

Editorial And Opinion

Pageant Needs Your Support

Unless more support and interest in Orange County's forthcoming Bi-Centennial pageant is shown by a whole lot more people almost immediately, that vehicle which is supposed to be the major attraction of the six-day celebration is going to fall flat on its proverbial nose.

The projected production is a tremendous undertaking, requiring the cooperation of several hundred people, including at least 100 in the cast, if it is to be successful and creditable to the county. People of all ages and all skills are needed.

Every reasonable effort has been made to secure county-wide cooperation but with little success. A few people in Hillsboro who turned out as a gesture of cooperation have accepted roles, but the cooperation and spirit of competition which might have insured greater success has been lacking. A few people have pleaded and cajoled, but the spark thus far has been missing. Chapel Hill and Carrboro citizenry, by and large, has shown little interest in this phase of the Bi-Centennial and rural residents likewise have revealed an apathy that is discouraging.

It's getting late. So, it's time now for everybody to pitch in and, as they say, get this show on the road.

Honest Have Nothing To Fear

Orange County's current tax revaluation program being carried out by a professional firm under terms of a \$45,000 two-year contract has drawn fire from some sources, been accepted gracefully by others, and earned the praise of still others. Anything that is likely to raise the taxes of some people will be unpopular with that group.

This newspaper has insisted before that equality of values as a tax principle is unassailable. If there are taxation inequalities throughout Orange County, as officials insist and can prove, then a revaluation such as we are now having is the only sure way of correcting them.

Recent experience in Alamance County has strengthened this belief.

During the past several months a special inventory committee headed by a county commissioner and containing city tax officials have been poring through the taxlisting books and looking for inequalities listed by various stores and business houses in Burlington. If a listing look too low, they would follow up by contacting the owner or operator, asking him to raise his inventory to a point in line with the true facts. Results were startling. One wholesale and retail store which was on the tax books with a \$3,500 inventory, increased its listing to \$48,750.50. Another store, whose original inventory listing was \$350 raised its listings to \$7,589.97. And so it went down the line, until an increase of over \$400,000 in inventory valuation had been obtained from these chisellers in one town alone. Many firms were found never to have listed inventories at all.

Practically everyone hates to pay taxes, but as long as we have them to pay it is up to each one to pay only his fair share. The county commissioners, who are the taxing agents for the county, owe it to the people and firms that give a fair listing and pay what amounts to more than their justified amount of taxes to equalize the load. The honest man should not be penalized to support the chiseler.

What the situation in Orange County with regard to inventories is now unknown. However, it is an even bet that something of the same situation exists in this county, human nature being what it is. The current revaluation is designed to correct this, as well as all the other inequalities that have crept in under the voluntary system heretofore followed.

The honest man has nothing to fear from revaluation. It is the chiseler who is not pulling his fair share of the load who will be hit.

Rock Bottom

We are gurgling, slightly, over a piece in THE STAR, of Port St. Joe, Florida, about a young lady who is going to college at Tallahassee, and who is now doing her home-work for her master's degree in journalism at the State University.

She has found out already that weekly editors (in Florida, that is) are writing editorials that their readers can't understand. In her study, Miss Ruth Peeling has peeled the hide off 17 out of twenty editors in the state for writing pieces that she says are beyond the mental capacity of half the population of their respective counties. We are told that her findings are strictly scientific and are deduced "statistically by using a mathematical formula".

But what's even worse, we suspect that Miss Peeling may have discovered another mathematical formula by which to write editorials as well as to judge them! At any rate, she goes on to say that editorials can be made more readable by aiming them at the type of audience who will read them. We should use short sentences and simple words, she says. There shouldn't be any non-essentials, but there should be some punctuation. While she didn't specifically say so, we presume they should also be in the English language.

We have heard that college professors require young people to go through considerable travail to obtain a degree. This effort is known in educational circles as a "thesis", and corresponds roughly, we take it, with the hazing meted out to less privileged youths when attacking that bottom rung on the work-a-day ladder.

But, for all practical purposes, Miss Peeling could have saved a lot of shoe-leather and midnight oil had she ever heard or read the terse advice of a great authority on persuasive writing, the late William Mears, who said:

"Lay the fodder on the ground, where the giraffe and the jackass can both reach it."



together. Somebody's imagination became overactive. The rumor was born.

Well, it so happens that Williams had a little interest in the Scott-owned Smith-Melville Dairies. Ralph and Jim were selling out to Long Meadow of Durham and wanted to talk to their old friend about it. They walked down the street, had lunch, engaged in quiet business talk, and missed Scott Headquarters headlines by inches the following day.

IN THE GROOVE — The more conservative Democrats in the State were walking around with lifted eyebrows last week at statements being made by Sen. Alton A. Lennon in his appearances about the State. He was talking like a liberal Democrat a regular, right down the line with Adlai Stevenson and the Democratic platform.

As one old-liner put it: "That fellow Lennon seems to be getting liberaler and liberaler."

Some of the late Willis Smith's old friends were muttering in their beards, looking off in the forest, and there was some indication Sen. Lennon might lose an important segment of his office staff in Washington.

ADVISORS — Nobody knows for sure just who is advising young Lennon. He's a strong-headed fellow and may be striking out on his own. Nevertheless, there is some slight indication that the man who appointed him might be calling a signal here and there.

You know, last year the folks arbitrarily placed W. B. Umstead in the conservative camp, with the liberal element following Hubert Olive. We do those things sometimes without rhyme or reason. Now people will tell you that Olive's political philosophy is much more conservative than that of the Governor.

If Lennon goes on the way he is moving now he will be as liberal as Kerr Scott by Primary time.

HOEY PLUGGING SCOTT? — Whether he meant to or not, nobody will ever know, but Senator Clyde R. Hoey in his speech to the FCX gathering here last week threw in a few sentences which could be regarded as an out-and-out endorsement of W. Kerr Scott by Primary time, the U. S. Senate.

Rolling along in typical Hoey fashion, the words just flowing, Senator Clyde talked about the U. S. Senate and Agriculture. He hinted that the Senate needs men strong for Agriculture. He referred to the losses farmers have sustained through the death defeat, or resignation of men like Senators Borah, Norris, Cottoa Ed Smith, Capper, Bankhead — all giants in their time — and now terribly they are missed in the halls of the congress.

If Kerr Scott actually files as a candidate for the U. S. Senate, mark my word: You will hear that thought expressed over and over again — in very telling fashion.

TEAM? L. R. Fisher, who lost his job as commissioner of Motor Vehicles, has not lost his sense of humor.

He hasn't found a job yet; and someone asked him last week what he was going to do. Fisher solemnly replied that he thought he and Walter Anderson would form an evangelistic team and hit the sawdust trail.

P. S. Anderson is also looking for a job. Fisher was joking, but nobody would be surprised if Anderson actually did enter the ministry.

COACH CARNEGIE — Most people don't realize it, but Southern Conference rules and regulations, and these also apply to the new Atlantic Coast Conference, fix it so that member schools can only offer a promising athlete so much inducement to come enter their school and play for them. The ceiling is definitely set and limited. This fixes it so that getting an athlete enrolled comes down to a flat game of selling. The coach who is the better salesman is the guy who gets the cream.

I was taking to one of the leading coaches a few days ago.

Signs Of Life



Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

With the coming of the fall season we begin to think of lawns and lawn grasses both for temporary winter lawns and for permanent ones. In most of North Carolina the fall months are the best time of the year to build permanent lawns because the young grasses get a chance to become well established before next summer's heat and dry weather. If you are interested in building a new lawn this fall you should write to the N. C. Agricultural Extension Division for John Harris's bulletin on "Carolina Lawns".

I should like to say a few words here about winter lawns. Most established lawns in this state are of Bermuda grass, crab grass, Dallis grass, bluegrass or

We came to the conclusion that a football coach should know football, but he should also take courses in English grammar, salesmanship, psychology, public speaking and carry in his pocket at all times a copy of Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

A mixture of these and others. All except bluegrass will turn brown at the first hard frost. With the mild winters that we are blessed with over most of the state it is very desirable to keep our lawns green the year around. This is made possible by sowing Italian ryegrass in the established sod during late September or early October. If your permanent sod is heavy it may require five pounds of ryegrass seed per 1,000 square feet of lawn. If the sod is not heavy, two to three pounds per 1,000 square feet should be sufficient. Italian ryegrass is an annual and will die out next June. By that time the permanent grasses should take over again. Since bluegrass remains fairly green in winter it is not recommended that ryegrass be planted in a good bluegrass lawn. The spring growth of ryegrass is often very heavy and may kill out the bluegrass. In order to give a good dark green color to the ryegrass it should be fertilized before planting. About two pounds of a 5-10-5

The Rambler

By Marjorie Bond and Charlotte Adams

A few days ago I was looking at several books describing early North Carolina and came across an interesting account of this part of the country written about fifty years before the date which saw the beginning of Orange County. This was John Lawson's record of the trip he made early in 1701 along the Great Trading Path, which was the highway of the Indians. This path came northward from South Carolina up to what is now Salisbury, turned east and northeast to what is now Mebane, kept on eastward again to what is now Hillsboro, and then went on bearing into Virginia. Lawson's description of the country is a lively one. When I finished reading it I realized how clearly the local Indians left their mark upon the land in some of the names we see around us—the river Haw, Occoneechee, Eno, and so on.

Moving north, Lawson and a companion made their way "over very good Land, but full of Free-Stone and Marble, which pinched our Feet severely," to the banks of a "delicious rapid Stream" which they crossed with some difficulty. This, he said, was "the famous Hau-River . . . called Hau-River from the Sissipahau Indians, who dwell upon this stream." Passing through country which "was so delightful that it gave us a great deal of Satisfaction," the travellers soon found themselves among the Occoneechee Indians, who had a village on the Eno River near the spot where Hillsboro now stands. "About Three a Clock we reached the Town, and the Indians presently brought us good fat Bear, and Venison, which was very acceptable at that time. Their Cabins were hung with a good sort of Tapestry, as fat Bear, and barbecued or dried Venison; no Indians having greater Plenty of Provisions than these. The savages do indeed, still possess the Flower of Carolina, the English enjoying only the Fag-end of that fine Country. We had not been in the Town two Hours when Enoe Will came into the King's Cabin, which was our Quarters. We asked him if he would conduct us to the English, and what he would have for his Pains; he

answered he would do it with us, and for what we have left that to our nation." In this year of 1683, in Orange County will you find a day or two to do business distinguished past, we are interested in, knowing more about this Indian, evidently a leading man in our neighborhood some three and fifty years ago. He was a Shoccoee, and he had joined with the Indians and he himself had been a well-known chief. He was Eno Will by the English name, but across any Indian name. According to John Lawson's "Our Guide and Landmark," Will, was one of the most agreeable Temperance men I met with in an Indian, always ready to speak English, not out of Gallantry, but out of a real Affection; which him apprehensive of being punished by some wicked men, and therefore very anxious, to promise to avoid Death, if it should so happen brought some of his children into his Cabin, and two of them having a Drum, sung by me lay in Bed, and their Music to serenade welcome us to their Town, though at last, we fell asleep yet they continued their cert till Morning." The travellers set out with Enoe Will towards Adshusheer, along a stony way made quite "lame," wrote Lawson, "so that I was an Hour behind the rest; but he would not leave me, but welcome to his House, us with hot Bread and Oil, which is wholesome for Travelers."

One day they went on a path where stood "a great about the Size of a large and hollow; this the Indians great Notice of, putting Tobacco into the Cornucopia spitting after it. I asked the Reason of their so doing they made me no Answer met two "Tuskeruro" who told Enoe Will that English to whom he was were very wicked People. That they threatened the ans for Hunting near their totions. . . Their Stories about an Old Indian and his Son (See Rambler, Page 6)

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