

Editorial And Opinion

Court Again Criticized

The criticism of the Supreme Court from the American Bar Association, at its recent meeting in Chicago, is the latest evidence that the highest court of the land is seriously out of step with the vast majority of legal experts in the United States today.

The latest criticism, concerning Supreme Court decisions favorable to Communists, follows a repudiation of the top court by the Supreme Court Justices of the various states. It also follows criticisms made by the Governors of the various states.

Considering, also, the fact that many of the controversial decisions differ from the traditional concepts of past Supreme Courts, one wonders what further evidence is needed to prove the case against the present top court—the charge that judicial training and experience is lacking and needed among the Big Nine.

Congress, and the President, should see to it that qualifications for membership on the top court are carefully raised. For example, there is little in the present plan of bestowing Supreme Court appointments as political plums to commend itself.

Just as Chief Justice Earl Warren won his appointment because of his part in getting the California delegates at the 1952 Republican convention to support Mr. Eisenhower, other inexperienced men, have won seats on the high court as a "payoff" for some political service rendered to the right person at the right time.

To be a Supreme Court Justice one should have judicial training on a high level over a number of years. This should be an inviolate prerequisite. The least Congress should do at the current session or in this Congress, is to pass a bill, or constitutional amendment, requiring such qualifications.

A Word About Youth

It's becoming very fashionable these days to complain that American youth are not as vigorous or hard working as youth behind the Iron Curtain. Today, on the 47th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States, we would like to point out that many youngsters in Girl Scouting and in other youth groups are learning to grow up as alert, self-disciplined and useful citizens.

Last year, for example, a 17-year-old Girl Scout won a national science award for her individual research work in astronomy. While not many Girl Scouts are likely to become astronomers, more than three and one-half million Girl Scouts are learning how valuable our freedom and traditions are.

The Girl Scouts are celebrating their anniversary this year with the theme, "You Can Count on Her to be Creative." Special emphasis is being given to arts, homemaking and service projects because the Girl Scouts believe that it is essential for every youngster to develop self confidence and initiative as well as specific talents. This is a very different kind of youth program than those behind the Iron Curtain and one that all of us can be proud of.

We think the men and women who serve as volunteers in the Girl Scouts and in other youth groups should be congratulated. They are not only helping youngsters, they are serving their country as well.

The Eternal Essentials

When St. Augustine landed on the Island of Britain, he went straight to one of the chiefs. The chief, surrounded by his principal warriors in their dark and smoky council hall, listened to St. Augustine's request that he preach to the warriors assembled.

The chief replied, "A bird has flown through the council hall. He has come from the darkness. We know not where he has flown into the darkness, we know not where. So with our lives, Oh stranger, if you can tell whence we come and where we go, speak and we will listen."

Things of the moment are often too much with us. But there come times when golf clubs, business, television and decks of cards do not entirely satisfy a man. We realize that Bubbles we buy for a whole soul's tasking.

"For a cap and bells our lives we pay, Every Sabbath is a time to stop to choose what is most important in life, to give the eternal essentials, due thought. As the nationwide Religion In American Life observance urges, "Find the strength for your life . . . worship together this week." Attend and support the Church of our choice.

The Original Blarney

Chances are the blarney will be as thick as the shamrocks when the Irish honor St. Patrick on Tuesday.

But the original "blarney" was an Irish chieftain who proved that you can still win even if you lose.

When the castle of Blarney was besieged by the English, the lord of the manor concluded an armistice with the English commander. According to the research department of The World Book Encyclopedia, he promised to surrender the old homestead to an English garrison in Cork on a certain date.

The Englishman waited politely for the terms of the armistice to be fulfilled . . . and waited . . . and waited. The Lord of Blarney held him off with promises and flattery, until the commander became the laughingstock of the court of England.

And the name "Blarney" ironically took its place in the "English" language, as a synonym for sweet talk.

Umstead's Column

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from Orange County remained in Raleigh to do some home work since Senator Lanier did not go to Charlotte either.

On Thursday of last week I introduced two Bills that mean much to those persons who are mentally retarded or become mentally ill and their families. One of these Bills would provide 540 additional beds at the Training School at Butner for mentally retarded white children at a cost of one million two hundred thousand dollars. Along with these provisions was another giving the Caswell Training School a three hundred thousand dollar class room building for those children who are educable and trainable. At the present time there are 10 classes in a building that is not even fire resistant. It is bad to think of children who are normal attending classes where a fire hazard exists but it is unthinkable that we should allow our mentally retarded children to take this risk.

The other Bill provides two million dollars for a hospital and administrative building at the State Hospital at Goldsboro. We have adequate hospital facilities at the other institutions for the mentally ill and this would simply place all of our 4 institutions on an equal basis. The other item in this Bill is four million, five hundred thousand dollars for a new institution for mentally retarded children in Western N. C. This institution will be badly needed before it is possible to get it completed, as we already have more children on the waiting list than can be taken care of with our present facilities and those contemplated. Such an institution should be in Western N. C. so that the people in that section would not have to drive 200 to 400 miles to see their children at Butner or Caswell. The last two items would be included in the bond issue Bill to be voted upon by the people, with the first two included in the bond issue Bill that can be voted by the Legislature.

During the year I received from the County Board of Education a request for the passage of legislation increasing the number of the County Board of Education from 3 to 5. This legislation will require that the two additional members be named in the Bill. I have requested L. J. Phibbs, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee to call his committee together and nominate these two persons. I have heard no opposition to this change but if there should be opposition I would like to hear about it just as soon as possible and if the opposition wishes a hearing before the Committee on Education in Raleigh I would like to arrange such a hearing.

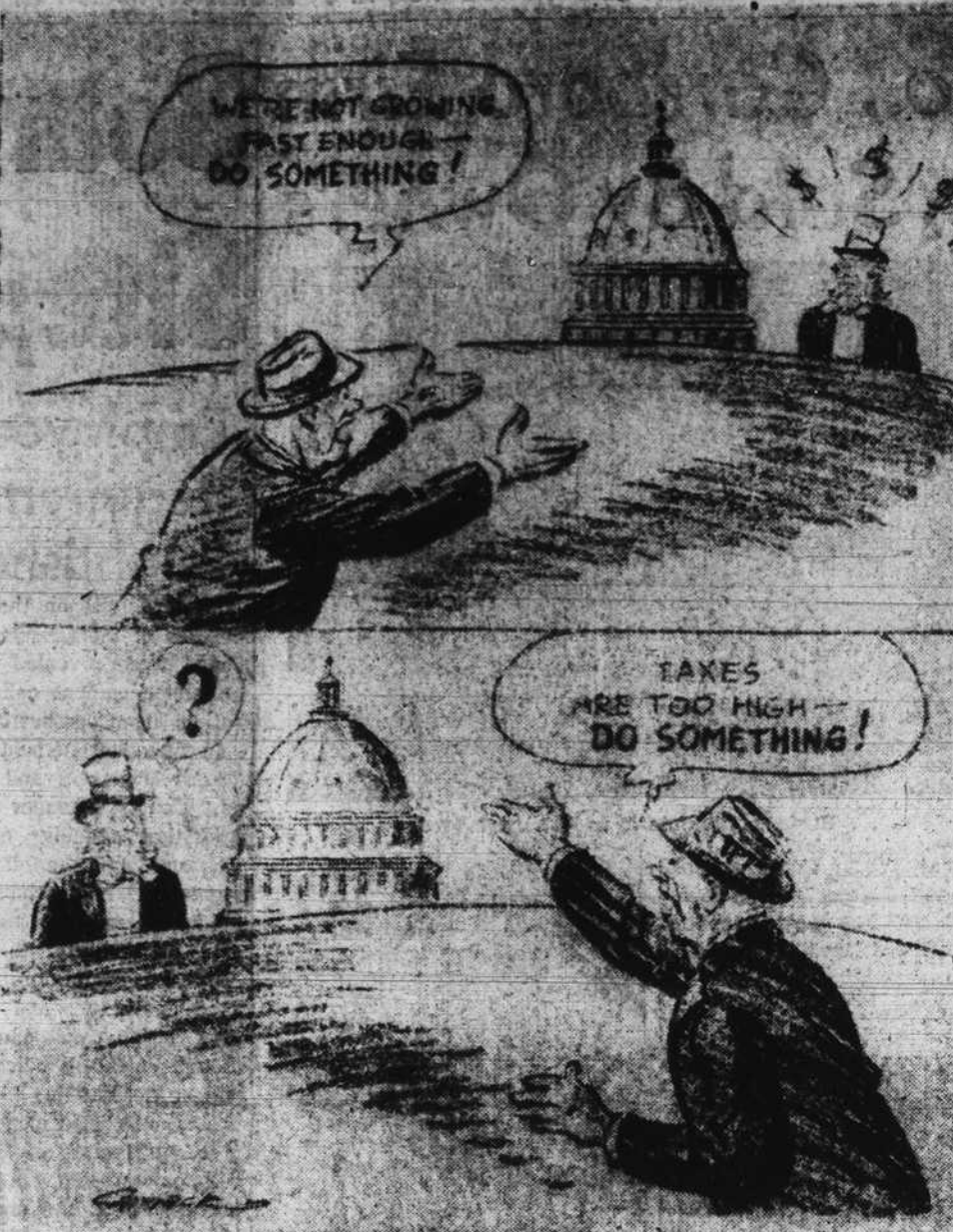
Jack Gilmore's

Garden Gossip

For 14 years I was owned by a cat. From the first day that "Cherry", a pale golden ball of silk, came to live with us until I found her wrapped in the gorgeous of her tail, lost in her eternal sleep. I was her devoted slave. As I buried her in the bed of tiger lilies that were so like the amber gleam of her eyes I vowed that never again would I give my heart to an animal to scratch and tear. I can well understand why the ancient Egyptians thought that cats were gods, for the cold appraising gaze of a cat will give any sensitive soul a terrific inferiority complex. The constant war between Cherry and myself to establish which of us was the mistress always found me the loser.

Now I have entered once more into the same bondage. Jill has been given a dog by her adoring daddy! A tiny bit of female wiles, so appealing and helpless. "Missy" weighs only three pounds at eight months of age. So here I go again. The Cardinals are courting and the beautiful male, resplendent in his mating plumage, has taken over the TV antenna from his high perch sings his love song. "Pretty-pretty" he calls. I can not decide whether he means himself or the lady of his dreams, or just life in general.

'You Do It but Don't Make Us Pay'



Teaching Problem

By JOHN COREY

Appalachian State Teachers Col. Teaching sleepy children who spend too much time viewing TV ranks high among teacher problems.

A list of 142 problems hampering school people in educating youth has been prepared by Dr. Lee F. Reynolds at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., following a survey of 200 Tar Heel teachers representing 25 public schools.

Pinpointing the problems is as important to parents as school officials, states education professor Reynolds. What troubles a teacher usually affects students and their learning.

And as a rule a joint effort by both parents and teachers is required to bring about corrections, opines the 31-year veteran of public school and college instruction.

As might be expected, money leads the 142-problem list. Low salaries force teachers' wives to work, discourage having children, leave little for clothes and recreation and cause worry about summer employment.

Too many things to do in a school day besides teach, such as supervising bus loadings and keeping records, is in second place.

Indifferent parents who show little concern over their children's scholastic progress rates high. Students' poor spoken English poses formidable problems.

Dealing with the poorly disciplined gives many headaches. Promoting or retaining "borderline" students is troublesome. Other knotty problems include: Youngsters lack respect for others.

Working with those of low general intelligence. Too many classroom interruptions and exaggerated interest in extra-curricular activities as band and sports.

Little relief from the children.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

REASON Reason is the most active human faculty. — Mary Baker Eddy

If we would guide by the light of reason, we must let our minds be bold. — Justice Brandeis

How difficult it is to persuade a man to reason against his interest, though he is convinced that equity is against him. — John Example has more followers than reason. — Christian Nestell Bovee

Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors. — Thomas H. Huxley Good reasons must, of force, give place to better. — William Shakespeare

especially for elementary teachers who remain continuously with 25 to 40 little ones from beginning of school to its end. On the list, but not marked once as a problem is "teachers cannot choose where they live."

"That's understandable," says Professor Reynolds, "Jobs are so plentiful that a good teacher can practically pick any place in the United States he wishes to live."

ORANGE COUNTY FARM AGENTS' COLUMN

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SWINE MEETING A very interesting swine meeting was held at the Joe Dillard Farm near Mebane last Saturday. A large group of farm people interested in swine production were on hand to hear various phases of swine management discussed.

Mr. Dillard has 30 sows on his 95 acre swine farm. He has a ten-stall farrowing house and plans to build another ten-stall farrowing house in the near future and to increase his herd to 60 sows. Mr. Dillard's records show that this year he raised his pig crop to weaning age for an average of \$5.40 per weaning pig. A number of farmers in this area plan to build farrowing houses and enter the feeder pig business this year.

FARMERS NEED LIME St. Mary's and Caldwell Communities recently held two soil testing programs attended by a good number of leading farmers in each community.

Soil Specialists emphasized the fact that farmers in North Carolina were losing millions of dollars for this has not already been done. They stated that North Carolina farmers pay more than eighty million dollars per year for fertilizer, but that in most cases it was not doing as much good as it should because the land needed lime.

March

The month is also the birthday anniversary of many notables. Alexander Graham Bell was born March 3, 1842 in Edinburgh, Scotland. County Casimir Pulaski was born in Lithuania, Poland, on March 4, 1748. Luther Burbank was born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, March 7, 1849. Oliver Wendell Holmes was born on March 8, 1841, at Boston.

Simon Cameron was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1799, and Joseph Priestly, the discoverer of oxygen, was born at Fieldhead, Yorkshire, England, March 13, 1733.

Andrew Jackson was born March 15, 1767, near the South Carolina-North Carolina border. Another ex-President, James Madison, was born at Port Conway, Virginia, on March 16, 1751. Robert B. Tenney, the 5th Chief Justice of the United States, was born in Calvert County, Maryland, on March 17, 1777.

Grover Cleveland, the twenty-second and twenty-fourth President of the United States, was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, on March 18, 1837. William Jennings Bryan, a great political leader, was born at Salem, Illinois, March 19, 1860.

John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, was born at Greenway, Charles City County, Virginia, March 29, 1790.

PEOPLE & ISSUES

EXPENSIVE . . . The revelation last week that U. S. Rep. Ralph J. Scott of the Fifth North Carolina congressional district was paying \$1,200 a year to rent a back-home office from his wife may well prove expensive in the long run in that it may well result in formidable opposition for his re-nomination in the 1960 Democratic primary. And primary campaigns are expensive. Congressmen and United States Senators are now paid \$22,500 per per plus clerical assistance, etc., which many people feel pretty adequate in view of the fact that the Governor of North Carolina receives only \$15,000 per year.

COURT REFORM . . . To implement the recommendations of the Bell Commission was introduced in the General Assembly last week of the suggestions of a committee are obvious and will promote justice. But we'd like to see at least one exception. We along with the appointing power than the election of the best part of the Bill we think, is its uniformity of costs and fees. To the idea that our courts are to produce revenue to win wide support over.

LEGISLATIVE MILEAGE . . . There is considerable feeling that the North Carolina House of Representatives was grabbing too much when it voted weekly mileage home for the state legislators recently. The bill is now in the Senate and chances are strong that it will be greatly modified or killed in the Senate.

In the North Carolina General Assembly some of the legislators have to travel farther than others would have to go to attend meetings in Washington—the national capital. Those living in the far east and in the west beyond Asheville are in far greater need of travel allowance than those living near Raleigh.

HENDERSON . . . The flare-up in the textile strike at Henderson is poor advertising for North Carolina which has in recent months received so much favorable publicity and consideration as a good state for industry to locate in. Governor Hodges and State Labor Commissioners Crane have been doing their best to help solve the trouble but without avail. Principal issue in the strike is the company's decision to exclude an arbitration clause from the new union contract which was in the old contract. Mill President John D. Cooper Jr., has repeatedly declined any suggestion of continuation of the arbitration clause.

BIBLICAL RECORDER . . . On May 1, the Biblical Recorder will appear in its "new look" as it swings into photo-offset. The 126-year-old Baptist state publication will depart from the traditional letterpress or flat-bed type and press printing. More than 62,000 copies of the 24-page publication are mailed out each week. The N. C. Baptist State Convention has for many years invested approximately one cent per copy per week in the Recorder to help promote its wide circulation at nominal rates, unchanged for years, in order to send the paper to all pastors, missionaries, Tar Heel students in the seminaries, to libraries, hospitals, foreign missionaries, and to keep it going to the homes of Tar Heel Baptists at lowest possible subscription rates.

TRIP TO CHARLOTTE . . . For one legislator at least and probably others, last week's Assembly trip to Charlotte was his first visit to the Queen City of the Carolinas. Charlie Crawford, Swain County representative, said it was his first. Interesting tours were conducted through two Charlotte plants, the Douglas Aircraft factory where 2,000 people which in case of war would be prime enemy target. Lance plant where the line of Lance nabs are out in mass production some 30 tons of peas with 800 men and women ed in the plant. We observed church hymns were held in the plant, which we had had been the custom at 8:45 in the morning and 4:45 in the afternoon. At of the hymns, everybody for a moment of silent.

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