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sion power line?

In numerous meetings over the last nine months the possibility of altering the route has been discussed. Last spring the Chapel Hill aldermen formally asked the utility firm if it wouldn't try to avoid going through the fast-growing residential area along Morgan's Creek.

Since then the aldermen considered, but failed to pass into law a recommendation from the Planning Board which would make power line construction projects subject to issuance of a special use permit. The aldermen also used their good offices to try to reach a less unsatisfactory solution to the problem of locating the line—for no location will be totally satisfactory.

Last Thursday night, it now appears, the final summit meeting was held. Partisans of Duke Power, Morgan Creek area residents, and aroused southern Orange County rural folks staged a two-hour verbal battle in a hearing before the aldermen. The obvious now is that the route isn't going to be changed much, if any, from previous plans.

Court battle remains . . .

The possibility of an underground power transmission line is now given less credence than earlier by the attorney for the embattled Morgan Creek residents. So the only thing remaining is the courtroom battle over condemnation of the land.

Certainly nobody wants a 100,000-volt power line running across his property, though he unquestionably wants and must have the electric current it provides. It is too bad that a more satisfactory solution for the local community could not have been reached in this matter.

Out of this wringing of hands we can only hope that the growing trend toward vesting planning authority more in the hands of local government will be speeded. There will probably not be another local power line controversy in our lifetime. But there will be other land use problems that may be solved then by appropriate planning legislation enacted before the problem arises.

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pose will insure the election of a Republican governor in 1964. The Republican official, a self-proclaimed opportunist for the occasion, says in effect that "although we knew this all the time we have no additional evidence to offer now."

We'll have to assume that the recent Raleigh revelation, in the eyes of the Republican critic, proves that Republicans are honest and Democrats are not. There's no other logic if not that. What he overlooks is that the people will also remember that under the regime of Gov. Sanford these exposes—none of which held their roots in his administration—were honestly brought out and cleaned up.

—Now back there on the editorial page is the note of surprise that as much as \$80,000 in pay-offs could be in the purchase of highway signs. Doesn't surprise this corner, for by coincidence, our recollection is that about \$80,000 was the low-bid cost of signs for the 15-mile stretch of Interstate Highway 85, almost all of this in Orange County, when the job was completed last year.

Letters to the Editor

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

To the Editor:
Unless the "leaders" of the United States and the rest of the world can break through the thought barrier that war "limited" or "total" is still permissible between the polar powers; that the splitting of the atom has changed nothing; then nothing can save the human species; then all of us will become the victims of inadequate, immature leadership.

Fortunately, the world is not divided into the good or evil as nationalist propaganda would have us believe. If this were true there would be no hope of accommodation, and therefore, no possibility of peace. Instead the world is composed of peoples and nations that are both good and evil in varying degrees, of course. And the degree varies from year to year and from place to place. As an illustration, the people of the United States had much greater freedom a few years ago than they have now. On the other hand, many nations and peoples, including the Soviets, have greater freedom now than ever before. Yes, change is the one changeless thing about life.

It is important to remember that there is no such thing as a free world or slave society. Some slavery exists in the freest society and some freedom in the darkest dictatorship. War, whether hot or cold, cannot promote freedom; it can only promote death and increase slavery. The cold war, therefore must be ended, or it will erupt into a thermo-nuclear one and end human society on this earth.

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Eight 'Patriots' seen as fodder for the gubernatorial grist mill

By CLIFF BLUE
LOOKING TO 1964 . . .

While the 1964 gubernatorial campaign is more than two years off, nevertheless, politicians all over the state are talking and wondering just what the line-up will be.

Right now it looks like it will be a wide-open race, and as of now no one has a sufficient lead to compare with Terry Sanford's position four years ago at this time.

Here are some of those being mentioned, and we will list them alphabetically:

Bert Bennett of Winston-Salem, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and Sanford's primary campaign manager is mentioned in most every conversation. If he runs he would have the support of the Sanford organization.

Senator Archie Davis, also of Winston-Salem is occasionally mentioned. He would in all probability have the support of the conservative element of the party.

Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines and Director of the U. S. Travel Agency in Washington is mentioned and is interested. He would likely have the support of Hodges lieutenants should he enter the race.

Charles Gold of Rutherfordton, State Insurance Commissioner is frequently mentioned. Gold would probably expect strong support from firemen over the state.

Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., of Greensboro who served as Speaker of the 1961 House is a likely candidate and is probably the most active at this point of all those being mentioned. He was a supporter of Sanford's school and tax program in the '61 Assembly. He would expect strong support among the legislators with whom he has served.

Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton is interested and may well become a candidate. He would have strong conservative support. He has served in the State legislature, in Congress, and as State Party Chairman during the closing months of Hodges' administration.

He has good connections over the state.

We have not heard much talk of Henry Jordan, although his name was frequently mentioned as a possible candidate in 1952, and again in 1956. Henry Jordan is one man who might garner strong support from both the liberal and the conservative elements of the party. He was a close friend and Highway Chairman under Kerr Scott. He is a brother of U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan, a leader of the conservative element in the state. Don't overlook "Brother Henry" as a possibility.

Wide-open field draws big crowd to Statesville

YDC MEETING . . . Along with some 600 other Tar Heel Democrats, the writer attended the Installation Meeting of the North Carolina YDCs in Statesville Saturday night. The big crowd came despite the bad weather, and they came from far and near.

The question is: Why did double the originally expected crowd attend the meeting?

Our thought is this: The North Carolina gubernatorial outlook for 1964 is as wide open as it has been in 40 years with no one man overshadowing the field and with so many "patriots" willing to serve should the call come their way.

If U. S. Rep. A. Paul Kitchin defeats Charlie Jonas for congress in the new eighth district, he may well come up as a candidate for governor in the 1964 primary. He would look for strong support from the conservative element of the party.

We might go on and mention this many more possibilities, but out of this group you will find "patriots willing to serve" as the late Governor Cherry used to say when so many people would be seeking appointments.

And too, the name of the next governor may just as well not be mentioned among the eight names listed above. Kerr Scott's

name was seldom if ever mentioned as a gubernatorial candidate two years ahead of his election. You never heard the name of Luther Hodges mentioned as a gubernatorial candidate three years before he had taken up permanent residence in the governor's mansion.

Sometimes the political waters change quickly and completely! This is one of the reasons that political events are so unpredictable.

MAX THOMAS . . . Should State Senator Max Thomas of Marshville win out in his effort to run for lieutenant governor, and be successful at the polls, he would emerge as a man to be reckoned with in the 1964 gubernatorial sweepstakes.

Vet queries should go to Winston-Salem office

Information concerning benefits administered by the Veterans Administration may be obtained much more quickly by writing or visiting the Winston-Salem Regional Office, rather than writing VA Central Office, Washington, D. C.


Specific requests for information concerning individual cases cannot be handled in Washington, J. D. DeRamus, Manager, Winston-Salem Regional Office pointed out. These must be supplied by the office where the records, files and case folders pertaining to the individual veteran are maintained.

When veterans write their VA Regional Office for information, they should include their full name, complete address, birth date and claim number (C Number), if they have one. This will identify the veteran and assist the VA in locating promptly papers and records sometimes needed in supplying answers to queries.

PATRICK-RANSON

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Clinton Patrick Jr., of Chapel Hill announce the marriage of their daughter, Vincent LeGrand, to Murphy Dale Ranson II, of Chapel Hill last Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Episcopal Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill.

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