

# Editorial And Opinion

## Guarding Against Polio?

Have you had your child vaccinated against polio? Are you vaccinated? Are your neighbors and neighbor's children protected from this disease? If you are in doubt we suggest that you check with your county health department and give your child this added protection now.

North Carolina's heaviest polio period has been experienced in August in a number of past years, and the leaders of the state are seeking to protect as many children as well as young adults as possible against polio, prior to any possible widespread outbreak of the disease in the state.

Failure of the people to avail themselves of the polio vaccinations has resulted in North Carolina lagging in its polio immunization program.

The polio vaccine is safe, effective and is now available in sizeable quantities but is useless unless injected. The physicians of North Carolina urge every parent in the state to make certain that their child is vaccinated immediately.

Polio vaccinations now may prevent paralysis and other dangers in August and September.

A little time now to get the vaccine may mean the saving of a life or the prevention of a life-long handicap.

## An Inflationary Threat

Many people sincerely support the current proposal to increase the federal minimum wage, and to extend it to certain service industries, notably retailing, which have always been exempt. They reason that anything which will improve the earning power of people in the low-income brackets is automatically good.

But there is another, a very different, side to the matter when it's viewed in the clear light of logic. Godfrey M. Lehar, authority on retailing, says this, in a discussion of the potential impact of the proposal: "The substantial increase in the cost of living which would follow any such widespread hike in production and distribution operating costs is painfully clear to anyone who understands what happens when a minimum wage is imposed or raised. Not only those who were getting less than the minimum but those who were getting more have to be raised. Organized labor has always insisted that existing 'differentials' be maintained.

"Let us make no mistake about it. Rising costs mean rising prices, reduced sales, curtailed production, factory layoffs and all the economic havoc involved in unemployment."

A primary cause of inflation and related economic problems has been wage increases which have not been accompanied by compensating increases in production. Manufacturers and retailers have no choice but to raise prices—the profits of enterprise, with few exceptions, are not big enough to absorb the wage increases. They must also pare their employment to the maximum extent possible. And the inexperienced, unskilled low-income workers are among the most seriously hurt.

## Insanity Headlined

It is a mark of insanity that it is never recognized by individuals afflicted. It must be that the same rule holds true for a society.

Today's headlines tell a story of national lunacy posing as intellectualism and few detect the masquerade.

Evidence continues to accrue that Uncle Same is in sad need of a psychiatric couch. There is the story of emergency for the federal highway fund now in exhausted state and with Congress unwilling to raise the gasoline tax still higher. The national debt is bulging past legal limits again. The public is increasingly skeptical of federal bonds although fiscal calamity is averted only by selling new bonds to refund the old.

There are few sources of taxation left untapped and the old ones are dangerously strained. The whole picture screams of danger, and it might be assumed that an intelligent or even half-sensible people would heed the warnings and rush in with heroic remedial measures.

Instead, the National Education Association in convention assembled petitions Congress for \$8 billion of deficit and "uncontrolled" aid in the name of raising the intellectual level of the nation.

The picture suggests that irrationality often occurs in an intellectual setting.

## Who'll Be First?

A law has gone into effect in Iowa under which elective offices of counties can be consolidated, excepting only the county attorney and county supervisors (commissioners). Any two or more of the other elective offices can be merged—sheriff, treasurer, recorder, auditor and clerk of the district court.

No one expects elected county officials to speed consolidation plans. But sooner or later some of them could be brought around to the idea if the public so desired.

Consolidations can be effected only by a referendum in a county. The petition for such a vote must be signed by voters equal in number to 25 per cent of the vote cast in the last previous election for the county official who received the most votes.

Some merger plans have been suggested. Creation of a department of finance is one. It would take over the duties of some or all of the following officials: auditor, treasurer, assessor and recorder.

Iowans will not hold their breaths waiting for a major revision of their county government system. In the absence of a major issue, such changes are unlikely to occur—the lethargy of the public being what it is in such matters.

What is needed for even experiments in consolidation is leadership from the officials themselves. And what county official anywhere is going to propose doing away with his own office?

## Ervin Explains Inquiry Off At Henderson

WASHINGTON—The McClellan Committee of the Senate, upon my recommendation, voted last week not to investigate the strike at Henderson, North Carolina.

**Henderson Inquiry Off**  
My suggestion as a member of the McClellan Committee was based on these events:

(1) The Regional Office of the National Labor Relations Board at Winston-Salem has handed down a decision in a proceeding initiated by the Union under the Taft-Hartley Act rejecting the Union's claim that the management of the mills at Henderson has failed to bargain with it in good faith, and the Union has announced its intention to appeal this decision of the Regional Office to the NLRB at Washington.

(2) Three Union officials, including the official having general supervision of the strike, and five strikers have been tried, convicted and sentenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, upon an indictment charging them in substance with conspiring to disable the mills by the use of explosives. These officials and strikers, who refrained from testifying in the trial in Vance County, have appealed their convictions to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, which will not be able to hear or determine their appeal for some time.

### Committee Position

The Committee has grave misgivings concerning the advisability and propriety of undertaking to investigate the strike at Henderson while these matters are pending before the NLRB and the Supreme Court of North Carolina. The Committee is of the opinion, moreover, that it cannot conduct either a full or a fair investigation of the strike at Henderson unless the three convicted Union officials and the five convicted strikers are at full liberty to testify before the Committee as to all matters within their knowledge incident to the strike and that it would substantially prejudice their rights to call on them for such testimony before the criminal prosecution against them is finally determined.

In voting not to investigate the strike at Henderson the Committee reserves the right to reconsider its present action whenever it finds that the three convicted Union officials and the five convicted strikers are at full liberty to testify concerning all matters within their knowledge incident to the strike.

The Committee took this action on my motion and without any request whatever from the Union or the management of the mills.

**Basis For Probe**  
The basis for a probe of the strike was to determine whether the occurrences incident to this strike indicated a need for further Federal legislation. The Union made a request of the Committee for an investigation. I took the position that, as a Senator from North Carolina and member of the Committee, the circumstances were such that the Committee should not reject the request for a probe. I so recommended to the Committee.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

**SOLITUDE**  
*Solitude, the safeguard of mediocrity, is to genius the stern friend.*—Ralph Waldo Emerson  
*Being alone without feeling alone is one of the great experiences of life; and he who practices it has acquired an infinitely valuable possession.*—David Grayson  
*Solitude is the nurse of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is the true parent of genius.*—Isaac D'Israeli  
*Solitude shows us what we should be; society shows us what we are.*—Richard Cecil  
*I had three chairs in my house: one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society.*—Henry David Thoreau  
*Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand.*—George Eliot  
*What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least expected generally happens.*—Benjamin Disraeli  
*We love to expect, and when expectation is either disappointed or gratified, we want to be again expecting.*—Johnson

## 'May I Have A Dime To Buy A Penny Candy?'



### Attention All Parents

## Student Guidance: How Does It Work?

**Editor's Note:** In view of the new interest in guidance and the assignment of two guidance teachers in Orange County schools this year, the following article by a well known educator is reprinted as a matter of information.

By DR. EDWARD C. ROEBER

Have you ever thought about why you are working in your present occupation? Perhaps it was an accident—or you may have carefully planned it to the last detail.

Accidents may have worked well for some of us. But most parents are not willing to have their children's success or failure be an accidental thing.

In order to increase the probability that vocational success will depend upon some rhyme or reason, student guidance leaders for more than fifty years have been developing ways in which to help students plan and develop careers.

Because it is a difficult task to help students make plans and carry them out, guidance counselors cannot be sure of success in every case. There is no doubt, though, that their work greatly improves the chances for satisfaction and success in life.

The professional guidance counselor is interested in helping your child learn how to plan for himself rather than be dependent upon someone else to make his plans for him. He also recognizes that career planning and development cannot be settled in a short period of time but, for almost everyone, is actually a lifelong process. New experiences change our interests, attitudes, goals, and eventually may affect our vocational plans.

It is important that we fully understand what is meant by the word "career." Research indicates that most of us work in a series of occupations, some related and some unrelated to our final occupation at the time we retire.

Bob White, for example, may have begun as a car washer, then worked in numerous auto service stations as an attendant, before becoming an auto mechanic and eventually the owner of a small auto repair shop. All of these kinds of work represent Bob's career. In his case, his occupations were definitely related to each other.

Roger Smith, on the other hand, did many odd jobs around his neighborhood and worked part-time at all sorts of jobs while getting a medical degree. Most of the early jobs were not related but depended upon circumstances and accidents. After getting his degree, Roger became a doctor in a small community; but after a serious illness, he became a doctor at a university health service and later director. Not too many years passed before he became director of research for a national drug firm. What will he do next? It is safe to guess that it will have something to do with medicine, but in what capacity? What ever he does, Roger's career is the complete array of all his oc-

cupations.

It is important that parents realize that a pattern of occupations, or a career, cannot be predicted with certainty. Two children may be alike in most ways but react quite differently to the same experiences at school or eventually at work. In the same way, two students, who are very much alike, may find economic conditions affecting their chances for jobs in different ways.

The key to understanding vocational guidance rests upon an understanding of these lifelong careers. The target for vocational guidance becomes a series or pattern of somewhat related occupations rather than a single occupation, a mere speck among the 40,000 or more kinds of employment in the world of work.

Vocational guidance begins with a child's many experiences and decisions while he is still in school. It can eventually influence his entry into the world of work. Vocational guidance can also follow and assist in his progress once he is employed, but it is most important in his student life.

In order to see more clearly just how complex adequate vocational guidance really is, parents might like to look at one example. Be sure to remember that this is just one example—and each child's planning is usually quite different.

An organized program of vocational guidance provides a counselor with special skills who could talk over the student's ideas as well as those of his parents. These discussions occurred many times during the high school years and especially at those points when critical decisions and plans were important. Whether to take college preparatory courses or not? What courses to take? Or what school activities might be beneficial.

Periodically, the student's interests, abilities, aptitudes, and achievements were checked with tests of various kinds.

Records of school achievement, as well as other in-school and out-of-school activities were kept from year to year.

An up-to-date collection of materials provided the student with all types of information regarding vocational schools, colleges, occupations, the armed services, school adjustment, etc.

He was exposed to many types of educational and occupational information through his regular classes, assemblies, home room, career days, college nights, the school paper, and other group activities.

In finding an appropriate college, he was assisted by receiving information, filling out application blanks, locating a scholarship, and other such activities. If he had decided to find a job or go into the armed services, he would have found an equal amount of assistance provided through the vocational guidance program.

school and after leaving school, this individual was contacted from time to time in an attempt to offer further assistance in planning, preparing for, and progressing in his career.

Adequate vocational guidance requires special knowledge and skills. Take the above example and multiply him by a few million—you now can sense the size of the task ahead in guidance.

It is only good sense that a school which helps a student prepare for some career should help him explore, plan for, and progress at that career. Perhaps the years ahead will see less and less schools leave vocational guidance to chance.

### Jack Gilmore's

## Garden Gossip

The heavy rains are causing a great deal of "damping off" in the garden especially among the new seedlings. Even some of the old sweet rocket clumps are yielding to this gardening menace.

Morning glories love moisture and are taking over in the borders. I love these pesky flowers and just let them climb gaily over everything. In fact there are many weeds that I like to cultivate. Pokeberry is one of my favorites along with Mullien and Trumpet vine.

I miss the gold finches this year, but I forgot to plant Ragged Robins (corn flowers) and miniature sunflower seeds in the early spring—so the birds are going elsewhere. Next year I shall remember to prepare for them.

The spider lilies will soon be with us again. They like the hot moist weather and should flower profusely this year. If you plan to move these bulbs, do so right away or it will be too late.

Pinch back Calius and replant the cuttings for they will root readily.

Never again will I be without Caladiums. The ones I have now are a mass of color, and they are so easy to grow. A little slow to start by once they do start the continue until frost. The insignificant blooms should be pinched back as it weakens the bulb. Isn't it amazing that such gorgeous foliage could produce such a feeble flower?

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

**EXPECTATION**  
*Uncertainty and expectation are the joys of life.*—William Congreve  
*With what a heavy and retarding weight does expectation load the wing of time.*—William Mason

### Tar Heel

## PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

**A COUPLE OF FUMBLES**  
Jim Currie's Revenue Department appears to have made a couple of fumbles which have attracted considerable attention since the General Assembly adjourned. First, Jim sent out a notice to all Register of Deeds saying that a tax on real estate transactions had been levied by the General Assembly, and instructing that the tax be collected effective July 1.

Attorney General Malcolm B. Seawell a few days later ruled that the tax was invalid as it was a roll call bill and had not been passed on three separate days as required by the State Constitution.

Then week before last one of Jim Currie's revenue collectors stepped in and collected fees from a couple of out of state lawyers defending the defendants in the famed Henderson Dynamite case, one of the lawyers being Mr. Black of Alabama, a son of Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court Hugo Black. Well, a few days later, Jim's deputy Jim had to hand that money back. But this is all part of the game of trying to do a good job administering laws which are sometimes not exactly clear.

### INDUSTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Traffic Tan



HEADSTRONG HERMAN

"This road," grunts he. "In spite of thee, was built exclusively for How dare you try to pass me by? I own this road... it's mine, say it!"

## The Luckless Legion by Irwin Cap



Motor vehicle accidents injured 2,825,000 persons in 1956.

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