

Editorial And Opinion

Seeds For Tomorrow

School Superintendent G. Paul Carr this week "sowed the seed" of an idea for the future of Orange County schools, and the school board helped him out.

Supt. Carr proposed that the board consider—in a long range manner—providing homes for county school principals. And the board agreed the plan was a necessary and practical one for the future.

Of course, building homes for principals would cost money. And, like the other needs of education, the plan would have to eventually get the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

The need is great, as evidenced by the three principals who have left Orange County since June to take other jobs, better paying principalships in other counties. Orange County needs principals that it can keep for more than two or three years. As it stands now, the county is somewhat of a training ground for young principals. They start here, and after a few years, they move on to other counties and better paying posts.

The board hired the third principal replacement this week, too. All three of the new principals are competent young men who are just beginning as principals. Perhaps, before they leave the county, homes can be provided for them so that they can stay on.

For the economy minded, it might be noted that to provide housing is an effective way to keep better principals without having a direct school supplement. And for the parents, it need not be noted that any more satisfactory method of compensating principals will, in the long run, help the county's children.

Are Ervin & Lennon Scared?

North Carolina's Young Democrats this week called on Senators Lennon and Ervin to support the motion to censure Sen. Joseph McCarthy—and both Senators balked.

Neither Lennon nor Ervin would go along with the Flanders censure motion.

Meantime, on the floor of the Senate in Washington, other Senators from other states were standing up to sound off on McCarthy, whose investigating methods have done little to fight communism and much to damage Democracy.

Sen. Lehman pointed to the reluctance of many Senators—like our own Lennon and Ervin—who wouldn't put themselves on record regarding McCarthy.

"Why do you hesitate," Lehman asked. "Do we fear the political repercussions of a vote to censure the junior Senator from Wisconsin?"

Is that the real answer to the timidity, the apprehensions, and the doubts which have characterized the position of so many of us in regard to the Flanders resolution? I am telling no secrets when I say that this fear is, indeed, a compelling force.

This is a measure of the danger represented by our colleague from Wisconsin, because the junior Senator from Wisconsin has spread fear, intimidation, suspicion and reprisal throughout the length and breadth of this great and beloved land of ours.

"Let us face this danger. Let us put aside this fear. Whatever the political repercussions, history will honor us for a vote of censure; and, in my judgment, so will our constituents."

Those were Sen. Lehman's words, bold and true. But all North Carolina's Senators Ervin and Lennon could say was a weak "maybe."

Apparently the fear of McCarthyism has found its way into the hearts of this state's Senators, who balk when called upon to censure this demagogue McCarthy.

A Three-Ring Circus

Ten o'clock this Monday morning in Hillsboro was bubbling over with the activity of public servants.

The Board of County Commissioners was meeting at 10 o'clock.

And Recorder's Court started at 10 o'clock.

It would seem that this is too much public service to be happening at the same time—and at different places.

We suggest to those who schedule these meetings that something be done to set these events at different times. Now, it's worse than watching a three-ring circus, although not always as interesting.

Why Wait For Winds?

There's nothing worse than a set of creaky stairs. And right in the heart of the county seat, Hillsboro, at back of the Agriculture Building, is a flight that groans and shakes at every foot step.

Here, flanked by a background of a new courthouse, a sturdy old one, and countless other stable structures, this ancient reminder of earlier days almost flourishes. Why, every time we place a foot on those steps, they seem to cry out—either in pain from overuse or joy for having lasted this long.

We appeal to the authorities that be to banish these creaky back steps, for if they wait any longer a strong wind is surely bound to do it for them. Surely progress in this tradition-minded county can't just sit and wait for winds to blow. Something has to be done about the back steps of the Agriculture Building.



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it a secret, I would like to report that Negro lawyers are preparing two cases to bring North Carolina into court IF no definite plans are formulated before the end of the year to bring about integration, in accordance with the recent Supreme Court decision. The cases will involve several communities in the western part of the State, which Negro attorneys feel will involve less "heat" and therefore result in perhaps speedier action."

YDC HICKORY RALLY. A lot of Democrats got together in Hickory this past weekend. It all reminded me of an auction, where everybody goes expecting to get something for nothing and winds up getting nothing for something.

Main object of most delegates present seemed to be to get a drift on the next Governor's race. They learned that we may have from three to six candidates. Little else did they learn but nearly everybody was there.

GETTING AROUND... Speaking of the next Governor of North Carolina, he has been getting around over the State a lot lately, making public appearances and meeting in private conversations with select groups in order to get their support.

However, it must be admitted that, for the most part, he has been received with a good deal of caution and very few outright commitments.

He, of course, has not yet publicly announced his decision to be a candidate—and is telling close friends it is still too early to do so.

Those who hold political office by gubernatorial appointment, and those who aspire to appointive offices are particularly cautious around him, but yet attempt to be friendly.

They are as cautious as a June bride in his presence.

Now if everybody knew with certainty his identity, he would be so popular and so swamped with attention that he could neither move nor carry on the necessary routine of a normal life. But, on the other hand, if everybody would pledge their support and efforts in his behalf, he would certainly be nominated a year from next May. Looking at the candidacy business—bandwagon strength, etc.—the whole business seems a little silly, doesn't it? Or, he who has great strength, gets additional ditto.

ATHLETIC NOTE... Last year about this time we mentioned here Bill Bailey, son of the State Prisons director, as one of the up-and-coming young athletes apparently headed for Duke, but sought after by many. If Bill, who stands six feet and weighs 200, does well, then his cousin should do equally well and will bear watching by the colleges. He is Tom Bailey, son of the manager of the Bryan Rock and Sand Co. here. He is 16, is six feet, four inches tall, weighs 225, and has three more years of high school football ahead of him.

Look out!

It's August, but football practice is beginning all over the land—and the first games are only a month off.

"Many a man wishes he was strong enough to tear a telephone book in half—especially if he has a teen-age daughter."

Guy Lombardo.



Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

Here is some more about mulches:

At our recent nurserymen's school there was much discussion about the use of sawdust and peat for mulching shrubs and for incorporating the soil as a source of organic matter. Most of this pertained to the care of azaleas and camellias which are very popular at the present time.

It was pointed out that sawdust and peat are not desirable as mulches because they may become packed and hard and water will not penetrate them when in this condition. Pine straw or partially rotted hardwood leaves make a satisfactory mulch.

On the other hand, sawdust—preferably old sawdust—and peat are good materials to incorporate with the soil as a source of organic matter. Both will make the

The Land Of Orange

Shelton Ray, Twin Branch Farm, near White Cross, is planning to have some more woodland marked by the Farm Forester to continue his pulpwood harvest and timber stand improvement.

He is also making soil tests on some of his fields so that crops can be given more exactly the fertilizer they need for the best growth.

Monroe Smith and son, Caldwell, are building a pond for fish and for livestock and irrigation water. A good spring just above the pond will supply much of the water.

John Tilley and Ralph Morgan, Calvander, and O. H. Richmond, Lynch's Store, are putting waste land into production with ponds for fish and recreation. Surveys were provided by the Neuse River Soil Conservation District through the local work unit office.

Marvin Ray, Hillsboro, is terracing several acres of rolling land to hold more of the rainfall to work in his field and to ease off the surplus that falls faster than the soil can soak it up.

He is trying down some other newly cleared land with pasture grass and clover.

J. M. Tillman is planning a complete soil and water conservation system for his farm by the Moriatic community. Cleaning up hedgerows and smoothing up some eroded areas is first on his schedule, to be followed with meadow waterways, terraces, contour farming, crop rotations to fit the needs of each field are some of the ways he plans to put his farm into better shape. A land capability map showing the slope and erosion conditions and soil types will help in deciding the particular use of each field.

Struggle On A-Creek Bank

There was an owl, the children said, down at the corner near the new road—a crippled owl, unable to fly, flopping piteously on the high bank above the little creek.

So we got into the automobile, and they with us, and hurried to where the children said, to a place where city yards and country woods meet. As we guided the car into the new road, its headlights pushed back the darkness from the owl, and there it stood: flat round face with yellow beak and yellow eyes, flecked breast and golden-brown wings.

It should be understood that a chlorotic condition or yellowing of the leaves of azaleas does not necessarily mean that more nitrogen is needed, or that the soil is not acid enough.

It is a sign that something is wrong. Have a soil test made to check on your soil acidity before you treat it. Perhaps the azaleas or camellias have not been properly planted. In that case take them up and replant them. Both are shallow rooted plants and must not be planted deeper than they were in their previous location.

Sometimes a yellowing of the leaves denotes iron deficiency. This condition may be remedied by spraying the plants with a dilute solution of iron (ferrous) sulphate. More recently it has been found that a solution of chelated iron is better than ferrous sulphate.

A Program To Keep Families Together

By ANNIE STROWD
The program of aid to dependent children has helped keep families together by tiding them over some crisis period—thus giving the children a better chance in life.

This help is given for the benefit of needy children in their own homes. Usually these children have been deprived of parental support or are by reason of death, continued absence of a parent from home, or physical or mental incapacity of one or both parents.

In Orange County, aid to dependent children is being given monthly to an average of around 120 families representing about 448 persons. The average monthly payment is \$17 a month per person. Circumstances surrounding many families receiving ADC payments are called—change frequently, necessitating continuous case work service and varying from month to month the total number receiving aid. Actually, more than half of the recipients in North Carolina receive aid for twenty-one months or less.

Applications for ADC are investigated on the basis of a minimum health and decency budget. All resources of the family

Doctor Explains Why Farmers Shouldn't Be So Dissatisfied

By Dr. George W. Crane
Like many other farmers, Henry accuses the middleman. But he cautions about misjudging your neighbor. Few Americans make big dough any more. For when you analyze the data from the meat industry below, you will be surprised at the tiny margin of profit. And that's typical of almost every business nowadays.

Henry H., aged 37, is a fairly successful farmer.

"But it grieves me to realize how much profit the middleman gets from our farm products," he grumbled at a farm meeting which I was to address.

"For example, we receive only 25 cents per pound for the steers that we raise and fatten for market."

"But look at those \$1 per pound T-bone steaks. It is the meat packers who make all the dough."

It behooves us to get all the facts before we jump to conclusions about other occupations than our own.

"Distant pastures appear greener" is a psychological truism.

For here are the facts about the meat packers: At the start of this year 1954, they paid Henry \$258 for a 1,000-pound steer.

How much weight do you suppose that steer lost in being prepared for the meat counters at various city butcher shops?

Well, a 1,000-lb. steer dresses down to only 590 lbs. of beef. And, at the average wholesale price, the packers get only \$241.90 for the steer that cost

them \$258. In short, they actually get \$16.10 on the meat steer. If it were not for products in the form of hair, etc., they couldn't do business at all.

"Then it must be the butcher shops that make the dough," Henry might say. All right, again look at the facts. The retail butcher gets \$241.90 for the 500 lb. dressed meat from the pound steer.

But of that 500 lbs. doesn't get to sell 140 lbs. of evaporates as water loss, unsalable bones and trimmings.

So he pays for 590 lbs. actually gets to sell 450 lbs. across the counter. Remember, too, that a pound of T-bone steaks produces 100 lbs. of T-bone, terhouse steaks which sell at \$1.00 per pound.

Then there are only 50 lbs. of sirloin, that averages \$1.00. He gets about 100 pounds of burger from that steer, which sells at 42 cents.

So when he sells the total volume from that 1,000 lb. steer, it totals only \$281.40. His wholesale cost is \$258. Thus, your retail butcher has a gross profit of only \$23.40 on the total meat in an entire pound steer.

And out of this \$48.00 he must pay his lights and insurance and to his sales clerks, plus taxes.

So you readers who think the meat men are now clearing millions better realize the state of affairs.

There are actually a lot of quick riches any more. I mean business and industry.

Unless you accidentally oil well or invent some new gadget (and few Americans do these "windfalls" any more), you must work hard to get your modest retail net profit.

Too many Americans see the cash register gross sales and fail to deduct the many overhead charges.

So they accuse others of being big dough, when they adays gets big dough except few "windfall" people above.

Be more charitable toward businessmen. For premature of high business in trying to pay the horribit taxes, yet enjoy pleasures that the \$50 per clerk doesn't already expect.

OLD BUFFALO TRAILS. Many modern highways low old buffalo trails. National Geographic Society for the 19th century. Bison ranged as far east as Carolina. In their westward, they pounded followed by the Indians later settlers.

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