

# Editorial And Opinion

## Ill-Advised, Unproductive

Industry goes where it is invited and remains where it is well treated. This is a maxim that is oft quoted in the heavily overcrowded field of industry-seeking which has gripped most of the communities throughout the length and breadth of our state.

Another thought almost as prevalent is the proposition of helping industries a community already has to grow bigger, thus in effect creating a new industry by the easiest known method available.

All of which leads up to some thoughts about the current strike at Reverie Lingerie, now in its second week.

As best we can judge, community sentiment is preponderantly against the current strike action. The company which is the target is less than two years old, has expanded so rapidly as conditions have permitted and every prospect seemed to indicate continued expansion. It started without a trained employee, thus has absorbed the cost of a training operation in the meantime.

When a company provides needed livelihood for over two people, it is a community asset not easily replaced in a town the size of ours.

On the other hand, the motives of the union are certainly open to question.

Its representatives confronted the company, stated it represented its employees and wanted to sign a contract for representation. When the company proposed an election be held as provided by the National Labor Relations Act to determine by legal means if the union represented a majority of the workers, the union representative advised he was opposed to such an election. In other words, the company is willing to abide by the law and ask for an election, but the union which claims it represents the employees is not willing to put its claims to the test.

Thus, the company's position that it is a "needless strike" is a valid one for indeed the employees could have saved their lost pay and the company could have saved the lost production. From many standpoints, it seems to us, the strike call is ill advised, unnecessary and in view of that important third party, the affected community, completely unproductive.

## Time For A Beginning

The proposal made before a local civic club this week that the time is now ripe to begin work toward developing a community-wide sewage disposal system meets our approval completely.

This newspaper more than six months ago cited activity in the federal field which might make federal money available for aid to small communities with sewer problems such as ours and urged the town board to investigate the possibilities of obtaining such funds.

The Mayor and the town board to whom the suggestion was addressed didn't bother to remove their heads from the sand to investigate the possibilities at that time and it is to be hoped they won't this time unless the citizens get busy and apply the pressure needed to at least get an investigation and study. The position that some engineer has been sitting on the town's sewer survey for the last 10 years won't hold water much longer and we'd just as soon not hear it again.

The alternative to such action as a beginning to solve this community problem, it is abundantly clear, will be a suit one day from an irate taxpayer or enforced action from the State.

Intelligent action to avoid this eventuality is certainly in order.

## Political Education

In the course of 14 roll-call votes in one day, the House of Representatives voted a number of relatively trifling cuts in the budget while a House Education subcommittee voted six to one in favor of a five-year two billion dollar Federal aid program to help build schools.

President Eisenhower, whose four-year, 1.3 billion federal school-building effort failed last year, reminded his press conference the day before that he had said he would try again this year. He reiterated his belief that "we got way behind in schools" and the Federal Government ought to help even though it "has not any proper role in the operation and in the general maintenance of our public school system". He said he felt the thing to do was to "get these buildings built, and then turn the whole thing back to the states, and have nothing more to do with it."

But perhaps the President doesn't realize how that classroom shortage has shrunk since his aides began measuring it. HEW's first secretary, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, gave three different figures in 1954 and 1955, all upwards of 300,000, and in March 1955 revised the shortage estimate for the year 1959-60 from 407,000 to 175,000. This year Secretary Marion B. Folsom put the figure at 159,000—which has been widely mislaid.

However missed, we are sure the President's heart is in the right place. An advisor, speaking of the school program is quoted as saying: "We went into it with tears in our eyes. The New Dealers would have done it with abandon."

But, extravagance aside, the result must be the same either way. It can only mean Federalization of our schools, the loss of local control.

Historically, the Government never lets go.



(Continued from Page 1) much... out on the road eating barbecue, making speeches, and generally building the prestige of the Department of Agriculture.

When Kerr Scott became Governor, he made D. S. Coltrane assistant director of the budget. But Dave Coltrane had a mind of his own and didn't see how with Governor Scott all the time. He had not when he was in the Agriculture Department.

On June 6, 1952, during the last months of the stormy four years as Governor and within a few days after William B. Umstead had beaten down Scott Man Hubert Olive for Governor, Kerr Scott wrote this letter to D. S. Coltrane:

"Dear Coltrane: "In view of the events and conditions that have developed during the past two years (Ed. note: Scott had felt that Coltrane was too conservative, was giving too much comfort to the enemy and too much love to Umstead), I find that your usefulness as my assistant in administering the affairs of the Budget Act has been hampered.

"It is my earnest desire that the program of this administration be carried out to the final day of my term of office. To do this I need the full cooperation, loyalty, and assistance of every department head; therefore, I do not believe it will serve the best interest of this administration for you to remain as assistant director of the budget and I am requesting your resignation immediately."

BLAGGUM AGIN HICKORY... Well, Scott's assistants—one in particular—thought D. S. Coltrane would roll over and play dead. He did roll over, but that's all. Those around Raleigh who knew Dave Coltrane best said: "He's as tough in his way as Scott is in his'n. It's black gum against hickory."

And that it was, Coltrane said nothing doing. He found the law was in his favor, that his job ran through Scott's term of office. The Governor then stopped his pay. Some doings, that didn't bother Coltrane. He kept plugging, had plenty to live on, and a fine wife to help him out.

OTHERS, TOO... The Governor fired Paroles Commissioner Dr. T. C. Johnson and Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Rosser on June 2, 1952, and Rosser on June 15.

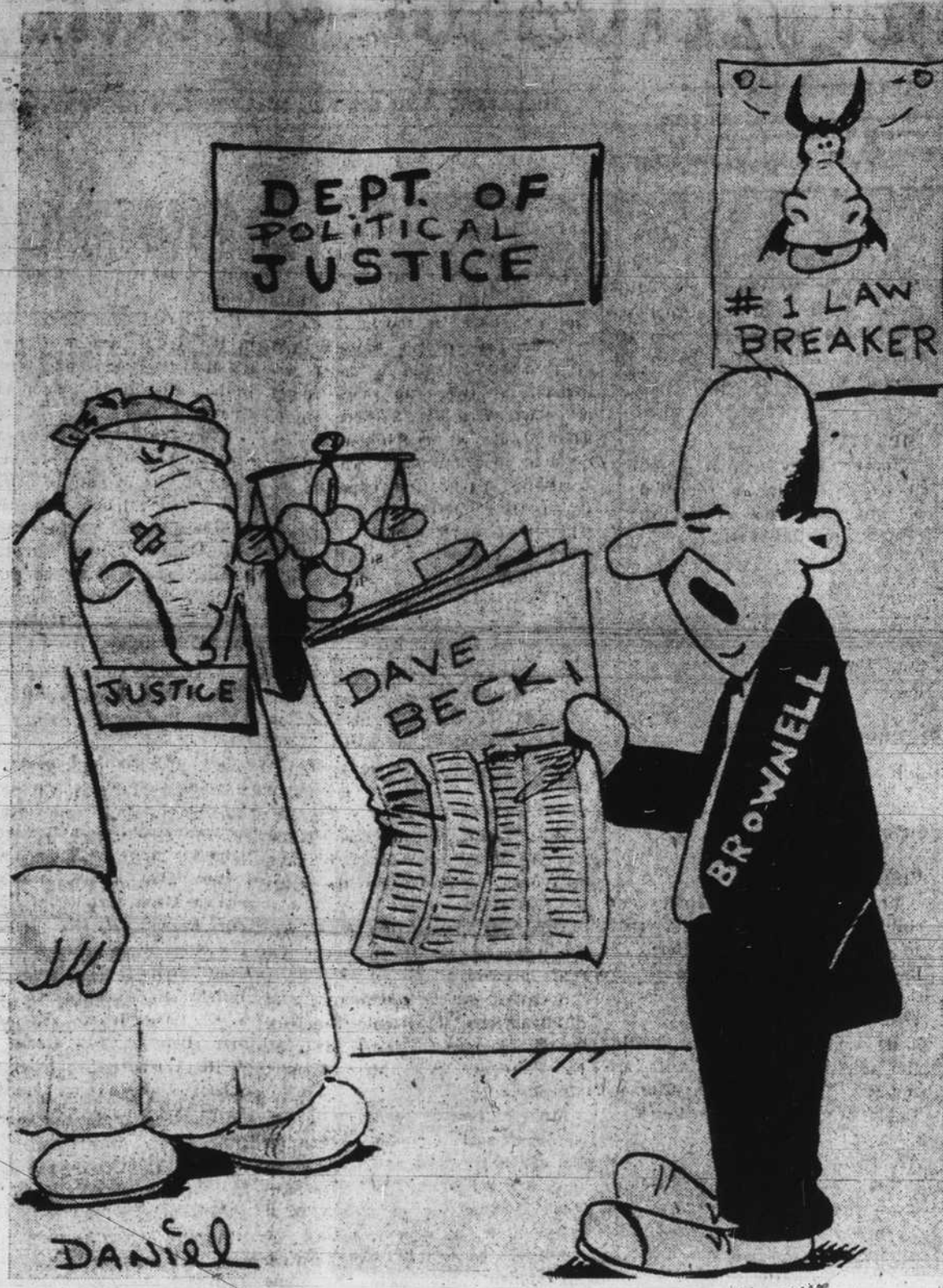
D. S. Coltrane is still on the job as assistant director of the budget, serving under his third Governor. He finally got his pay. But a few days ago when Sen. W. Kerr Scott came down from Washington to Raleigh to autograph the book, Dave Coltrane wasn't around expecting to get a special copy. A long-time friendship had been a long-time dead.

Scott has gone to greater glory and is making a name for himself in the U. S. Senate. Despite his extremely bitter feelings of 1952 and the rough campaign to unseat Al Lennon in 1954, he is probably more popular now than ever before.

NOTES... Governor Luther Hodges is sticking around home pretty closely these days, confining his speeches to North Carolina environs... and as close to Raleigh as possible... Keep an eye on Mecklenburg County's Freshman Representative Frank Snopp as political comer... an attorney and smart... Trading stamp legislation is expected flare up almost any day now in the Legislature... Seen coming out of the Governor's side office last Friday: Tom Pearsall of Pearsall Plan fame, Joe Branch, the Governor's liaison man with the Legislature, and Paul Johnston, the Governor's administrative assistant.

As a general thing, school kids coming to Raleigh waste their own time and their parents' money in visiting the Legislature... They are marched in, very quietly and unobtrusively, but they have not the slightest idea of what is going on down there on the floor and really get a false impression of how laws are made. House Speaker Doughton, sensing this, has tried to give little explanations for the kids benefit.

'But He's On Our Side.'



C. R. Daniel For The News

John Umstead Says...

## Hodges Expected To Ask 15 Pct. Hike In Teacher Pay; Racing Hearing Set

By REP. JOHN W. UMSTEAD... The bill that will be of more local interest than any other at least for the time being, is the one presented by Senator Lanier at the request of the County Commissioners and more than 800 petitioners, which would ban auto racing on Sundays in Orange County. It also provides for the protection of the public at auto races on days other than Sundays.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON — Last week I spoke briefly in the Senate on the subject that the civil rights bills are repugnant to our governmental and legal systems. During the talk I stated that I have pointed out on other occasions that the civil rights bills now pending before Congress are designed to deprive Americans involved in civil rights cases of their right of trial by jury. These bills are repugnant in other respects to our governmental and legal systems.

A Definition... Our ancestors appraised at its full value the everlasting truth embodied in Daniel Webster's assertion that "whatever government is not a government of laws is a despotism, let it be called what it may." Consequently, they based the governmental and legal systems of America upon these fundamental concepts: (1) That our government should be a government by law and not a government by men—a government in which laws should have authority over men, not men over laws. (2) That our courts should administer equal and exact justice in compliance with certain and uniform laws applying in like manner to all men in like situations.

Senate Bill... Parts III and IV of S. 83 specify, in substance, that "the Attorney General may institute for the United States, or in the name of the United States but for the benefit of the real party in interest," a novel civil action or proceeding to enforce or vindicate certain supposed civil rights of private citizens. By these words, the bill proposes to do these two things: (1) To establish a novel procedure for the enforcement or vindication of certain supposed civil rights of private citizens at the expense of the taxpayers; and (2) To confer upon one fallible human being, namely, the temporary occupant of the office of Attorney General, whoever he may be, the despotic power to grant the benefit of the new procedure to some citizens and withhold it from others.

The bill was passed without a hearing in the Senate but Senator Lanier said that a hearing could be arranged when it came to the House. The bill is now in the house and is before the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in room 513 of the Revenue Building. This hearing was arranged so that all might be heard no matter whether they favored or opposed this legislation. All interested persons in Orange County are asked to attend.

The final hearings before the Committee on Appropriations took place Tuesday afternoon. It is a long and tedious task, but it is necessary so that each agency or institution may have the satisfaction of knowing that they requested what they thought they needed to carry on the services they render for the next two years beginning July first of this year.

When the Committee convened on Wednesday afternoon it began the consideration of items and requests for additional funds as they came in the budget book. Much time was consumed with minor details and finally a motion was made that they then and there take up the matter of increases in teachers' salaries.

It was late in the afternoon and rather than take up a matter that would call for much discussion a motion was made to adjourn. This motion carried. When we convened on Thursday afternoon we were told by Chairman Eagles of the Senate Committee that the Governor has expressed a desire to send a message to the assembly or address a joint meeting during the next week.

He expressed a desire to make a statement on the matter of increases in all salaries and have some statement about where we could get the funds for such increases as he might recommend. After hearing this statement, a motion was made and carried that we defer further consideration of appropriations until we had this message from the Governor. This message or statement is expected early next week. See 15 Percent Proposal... The prediction is made by many that Governor Hodges will recommend either 15 or 16 per cent increase for teachers and either 11 or 12 per cent increase for other state employees. These increases will mean total appropriations of practically 10 per cent more than those recommended by the Budget Commission. To do this means either increasing estimates of revenue under the finance bill or financing the increases with surplus funds. Financing current operations with surplus funds is, in my opinion, bad policy. Local legislation received quite a bit of attention during the week.

Tar Heel

## PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

CUMBERLAND... Last week the expected happened in Cumberland County when the people voted by a goodly majority to un-leash Sheriff Guy and return to him the responsibility of law enforcement in the county.

The bill which the General Assembly enacted two years ago at the instance of Rep. Wilson Yarborough and I. H. O'Hanlon was resented by people all over the state. People do not like the idea of doing by legislative edict something that cannot be done by a popular vote at the polls. Guy had served a full four-year term and had won a second four-year term over an able candidate when he was de-horned. De-horning a sheriff, yea a weak sheriff, is not popular.

McDOWELL... In 1953 Rep. S. R. Perkins de-horned Sheriff Ashby Robinson of McDowell County. The circumstances then was almost identical with the Cumberland County situation. Well, two years later Rep. Perkins was defeated by W. W. Wall with the latter running on a platform to repeal the de-horning act. And, too, the people of McDowell County re-elected Robinson sheriff in 1954 after he was de-horned in 1953.

SEAVY CARROLL... Results of Sheriff Guy's victory in last week's special election may well carry over into the 1958 primary when the term of Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., will expire. Judge Nimocks who has been on the bench for nearing 20 years is not expected to be a candidate to succeed himself. State Senator Seavy Carroll is regarded as the man to beat for the job. Most of the Cumberland bar is said to be against Carroll and they are attempting to get together on a man who they think can win. People close to the Cumberland situation say that Carroll will have the backing of the Guy faction and this along with Carroll's own vote-getting ability, will make it an interesting contest to watch.

DICK PHILLIPS... Associated with Terry Sanford in the practice of law in Fayetteville are two of his boyhood chums, Dick Phillips and Donald McCoy. The firm is one of Tar Heel's most promising. A few days ago we heard a large delegation came down from Thomasville to protest a bill extending the city limits of Thomasville. The hearing lasted more than an hour. On the same day a much larger crowd came from Greensboro to appear both for and against a similar bill for the extension of the limits of Greensboro. Action was deferred until next week by both committees. Several years ago several members, myself included, sponsored and secured the passage of a statewide bill that we thought would take care of extension of city limits in all cases and there (See UMSTEAD, Page 7).

GARDEN TIM... I very much enjoy reading old books. I have just finished thumbing through one which I found interesting. It was written in 1885 by F. R. Elliott and is entitled, "Handbook of Practical Landscape Gardening." This is a second edition, the first appearing in 1877. The reason for quoting the passages which follow is to point out that, basically, our ideas of beauty, utility, good taste and proportion have not changed much.

The value of everything that approaches the beautiful, is enhanced by an appropriate setting. Even the most beautiful flower of nature is improved by its surrounding of delicately tinted green foliage. "Woman in all her beauty is rendered even more attractive in a setting of appropriate colors and forms of dress; and woe be to the taste of a blonde who, robing herself in light blue, seeks to decorate for relief with coral ornaments. The opaque red, to use a common phrase, would be 'dreadful'; while the use of a pale pink would light up and dispel the pallid moonshine of the blue, and give to all a rich pearly hue, as of early morning."

There are many whose minds are open to those powers of observation not sufficient to enable them to discover what is right in a thing, until it is pointed out to them. "The art of complete Landscape Gardening design—principles which go toward making a unity of the whole, which no deviation can without marring the result—may be possessed in a less degree; but without it, it will fail to be a design of harmonious proportion or association."

I believe that you with Mr. Elliott's quotationally changed in recent years basic principles of beautiful good taste and proportion, capturing your home with a new scheme; plan your present scheme; plan your future plan.

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