

# Editorial And Opinion

## Don't Call, -- Write

We, The People of the United States, North Carolina and Orange County, employ certain individuals to run our government for us. Whether we keep them or fire them in most cases (our governor is the one big exception) depends on the kind of job they do between now and the next election. If the majority of us don't think the staff is doing a good job, we'll make a change when the next election rolls around.

But that doesn't mean we have to wait four years, or even two years, to let this staff know how we want things run. The party platform is by no means a complete guide. In fact, it is our duty and our responsibility, as employers of the government staff, to not only see that they carry out the terms of the platform upon which they were elected, but to give them additional instructions from time to time to meet varying situations as they arise. It is a poor employer who hires a man, gives him no attention whatever, and then fires him because he is not doing a good job.

It is with this in mind, therefore, that we urge you to write your Governor, your Congressman, yes, your Commissioner, to let them know how you feel about the affairs of the day.

We make this recommendation, and we think it is sound, at a time when many people and many newspapers are deploring the pressure applied to a recuperating Governor Umstead on appointments and the varying pressures, including the burning desire for reelection, which within the week has cost the life of Senator Smith, and prior to that time his two predecessors in office. We, like them, deplore these pressures when applied via insistent telephone calls, personal interviews, time-consuming delegation appearances and the like. But letters can be read and preferences compiled by assistants. They can, when spontaneously dispatched, be valuable gauges of sentiment for a governor or a senator who sincerely desires to know what his people are thinking and wanting from their officials. They can be used in lieu of many a visit or personal appeal and thus save the official much time and energy. Don't write them for the sake of a reply, just express your sentiment and move along.

The privilege to express our views to public officials, known as the "Right of Petition," is a great inalienable right that is ours by virtue of much struggle and bloodshed on the part of our ancestors down through the ages. This right, as far as we are concerned, therefore, is really a responsibility of citizenship—not something that someone else must do, but something for you yourself to do.

It is likely that wise Plato had something like this in mind when he said: "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

## We Aim To Keep It!



"You have a republic—if you can keep it," Benjamin Franklin explained when asked what kind of government had been created at the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

At that time—166 years ago—we were a feeble nation stretched for a thousand miles along the Atlantic Coast. But we have kept our Republic through perilous years. The faint-hearted were fearful when Washington was burned by an invading army—they were fearful during the War Between the States; at the time of Chateau Thierry, and again after Pearl Harbor. But we did keep our Republic and grow into the mightiest nation on earth.

Today we face the vicious threat of World Communism, and to save our Republic we must have unity, courage, eternal vigilance, and devotion to God and country. Let us dedicate ourselves with prayerful hearts to the task.

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COVERLET . . . Senator Smith's inner office, like those of the other Senators and Congressmen, had a black leather-covered divan—the old-fashioned kind with arms at either end and a high back.

"Do you ever use that any?" he was recently asked.

"See that rolled-up coverlet there? well, Dollie—my wife—gave me that soon after I was elected to spread over me when I rested. It's right there—just as you see it—hasn't been touched. Just haven't had a chance to use it," replied Senator Smith.

There it lay, in a neat red roll.

HAY . . . Administrative Assistant Jesse Helms said ten days ago, regarding the senator's possible race with Kerr Scott: ". . . Senator Smith is making hay at every opportunity. He made several commencement speeches this spring, even though it often meant that he had to fly down to North Carolina late in the afternoon, make the speech and then fly back late at night. He also has made other appearances around the State which weren't given too much publicity."

PEACE OF MIND . . . Time Magazine, in its June 29 issue, says this about coronary thrombosis, killer of O. Max Gardner, J. M. Broughton, Willis Smith, George Ross Pou, Vance Baise, Clyde Erwin, and thousands of others not so well known and better known in the past decade: "The commonest form of heart attack is a coronary thrombosis: a blood clot in an artery supplying the heart muscle checks the blood flow and starves the muscle. To overcome this handicap, the heart must labor excessively like a car on a steep grade in high gear, it pings alarmingly and may stall."

Coronary disease is an increasingly important problem . . . both because it is becoming relatively commoner and because it is invading a younger age group . . . It is no longer rare to see coronaries or coronary deaths in the early 30s."

Time says that psychiatrists believe that "the current accent on the avoidance of over-exertion is somewhat misplaced, and in most cases, except those with severe heart-muscle damage, avoidance of emotional stress is more important. A useful anticoagulant (Ed. Note: clotting preventive) is peace of mind."

WHO? . . . By this time, you have read and heard a great deal about the men being mentioned for Willis Smith's unexpired term: John Larkins, Fred Royster, W. B. Rodman, Lindsay Warren, L. Y. Ballentine, Frank Taylor, Harold D. Cooley, Kerr Scott, Dr. Frank Graham, Thad Eure, Jeff Johnson, and Edwin Pate.

Because of Larkins' and Royster's active participation in Gov. Umstead's campaign last summer, he is under obligations to these two men, both young and active. Both want the appointment. Larkins was of tremendous help to the administration in the recent Legislature. Each will be given serious consideration. Then, of course, there is L. Y. Ballentine, who has an agricultural background and is greatly loved by business and farmers alike. Don't overlook Congressman Cooley. He is a vigorous campaigner. Coming as he does from an agricultural section and having long experience in Washington as chairman of the all-important Agriculture Committee, Cooley has a lot of attributes placing him high on the list.

Now keep this in mind: The men referred to above are in the lead IF Governor William B. Umstead names someone with the idea of his campaigning for the regular term next year.

However, Governor Umstead went through that frustrating experience of having to keep one hand in Washington and another on the campaign back home. He was faced with this when Gov. Gregg Cherry named him to succeed the late J. W. Bailey, so, knowing what a terrific strain

"Sometimes I Wonder What's In Those Darn Things"



## Wealth Of The Small Town

Sugar Creek News, Cedaredge, Colo.

A small town is where everybody knows your business and yet they will make it their business if anyone in the community needs help. It is where the folks will talk about you and then talk for you when the chips are down. It is where there has to be a fire to get anyone on the streets after 9 o'clock and yet there will be square dancing until 2 o'clock in the morning and not dependent on hot music and and cold drinks to keep up the friendly spirits.

In a small town there is a common bond during a disaster and a common thankfulness for rain or a beautiful day, or a new fire hydrant. There is little thought paid to social position and judging of a man is done on his own values—the deep values.

It is where a person speaks to his friend as many times as he sees him during the day, not

worrying over the social aspects as to whether they have greeted each other properly. It is where a neighbor's help comes your hurt.

The freedom and dignity of individual is practiced in a small town without a lot of paid opinion by experts who think they know the minds of men. A man expects to earn what he gets and get what he earns.

The building of a park or paving of a street becomes a personal thing in which the majority of folks see a tangible benefit of themselves. The yard is not set off in degrees that "What is there in it for me?"

A stranger becomes the object of honest curiosity and the turning native always seems to have added a little glamour to deeds of the town and its streets shine brighter in a far place. The words of a stranger often seem like important news.

A small town is where the time of convention allows for time to live well and think clearly. The veneer of fatuous comments is a thin shell which comes closer to allowing the real things to show through. The problems of the people are connected with nature and close association with others—with things they are .

This, in part, is a small town and the people who live in it is closer to the concepts of the home, individual initiative, self-realization than any segment of the land except the remote rural. It is the balance wheel in our social order. There be enough vision to see that the wealth of our small towns is far greater than which be measured by stacks and production lines.

## Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

During the dry, hot weather of a few weeks ago we had numerous complaints that tomatoes were rotting on the lower side or blossom end of the fruit. This occurred on small green fruits as well as on fruits almost ripe. This is not a disease but rather a "physiological" condition

known as blossom-end rot and is caused by periods of dry weather or by periods of excessive rainfall. In periods of dry weather it can be held in check by providing adequate irrigation. However, don't wait until you have lost a large percentage of your tomatoes; you should irrigate as soon as lack of sufficient moisture is evident.

this is, he may make the appointment an "interim" type-naming a man with Washington experience to fill the unexpired term and leaving the race wide open next spring.

As of Monday morning, June 29, nobody but Governor Umstead knew what he planned to do—and he wasn't talking.

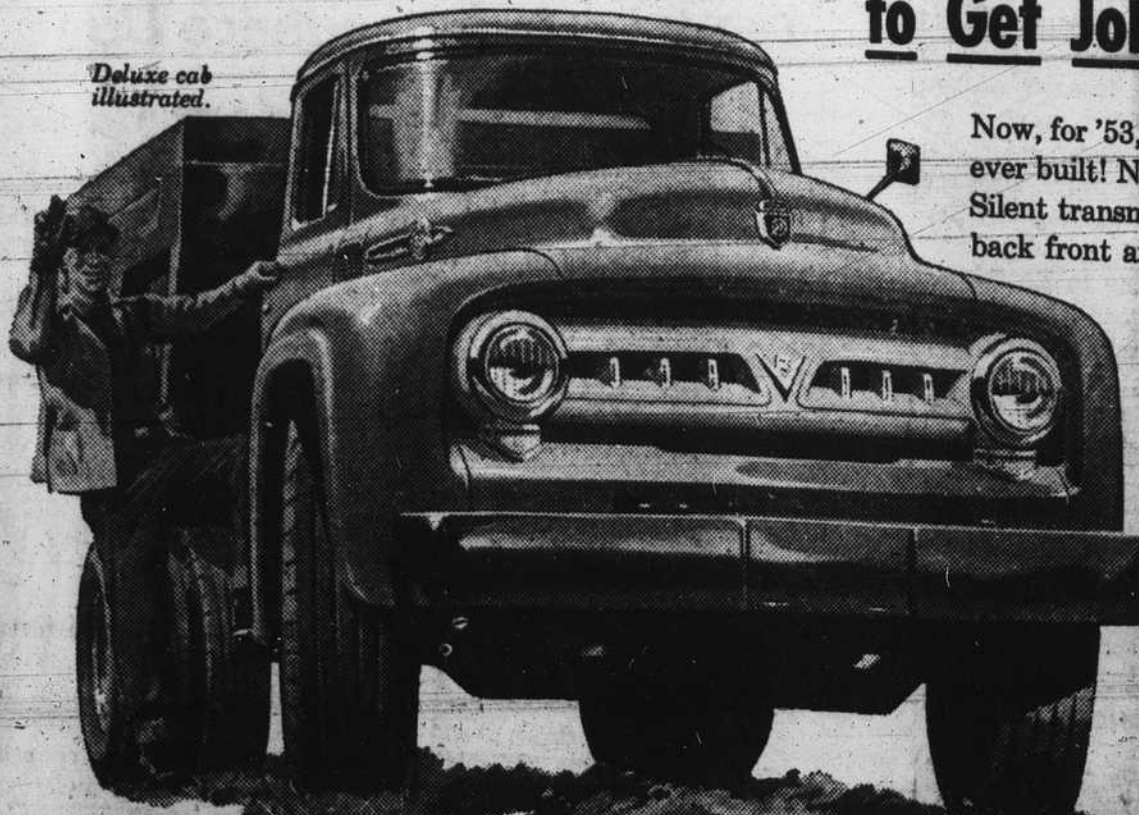
I examined the tomato plants in my garden a few days ago and found that I had a very poor set of early fruit. They had been in full bloom during the week that we had such cool nights and the blossoms all dropped off instead of setting fruit. I suspect that tomato plants in many other

gardens reacted the same way as mine. This will happen when temperatures are abnormally low (60 degrees F. or lower), when they are excessively high. Sometimes there will be heavy blossom drop when we have a period of rainy weather.

Blossom drop of tomatoes may prevent especially in periods of cool weather by spraying the open blossoms with one of the hormones which sell under the trade names: Fruitone, Sureset and others. You can obtain these materials at any seed store.

In the mountain area it will be necessary to control late blight if you wish to be successful with tomatoes. This is the same disease that attacks Irish Potatoes. Use a copper spray such as tribasic copper sulphate or copper A Compound and keep the plants well covered.

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