt Disney discovered him one day, reached down and pulled him out of the sewer and made him a star. Also, Minnie Mouse will tell all when she reveals to the world Mickey's secret fantasies.

As a retort to "You Asked For It," I want to see "You didn't Ask For It."

Yes, at last a program that contains all those things you heard about but didn't ever want to see with your own eyes. For instance, we'll take you to see the astounding Yomomma tribe of pygmies deep in the heart of Africa. Yomomma lives beside the famed "river of slime" where the original idea for Jello pudding started out.

"Look At Us" is another in the TV lineup that I'm getting tired of. Maybe "What's Wrong With Us?" would be more appropriate. It could feature all those crazy people who go wild when they see a television camera.

For instance, even though their team is last in the nation, football fans will always point up their index finger, giving the old "Number One" sign.

Or people who begin performing the moment they see a television camera point their way. They'll recite Shakespeare, sing, tap dance, anything at all to get a spot on the show. Then there are those creative souls who really come up with an original. In front of 20 million viewers, their big chance to become an instant celebrity and make a name for themselves, and what do they say? "Hi, Mom."

But that's the way television is geared these days. We're just not smart enough to handle anything else, right?

Well, I'm tired of it. If TV doesn't come up with something more interesting and entertaining soon, I'm going to become a monk. And that's final.

One more thing. I'd like to say Hi, Mom.



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lands, in season, and away from those of us who are trying to make an honest living. They sure don't need my livestock to practice on.

I think this problem can be licked — the Germans licked it years ago. Are there any farmers out there or responsible hunters with some suggestions? We are not against hunting. If permission were asked, we might be able to work something out.

So that's how a couple of newcomers see life in Madison County. Beautiful landscape, fine people, personal and helpful government.

David White
Elizabeth Varangul

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