

Editorial

Where Do They Stand?

With Election Day still some seven months away, the two principal candidates for the U.S. Senate seat have already begun slinging the mud.

Television and radio audiences throughout North Carolina are subjected to this negative campaign at every turn of the dial.

First we have Sen. Helms' spokesman giving

us the address of the New York Committee to Elect Jim Hunt. The ad ends with the often asked question, "Where do you stand, Jim?"

At the next opportunity, the Hunt campaign rebuffs Helms with another ad asking, "Where do you stand, Jesse?"

We hope that sometime before Election Day, the two candidates will sit down together and discuss their respective positions.

Richard Kingston Declines Reagan's Invitation

Dear Mr. Reagan:

Thank you for your invitation to me to become a part of the GOP Victory Fund.

You see, I have always adhered to the American virtues you espouse, and during these difficult economic times of the past several years, I have struggled day and night to keep my business going, but to no avail.

Also, much of the little extra money my wife and I, as well as other members of the family have had, has been given to my uncle and aunt.

Uncle Stanley is terminally ill from asbestosis. Both the Veteran's Administration and the Social Security Administration have repeatedly turned him down.

Letters To The Editor

Readers Say WLOS Shows Poor Taste

Dear Editor, Shortly before 6 p.m. on March 21, while watching WLOS-TV, I was treated to a disgusting display of television journalism at its very worst.

Ruth Gregory Applauds Editorial

Dear Editor: I was surprised that they agree with you for your timely editorial, 'Let's Clean Up For Spring.'

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The favor of a reply is requested. Please respond on the enclosed sponsorship card.

If you are interested in a nice private getaway close to Washington, his little vacation trailer in Maryland is for sale, too.

Well, I have to close now, so lots of luck, and thank you again for the offer.

Sincerely, Richard Kingston

tion of this tragedy. The insensitivity displayed by WLOS is inexcusable, unprofessional and disturbing.

I fully realize the need exists for WLOS, or any business, to promote their product. But to use a human tragedy to do so is definitely the wrong approach to take.

Danny Clay, Canton, N.C.

begin cleaning their communities on the first of April. This type of organized effort makes the job easier and the results are far more effective.

We are especially pleased that our local Department of Transportation staged a kickoff on Friday by cleaning a large section of Business U.S. 25-70.

We really like it when you take notice of how we look and in a month, we hope that you will want to write an updated editorial on conditions.

Ruth D. Gregory, Marshall

EA, Note: Thanks, Ed.

Pop Story Receives Thanks

Dear Editor, I wish to publicly recognize the deed of a well-known Madison County resident.

Immediately following the monthly luncheon at the Harvest House in Asheville on March 15, the Senior Citizens group was entertained by Pop

Pop's repertoire included many 'oldies but goodies' such as "Carolina Moon", "The Tennessee Waltz", "St. Louis Blues" and "Somewhere My Love".

He also played a number of special requests from the au-

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY

BLANNAHASSETT, BLENNERHASSETT OR BLENERHASSETT?

I have always wondered what is the true, factual origin of the name and correct spelling of the island where the Marshall Elementary School is located.

For many years, I have been told that the proper spelling is BLANNAHASSETT, which, I am told, is an Indian name meaning "swift water".

In recent years, I've seen it spelled BLENERHASSETT, sometimes BLENNERHASSETT and most often BLANNAHASSETT.

Some claim it was named for an early visitor to Marshall whose last name was Blannahasset. Usually, however, most people will just say, "I don't know."

If you know, think you know, or can find out,

please drop find a line and let me know.

The information would be a great help to students assigned to write about the history of the island.

THANKS, D.O.T.

The Department of Transportation is to be commended for the splendid job and much-needed roadside cleanup from the Marshall depot and on the Marshall Bypass they did last week.

"They did a wonderful job of picking up the tin cans and other debris which had littered the sides of the roads and shoulders," one civic-minded resident remarked.

This effort of making our area more attractive was a forerunner of the countywide cleanup which is scheduled to begin the first week in April.

This county-wide project is sponsored by the five organized community clubs who ask that the general public participate.



Know Comment

By JOSEPH GODWIN

Names have always intrigued me, not only because of their symbolic value, but also because of their origins.

Frequently assigned after one has clearly established his identity, nicknames show the characteristic appearance or behavior of their owner.

"Big Mama" is an unusual squirrel who frequents our back patio. Unusually large, she has strange tastes and preferences for food. She comes unhesitatingly down the steps from the garage to the patio where she lets her desires be known.

She refuses shelled peanuts (What kind of squirrel are you?) she will not accept a half of a pecan nor a whole one that is cracked.

She has just finished feeding her babies.

During my freshmen year in college, we had a little fellow from Mississippi in our dormitory whose real name was Andrew Horne.

His height was his most obvious characteristic.

Another squirrel is also our frequent visitor; however, he seems to pay no attention to the world to our existence on the patio. Toss him a peanut and he doesn't notice.

Given her oversize and her obvious care for her babies, who else could she be but Big Mama?

When I was in elementary school at Post Oak, I had a classmate whose real name was Lunnie, a name none of us ever used.

Since he was at least as big as any other two of his classmates, we all called him Ton because that is how big he appeared to be.

One of our cousins was a little smaller than usual for a boy his age. He also seemed to be everywhere at the same time, asking more questions than anybody could answer; yet he seemed to profit little from the replies he received.

Six years earlier, his parents had given him a name, but my father gave him a different one, Bozo, and it stuck.

Fifty years later, I asked a fellow who had never known Bozo nor even heard the nickname what type of person should a boy nicknamed Bozo be.

Pausing thoughtfully, he slowly replied, "Somewhat of a nerd, talking too much, running his mouth all the time..."

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a cheat, a fraud," and no person ever lived up to his name any more faithfully than Jacob did.

What kind of person might Jacob have been if he had been named Barnabas?

Once, I had a client in counseling who had been unfaithful to his wife. He suffered severe guilt for what he had done, never blaming anyone but himself.

Finally, when I could take it no longer," he said, "I decided if I was going to be constantly called such a person, I might as well get some benefit from it.

Maybe we need caution when we decide to call somebody names. Our direction, and pull, should be upward.

Otherwise, the law of self-fulfilling prophecy may automatically set in, and an otherwise good fellow may actually become the rascal we called him.

Social Workers Deserve A Special Month

By Gary Sollazzo, Blue Ridge Center For Mental Health

March is National Social Work Month. Social work deserves to have a month set aside in its honor. It includes more distinct approaches to improving the quality of life than any other profession.

In addition to determining who is eligible for food stamps, emergency funds and other forms of what has come to be called "welfare", social workers in the Department of Social Services are charged with the responsibility of investigating possible abuse in family situations and reporting their findings to legal authorities.

When the courts determine that it is in the best interests of an abused family member to be removed from the home, it is the DSS social worker who

must arrange for foster care or adoption.

Most people associate these activities with the term "social work." While they do constitute a major part of the profession, social work has branched out in the past several decades to include many additional functions.

In Madison County, for example, social workers are found in nursing homes helping patients and their families adapt to changes in their lives. There are also social workers in the schools, working with teachers and administrators to help students and their families with emotional problems.

Clinical social workers constitute the majority of the therapists in the mental health center in this and other North Carolina counties. They are trained to deal with the needs

of the mentally retarded and chronically mentally ill patients, most of whom require carefully monitored treatment.

These social workers are also trained to counsel those with alcohol or substance abuse problems, or those who struggle with anxiety, depression or anger.

Social workers are also found in medical clinics helping patients referred to them by the medical staff. Social workers know how to help people establish good health habits.

Social workers are even

found in industry. Businesses are discovering that professional counseling can help employees who might otherwise be fired. Business saves time and money, deals with employees on a humane basis and decreases employee turnover all in one stroke when they make intelligent use of the services of professional social workers.

Social workers are people helping people. March is the month set aside to remind us of the contribution they make in improving the quality of our lives.

Green Calls For One-Term Governor

The state General Assembly will be asked to re-submit the question of gubernatorial succession to the voters if Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green is elected governor. Green announced that he would seek another referendum on the question if elected because only 36 percent of the state's registered voters cast ballots when the question was first decided in 1977.

Green made the announcement in a press release last week. "Throughout my public career, I have held the highest respect for the manner in which North Carolina's constitution was originally framed," Green said. "This includes limiting a governor to one term in that office. I believe a majority of North Carolinians, in retrospect, share that view. As the next governor of North Carolina, I will ask the General Assembly to re-submit the question of gubernatorial succession to the people for their vote."

Green opposed the amendment when it was originally introduced.

rendered at the conclusion of each tune and Pop received a standing ovation when he concluded with "God Bless America."

We hope for a return engagement very soon. Johanna C. McClure