

Editorial And Opinion

Charlie James, Useful Citizen

Charlie James was one of Hillsboro's most useful citizens, and one of the community's most popular. His untimely passing in the prime of life cast a shadow over the community that only time can erase.

As operator of one of the community's drug stores, he was a friend to many when they were in need, and while he was eminently successful in business life, many are those who benefited from his gentle spirit and easy-going generosity when they needed it most. Rarely within memory did Charlie James turn down a request for a civic donation and his contribution in services to community causes and civic enterprises will long be remembered.

The condolences of the community are extended to the family who survives.

Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief

If you are eighteen—or so—about to graduate or just graduated from high school and figuratively counting your mental buttons for guidance in what to do next, you are doubtless on the receiving end of bundles of advice.

Advice, of course, is a fine thing. In later life you will probably be paying a lot of money for it from time to time. The trouble with it right now—is human nature. Older people genuinely want to help. They have a right to feel that their experience is superior. But sometimes they mistake years for wisdom. Instead of evaluating you as an individual, oldsters are inclined to put themselves in your place. They look wistfully back at the threshold of adult life and see not you, but themselves as faring forth again. And they want to protect you from their mistakes. Experience should tell them you'll make your own, regardless.

No matter how politely and appreciatively you listen to others, the decision you make must be your own, for you have got to live with it. You must weigh your own virtues and weaknesses, your talents and tastes, the things that excite you and those that leave you cold. And you must include in your consideration many kinds of jobs that didn't exist in earlier days. One that is not thought of too often is that of x-ray technician. A high school graduate can prepare himself for this highly specialized job in two years at any of 500 approved x-ray training schools—or continue for four to earn a college degree. When he has passed the exam of the American Registry of X-Ray Technicians, he is certified as a Registered Technician.

In the medical world, he becomes "the Radiologist's right hand", actually taking x-ray films, processing them in the dark room and generally assisting the radiologist—who is a graduate physician who has prepared himself through years of further study as an x-ray specialist. And the technician who takes further training is equipped to assist the radiologist in the actual administering of x-ray therapy.

If you'd like to know more about these approved x-ray training schools, write The American Society of X-Ray Technicians, 16 Fourteenth St., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. But, whatever you do, dope out your own future yourself. Don't take anybody's advice—not even ours!

Heed 'em And Sleep

Every hour of the day and night \$5,800 worth of property goes up in flames, due to the misuse of electricity. This is the estimate of the Committee on Statistics and Origin of Fires of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which reports further that this \$51 million annual loss is going up, not down.

In an effort to stem this rising tide of needless destruction—which is especially tragic in rural areas beyond the water mains—two groups of safety experts, the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the Safe Electrical Cord Committee, have laid down a joint code of simple rules that should be followed by everyone, everywhere, at all times:

1. Don't connect too many lamps or appliances to a single circuit. When a fuse blows, this is a danger signal. Be sure to correct the cause (usually overloading) before replacing fuse.
2. Don't run lamp or appliance cords over radiators or pipes, or touch such grounded metal when handling cords or appliances.
3. Never touch an electric appliance, radio or light switch (not even the phone) when you are in the bathtub, standing in a puddle (as on a laundry floor) or have wet hands.
4. Don't place cords in door jambs or under rugs. Constant closing of the door will damage insulation, so will walking on cord—and under the rug you will not see the damage.
5. Use convenience outlets in walls, not lamp sockets, for connecting appliances.
6. Never leave an electric iron connected—even for "a few minutes".
7. Never yank plugs out of socket by the cord. Grasp the plug itself.
8. When you buy a lamp, appliance, extension cord, power supply cord or cord set, always look for the Flag Label on the cord and the words: "Inspected—Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc." This is your proof of a tested, electrically safe cord.
9. Always call in a qualified electrical contractor for repairs or additions to your wiring. Electrical jobs are HOT. They are not in the "do-it-yourself" range.

Perhaps you are following all these rules now. But it's more likely you take a chance here and there, now and then, even when you know better. Most everybody does. That's why you hear so many fire-whistles in the night.



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STAYING AROUND . . . Although he was scheduled to be moving on or about July 1, we heard last week that Eugene Shaw, very efficient head of the N. C. Revenue Department, may be around for a few weeks longer. Reason: he is needed to assist in lining up the big changes made in the Revenue Act; he is a hard man to replace; and the Governor has so many other items pushing him between now and July 1. That's the way we get it, anyhow.

400 MILLION . . . The new plant coming to Wilmington will begin as a 40-million-dollar operation . . . but that's only part of the story. If it develops as expected, the project should be a 400-million-dollar operation employing over 2,500 people within ten years.

BACK DOOR . . . You hear talk about Yosemite, Mt. Rainer, Old Faithful, the Black Hills, and all that. Know what the most popular national park was last year—by far? Only the Great Smokies of Western North Carolina, right at your back door.

DOWN IN CHICAGO . . . Although I'm not a Baptist and probably have no business with an opinion, but I still can't help wondering: What in thunderation is the Southern Baptist Convention doing meeting in Chicago. Why did they go away out there, up there, or over yonder? Is the Southern Baptist Convention really Southern? Or more?

NOTES . . . Four out of ten North Carolina high school graduates last year are continuing their education in college, nurse-training, business or trade school. Remember when 95 per cent of our folks only went to the seventh grade and thereafter when speaking of their education referred to it as a "free school education". Some of the boys stayed in the seventh grade three and four years—or until expelled for whipping the teacher.

A note to the wise: several State Highway Patrol cars like yours and your neighbor's . . . all plain and pretty with no fancy paint, etc. . . will take to the road on July 1. We guarantee this project alone will cut the average speed in North Carolina ten miles per hour. There will be a lot of areas where you will be able to make as much as 60 miles per hour legally—but it's going to require several weeks yet . . . and a new highway commissioner . . . to work out these areas . . . likely long stretches on level terrain on the one-way boulevards, and then only under certain conditions.

The Governor will be with other Governors in Virginia and Dare County next week . . . and meantime announcing one or two big appointments and scores of board members, etc.

Gems Of Thought
"THE SHORTEST ANSWER" The shortest answer is doing.—George Herbert

Thinking well is wise; planning well, wiser; doing well wisest and best of all.—Persian Proverb

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.—Chesterfield

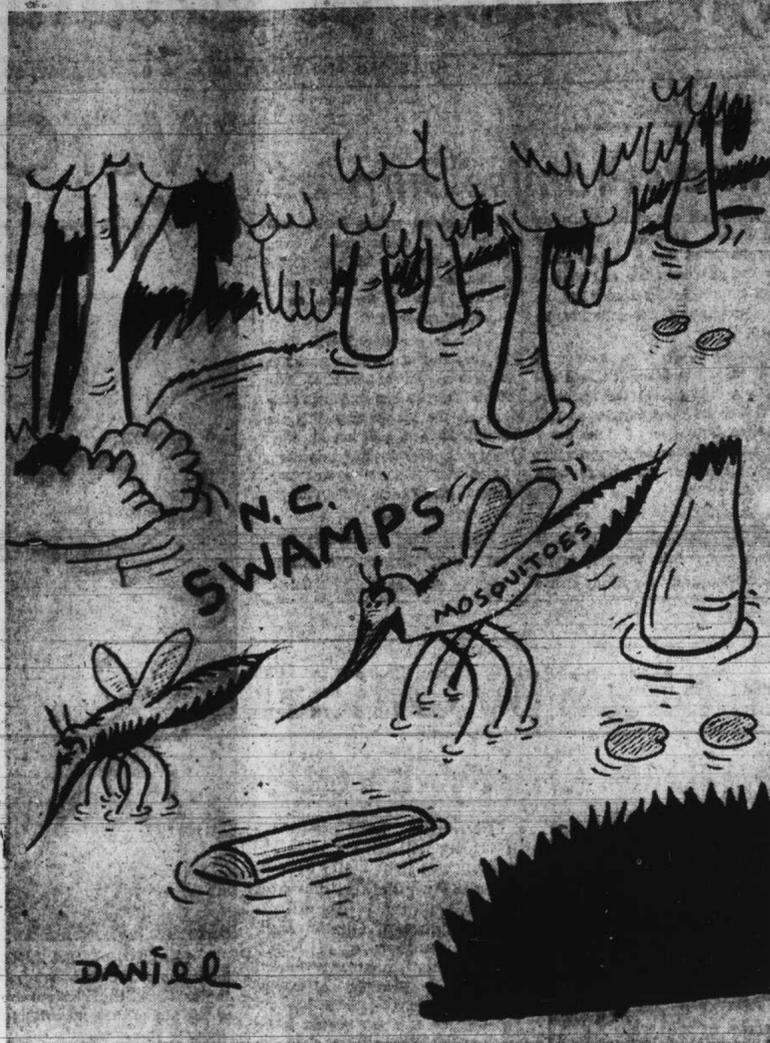
In order to do great things, one must be enthusiastic.—De Rouvray

Do noble things, not dream them.—George Kingsley

He who gives what he would as readily throw away, gives without generosity, for the essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice.—H. Taylor

He who is afraid of being too generous has lost the power of being magnanimous. The best man or woman is the most unselfed.—Mary Baker Eddy

That's What I Like About The South



C. R. Daniel for The News

Senator Scott reports from WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—Recently I have been receiving increasing amounts of mail concerning Federal aid of education.

From all indications, there seems to be sharp division of opinion on the matter, which is certainly one of the most important, issues of our time.

It is important because of the very serious—and really shameful—condition we have allowed public education facilities to get into.

Those of us who will never again sit in classrooms are indeed selfish and foolish not to make it our business to give every educational opportunity we can possibly afford to the younger generations.

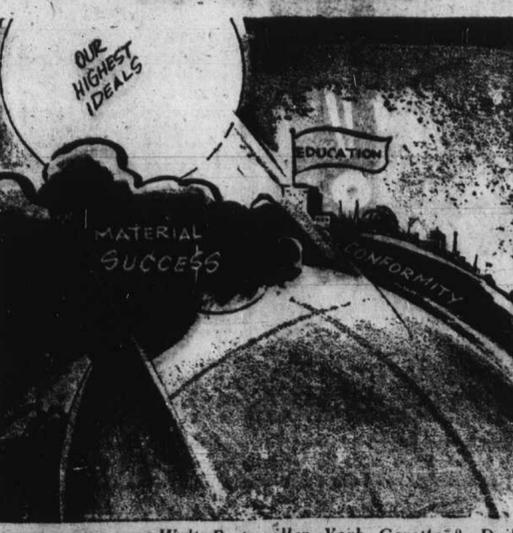
Those who are acquainted with the problem agree that drastic steps must be taken if we are to overcome our current deficit in school facilities—not to mention keeping-up with a steadily increasing population.

Quite naturally there is much disagreement about how the problem should be approached. And this is as it should be.

But the important thing is this: We are causing a bad situation to get worse as long as we keep putting off an attempt to meet the problem.

After a great deal of study and consideration, the Education and Labor Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a bill that seems sound and reasonable.

Lengthening Shadows



Walt Partymiller—York Gazette & Daily

Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER

This request comes from a reader who lives in South Euclid, Ohio. She has been reading "Garden Time" in the "Cherokee Scout" and tells me that Murphy is to be her future home.

Her question: "Can you tell me if the European White Birch will grow in that area? We have grown a beauty here and I know I shall miss it." While the River Birch, Sweet Birch and Yellow Birch are more commonly grown in North Carolina, I am suggesting that she try the European type. We are quite fortunate that many of the trees which are considered northern types will grow in some of our mountain countries because the altitude helps compensate for latitude in the northern states.

Watch out for thrips on your roses. The thrip is a very small sucking insect which gets under the petals and sucks the juices. They may attack when the plants are in bud and the petals damaged to such an extent that the flower never opens. It is difficult to control because the spray or dust must come in contact with the insect to be effective. I suggest that you use 5 per cent DDT dust, or 1 per cent Lindane dust. You may also use both of these materials in spray form by following the manufacturers' instructions. Do a thorough job of spraying or dusting.

This is the time of year when you may read a newspaper article stating that tomatoes have been found growing on Irish potato plants. The stories are more common from eastern North Carolina. These tomato-like fruits are the seed balls and contain true seed of the Irish potato. We use these seed balls in breeding new varieties from controlled crosses of known parentage.

RATIONED BUILDING
New Castle, N. Y., has passed a law restricting the number of new houses that can be built in unincorporated parts of the town during 1956 and 1957. The law provides that when any residential district outgrows its schools, trunk sewers, storm drains, roads, water mains, and other public facilities, the town board is to ration building permits in the district. No more are to be issued than the annual average for the last six years. During 1956 only 40 new houses were built and 100 will be built in 1957. Top priority for permits will go to private owners, second to builders of four or five houses a year, and last to large-scale builders.—Popular Government.

Provoked Declaration
These acts of the British Parliament provoked the declaration of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765

Tar Heel PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

AVERAGE SESSION . . . It has been the writer's privilege to serve in the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly for six consecutive terms—beginning in 1947. To our way of thinking the 1957 session of the General Assembly was an average session so far as major legislation is concerned. In 1947 the "Good Health Program" claimed considerable attention. In 1949 Kerr Scott's \$200 million secondary road bond issue claimed major attention. In 1951 Scott had reached the half-way point in his administration and the Assembly leaders showed much independence and often refused to heed the wishes of the Squire of Haw River. In 1953 ailing Bill Umstead had just been inaugurated governor but the General Assembly followed his wishes pretty much as it did HoGges' this time. In 1955 Hodges had just succeeded to the governorship and the General Assembly followed in general his wishes but balked at several of his tax ideas.

TAX CHANGES . . . The change in the corporation tax allocation formula in our opinion was the most far-reaching legislation enacted by the 1957 General Assembly. Generally speaking, Hodges fared quite well with the legislation he proposed. It's true that he didn't get the minimum wage bill enacted, a reapportionment bill passed or a liquor referendum submitted but there are people who will tell you that he was not doing much pushing regarding some of those ill-fated proposals.

INDEPENDENCE . . . The legislators showed independence when it came to the teachers salary issue. It was apparent early in the session that there was not enough power on Capitol Square to keep the teachers raise down to 9.91 per cent. In automobile inspection the legislators again rejected an Administration proposal and even refused to pass a volunteer on after Rep. John H. Keer, Jr., shouted that it was an attempt to bring inspection in by the back door. But in most matters "The Man Down Stairs" had only to nod his head and he got what he asked because when he asked his requests were most always well

SENATOR HOYLE . . . J. W. Hoyle of Lee County, freshman in the Senate, interested himself in a bill of major consequence. Heels. First, he steered the Senate an amendment to the 1955 "Blue Bill" providing that similar bills be given "group" priority less than 10 persons are. The 1955 law covered individual and family people were afraid the surface companies might prevent the 1955 law by family policies "group" thereby wrecking the bill by back door entrance second bill, and in our other good one, would the law books a number exempting stored agricultural products from taxation. It was aimed at a matter we checked m'gill well then. (See PEOPLE, page 1)

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON—Last week I was in Boston for a talk before the Suffolk University Law School Association.

Boston Speech
I spoke on the Civil Rights Bill, pointing out that it undertakes to rob Americans of the right of trial by jury by extending the jurisdiction of Federal courts of equity, in which trial by jury is not available, beyond their proper limits into the field of criminal law. I told the audience that it was altogether fitting for me to discuss this phase of the bill in the historic City of Boston, whose citizens were once made the victims of similar legislation enacted by the British Parliament at the instance of King George III and his ministers.

Legislation Recalled
Let me recall this legislation to your minds. In 1765 the British parliament enacted the Stamp Act and other measures whereby they deprived American colonists of the right of trial by jury in cases arising under the revenue laws by a device astoundingly similar to that invoked by the pending Civil Rights Bill, namely, "by extending . . . beyond its ancient limits . . . the jurisdiction of the courts of admiralty" in which trial by jury was not available. And in 1764 and 1768 the British Parliament enacted the Sugar Act and the statute known as 8 George III, chapter 22, whereby they deprived American colonists of the right of trial by jury in cases arising under the laws relating to trade and revenue by repettious of the device of "extending . . . beyond their ancient limits . . . the powers of the courts of admiralty."

Provoked Declaration
These acts of the British Parliament provoked the declaration of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765 and invaluably right of British subject in these the declaration of the Continental Congress of American colonists, went to the common law of and more especially to and inestimable privilege tried by their peers of the according to the course law," and the assertion of clarification of independence that among other, re- American colonists were in severing their political with England was because been deprived "in many the benefits of trial by jury."

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