

Editorial And Opinion

Vote Him Out February 3

Tar Heel

PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

Court Is Out-Of-Step!

The framers of our Constitution never intended," says the American Farm Bureau Federation in a resolution adopted at its recent Boston convention, "that power be vested in the Supreme Court of the United States to legislate, power to distort the plain language of the Constitution, or power to interfere with matters of state or local concern where constitutional privileges and immunities of citizens are in no way bridged."

At the convention was, it said, "seriously concerned with the tendency of the Supreme Court to legislate with the executive branch" and with the furtherance of Congress to relinquish legislative powers.

The resolution urged that Congress prescribe proper limits of the court's jurisdiction, and that it enact "conforming legislation in those fields where the court has invaded the legislative area."

The Farm Bureau resolution does not refer specifically to any decision or ruling of the court, the delegates are in agreement with former Indiana Congressman B. Pettengill, who takes issue with the oft-repeated phrase that the court's ukase (in the school segregation case) is "the law of the land."

Pettengill in HUMAN EVENTS, "is the preserver of the Constitution against the brainwashing of the people now going on to support the curious notion of the US Supreme Court—any decision—is

There is not a word in the Constitution which says the Court judgment is 'the law of the land'; there is no word which says that public officials or private citizens are bound by a decision of the Supreme Court (except parties to the particular case itself).

There is not a word in the Constitution which gives the Court the power or right to enact a law, or to amend the Constitution by giving it a meaning which the proposing or ratifying state legislatures, or the people, did not have.

Pettengill goes on to observe that only the people have the power or right to amend the Constitution and only they can pass Federal law. "This is what is meant," he says, "by a government of law. And Congress has never segregated schools are against the law."

Finally, as the Farm Bureau resolution suggests, it is the Congress to assert its prerogatives and its responsibility to the people. We have faced intolerable situations and (sometimes) found orderly and dignified solutions. Need for statesmanship was never greater.

Little Darlings

Many parents are rearing spoiled darlings, who can walk to school, complete their chores around the house, even entertain themselves. They must be entertained, either with a fine automobile, television, or movies.

When a mother finally had enough of this business and came to an answer. Originally, we think this little touch originated in Seattle, Washington. In any event, the school official, gave this advice to teenagers who complained about not having anything to do.

At home! Hang storm windows, paint the woodwork. Wash the leaves. Mow the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a garden.

Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book!

Parents do not owe you entertainment. Parents do not owe you recreation facilities. Parents do not owe you a living. Parents do not owe the world something.

In other words, the message to the teenagers who have to do, and who seek entertainment rather than life for them, to grow up, stop being American crybabies, and become a man or woman.

A mother concerned in the piece above was tired of protecting, helping, appealing, begging, excusing, and denying herself needed comforts for every whim of her child. Parents who raise such monsters are themselves to blame. It is never too late to right a wrong, if one can do it.

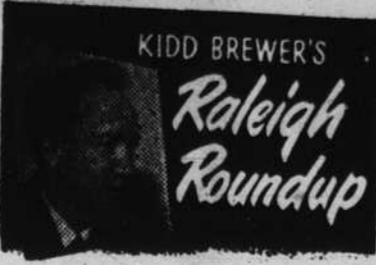
Christmas Shop At Home

Christmas shopping season has opened in Orange County and business houses have in stock almost everything buyers will need or desire for the holiday season.

A flood of giving.

We suggest to our readers that they make an effort to shop at home. Surely, every time one of us buys from a local store, we add to the possibility of broadening the base of our future needs. Gradually, larger and larger stocks become available, to offer wider selection in connection with the needs of the community.

We have never attempted to persuade any reader of the value of shopping at home. It is worth two or three times what anything is worth. Nor do we want to suggest that any merchant who suggests as much. All we ask is that they be given a fair chance to serve the needs of their logical customers. To this they are entitled.



places . . . but less personality.

NOTES . . . Decision of Reynolds Tobacco and Warner Lambert not to wed is interesting . . . in view of fact that head of the drug firm is a confirmed, outspoken non-smoker, according to Broadway gossip columnists . . . but Camel and Winston are showing sales increases each month . . .

One of these food plan salesmen called on a Raleigh housewife a few days ago and showed her she could save enough on wholesale meats bought through the Plan, etc., to pay for the freezer . . . and she said she was paying for television out of what she saved on movies; paying for the jalopy out of money saved on carfare; paying for the home out of money saved on rent; and paying for the washing machine out of money saved on laundry bills . . . "Right now," she concluded, "we just cannot afford to save any more money!"

The P. H. Hanes Knitting Co. is offering to any textile organization or firm . . . without charge . . . a public relations program for textiles embracing news releases, advertisements, billboards, etc . . .

Under "Travel Opportunities" in Raleigh dailies last week was this: "Anyone desiring airplane transportation to Philadelphia, Pa., Tues., Dec. 16, contact Everett Case, TE 4-1881." . . . That would be the coach of State College basketball and that is the Coliseum number . . . as to who or how many answered the ad, we have not heard as of this date . . .

Says Harry L. Golden, author of the best seller, "Only in America," in the recent copy of Carolina Israelite: "Old people save everything, old clothes, empty boxes, bags, wrapping paper, old toys, but mostly old medicine bottles. They figure the empty bottles might come in handy someday for the specimen . . ."

The only living N. C. ex-Senator is Robert R. Reynolds, now 74 and looking 50 . . . independently wealthy . . . and living in retirement near Asheville . . . A Tar Heel present at the installation of the new Mexican president was Hon. Harold D. Cooley . . . in Mexico City last week . . . and our Fourth District Representative is ready for a busy session as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee . . . and one of our outstanding leaders.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

DEVELOPING WHAT IS GOOD

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good. — Calvin Coolidge

To try too hard to make people good is one way to make them worse. The only way to make them good is to be good, remembering well the beam and the mote. — George McDonald

The devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers. — James Russell Lowell

Every great man is always being helped by everybody; for his gift is to get good out of all things and all persons. — Ruskin

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. — Ronald E. Osborn

News Leader

In A Hoaxer's Brain

Scolding whoever made the false telephone calls about bombs in the High School and University buildings is a first impulse, but a rather profitless process. The callers—the fact that there was more than one shows how this sort of thing goes by hysterical chain reaction—knew they were wrong when they dialed the police. They don't have to be told so.

It's even fairly easy to understand why they made the calls.

What a sense of power! I—just li'l ol' me—with just a li'l ol' phone call—I can start the police running, can get the schools shut, can fuss up most everyone



Lee Madden for The News

Above, cartoonist Lee Madden's vivid picture of one fine result of a vote in favor of ABC stores in Orange County at the referendum the Board of Elections has just formally called for February 3.

To the trash heap with the bootlegger! Oh, maybe some of the peddlers of skull-popping shine will try to stay in business, but they'll be hurt. So, especially will those who buy legal liquor and resell it illegally. Those last can offer only convenience—at a high price. Make it more convenient for their patrons to buy, and the illicit sellers will find a hefty crimp put in their trade.

Those law violators are among the hardest workers to keep Orange County "dry"—they say "dry" so they can cash in by wetting it.

Harm faces them if the vote goes for opening the State stores. Who will be helped? Most of all, business men in the county. They'll cease to lose the trade they're now deprived of when folks travel to Durham or Wake County on 'liquor runs' and buy something else while they're there.

Orange County's treasury will gain its statutory share of the stores' receipts, and that will help all taxpayers.

And those who drink? They get it easily enough, anyway, but their buying will be made a mile more convenient.

Bootleggers versus merchants, taxpayers and a large portion of the population. That's the lineup for February 3.

Governor - On Bomb Threats

In my press conference last week, I was asked to comment on the series of school bombing hoaxes, which had occurred in various communities in North Carolina. I expressed my indignation at such occurrences and expressed the hope that we in North Carolina would be spared any further such outrages.

Unfortunately, many more anonymous telephone calls, purporting to report the location of bombs in various public schools, have been made. As of yesterday, there have been anonymous telephone calls affecting more than 24 public schools and 26,604 children in North Carolina. The disruption and confusion resulting from such unlawful acts cannot be condoned or shrugged away. Each anonymous bomb hoax is a threat to the security and peace of our State, our communities and our entire public school system. Whether these calls may be made by prankish children or misguided adults does not change the extremely serious consequences of these actions.

As Governor of North Carolina, I appeal to every citizen in the State to do what he or she can to prevent any further bomb hoax or bomb threat to our schools or public places. I appeal particularly to the parents of school children in

North Carolina and ask each of them to make certain that their children understand fully the serious consequences of making such anonymous calls.

The people of North Carolina do not believe in violence or threats of violence. We are justly proud of our public schools and we want no harm to come to any one of our 1,000,000 school children.

I can assure you that every law enforcement officer in North Carolina will do his utmost to apprehend those guilty of making anonymous calls or threats and that the courts of North Carolina will deal promptly with these misguided people.

We have in hand the text of a proposed statute which is planned for presentation to the 1959 General Assembly for the purpose of providing more severe criminal penalties for such outrages. It is my earnest and sincere hope that we can prevent any further bomb threats and that those who have been guilty of making these threats will be apprehended and promptly punished.

I am asking every citizen in our State, and every governmental agency to help stop these irresponsible acts. I am informed that effective plans are now in progress to detect telephone calls and to apprehend the guilty people

young or old. They will not be dealt with lightly.

Land Of Orange

Tobacco that I irrigated last summer made a thousand pounds more per acre than tobacco that was not irrigated." Ormand Woods Cedar Grove, said Monday.

Regarding water as one of the most important resources of his farm, he is now making preparations for another pond. It, too, will stop runoff until needed by his crops, water that would otherwise be lost down Little River.

Another conservation practice he reports profitable is the use of fescue in rotation with tobacco. "It wasn't my best tobacco land," he reports of one field, "but after the fescue it made the best tobacco it ever had."

Merritt Dixon, Carr, shaped up gullied, brush grown draws in two of his fields this fall and seeded them to ladino clover and fescue. Next spring, after the sod is established, the water disposal system will be completed by building terraces. Plans are to lay the terraces out parallel as far as possible. This will eliminate the short rows that are so inconvenient.

Such a system, as with any well laid out water disposal system, will serve two purposes. It will provide the drainage needed for the removal of excess water in wet weather, and it will slow down the runoff and water and soil loss during heavy rains, giving the land time to absorb more of the short summer downpours. Mr. Dixon figures it is cheaper to hold the water in place on the field, within reason, that it is to pump it back to the field later.

Birds of all kinds are visiting his feeding stations, O. W. Bunker Orange Grove, says. With the snow covering most of their food for the past week, feeding stations may be their only chance of survival.

SNOW AND HISTORY . . . The big snow storm which sneaked upon Tar Heels in the early hours of Thursday morning, December 11 may have been the biggest "December" snow in 41 years, as reported in some of the papers, but it was well below the big snow which fell on March 1 and 2, 1927 which in the Sandhill section of North Carolina averaged about 24 inches in depth, while in other sections it was considerably deeper. Last week's snow in the Sandhills was about 16 inches deep. The snow was unusual in that it was lighter in the Northern part of the state than in the Southern end.

GOVERNOR BATTLE . . . Former Governor John S. Battle of Virginia, but a North Carolinian by birth, is a member of the Civil Rights Commission authorized by the last Congress. In Alabama last week Governor Battle offered some good advice to his Southern cousins when he admonished the Alabamians to cooperate with the commission's current franchise probe. Qualified citizens of all races are entitled to vote and should not be prevented from freely exercising this sacred privilege. In 1958 which is fast drawing to a close any community which attempts to prevent qualified citizens of any race from registering and voting is on thin ice which is crackling and sinking fast. Governor Battle is a true Southerner with the interests of the South at heart Alabama and the whole South will do well to heed his admonitions.

JORDAN & WHITLEY . . . Bill Whitley served as publicity man for Bill Umstead when he ran for governor in 1952 and won against Hubert E. Olive of Lexington. Two years later—in 1954, he was in the Kerr Scott headquarters as publicity man when the Squire of Haw River was running for the United States Senate. After Scott's primary and election victories, Whitley became a member of his Washington office, handling his publicity and assisting in his speech-writing. When Scott died and Jordan was appointed to succeed him, Whitley, unlike Ben Roney and Roy Wilder, did not resign but stayed on with Jordan. Now, some of those who were close to Scott and his Washington office set-up say Whitley is grinding out for Jordan almost the same statements that Kerr Scott had made while senator, particularly on farm- and water conservation measures. Word is that some of Scott's friends don't feel quite right towards Whitley about it.

NISBET . . . One of Tar Heels' most astute political observers is Lynn Nisbet, correspondent for more than 20 afternoons Tar Heel dailies. Occasionally wrong, but most of the time right on his predictions, Lynn, on whose desk at his office in the Sir Walter Hotel can be seen half a dozen or more pipes, has an uncanny way of maintaining a straw in the wind to determine which way the political breeze is blowing.

SEAWELL . . . Say what you please about this man Malcolm B. Seawell who has claimed so much attention since his appointment as Attorney General less than a year ago, but one thing you

must, hand to him: He speaks with a ring of sincerity that challenges even those who disagree with him on his approach to the Supreme Court's integration decisions.

NEUTRALITY . . . Governor Hodges is telling all-comers now that he is keeping hands off the Speakership race between Carl Venters and Add Hewlett, that either man will be ok with him. Hewlett's supporters say the New Hanover representative has 65 commitments for Speaker with Mrs. W. G. Cover Sr., representative-elect from Cherokee being the latest to pledge her support. It will require 50 to win.

INTERESTING . . . Senator Everett Jordan's statement in Washington last week that the South won't bolt the Democratic party over the civil rights issue as quite interesting in view of the general feeling that the senator himself bolted the national ticket in 1940 to vote for Willie against Roosevelt. Jordan may or may not have voted for Willie but in the financial reports turned in that year Jordan was listed as a contributor to the Willie campaign.

SOCIAL SECURITY . . . Rather than increasing the social security payments, we believe it would be better to widen the scope and bring in some of those not presently covered. In looking around about us it appears that those who are not getting it are in as great a need as those who are getting it. So many are now covered until it doesn't seem quite fair to leave out others who are in dire circumstances but unfortunately were not covered long enough to entitle them to this help in their evening years.



From my front porch

By CARL MELIA

Who says women are not good drivers?

Before you answer, here's someone who says they ARE, if given a chance. It's a man — a man among men, at that!

Women are naturally careful and cautious, Mr. O'Shea contends, and good safe and sane drivers if they have a car they can handle easily.

"They've been frustrated, given an inferiority complex, trying to handle and park the long, heavy cars of the last several years," the racing champ says.

They have difficulty judging distance, essential to driving and parking. They can barely see over the front end of the long cars, let alone check distance via the rear view mirror, with all those high, jutting fins in their way.

"They've got a chance now to prove they can be good drivers," O'Shea says. "That new Studebaker Lark, being smaller, easily handled and parked, is ideal for them."

Take things as they come—the past is gone, tomorrow is an uncertainty, and today is no sure thing.

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