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**To The Citizens
Of Yancey County**

Last week the Record, received by County Attorney Bill Atkins to be published as a paid advertisement. This statement was declined for publication by the editors. Publication was declined because the statement contained implications that were considered libelous and because it attacked the character and integrity of certain former county officials.

The context of the statement, related to the Record appeared as a paid advertisement in the Sunday's Asheville Citizen-Times over the names of the present board of county commissioners. The advertisement stated, among other things, that the Record gave "no regard for either truth or fair play."

We have tried to be non-partisan with this publication. During political campaigns, both parties advertise in the Record. All such advertisements are biased. They have to be to gain political advantage. Neither party is happy at what the other says, and, of course, does not agree. We, as publishers, do not always agree with the statements made by either party. However, these statements are made by the advertisers, not the publishers.

We do not intend to get down on either the mock and snipe or Yancey County politics. However, since the integrity of the Record has been attacked, we feel that we should be able to defend ourselves against such statements as have been made.

The Yancey Record was first criticized when a list of absentee applications was published as a paid advertisement. Before the list was published, the editors demanded that the list be rechecked and that the person checking the list agree to make an affidavit that the list was from the records of the Board of Elections.

Later the chairman of the Board of Elections made a statement in an advertisement published in this paper that the list contained irregularities. We would not know about that. He should, however, since the names were from his records. A man was willing to take an oath that the absentee list was taken from the records of the elections board.

Much has been said about the county furnishing the sheriff's department with an automobile. The present board of commissioners even removed the car from the sheriff's service. It was said that the former commissioners acted illegally in purchasing the automobile. The fact is that there does not seem to be a law in North Carolina that would compel commissioners to purchase an automobile for a sheriff's department, neither is there a law that prohibits them from purchasing a car for that department if they choose. It seems that this question involves no aspect of legality but common sense.

All progressive counties furnish cars for their sheriff's department. An adjoining county with a population hardly double that of this county furnishes four automobiles for its sheriff's department. So, it would seem that it is a question of progressiveness rather than legality.

During the recent campaign, talk was spread that the automobile of the sheriff cost the county more for a year than a highway patrolman cost the State. It is our understanding that the highway patrol is on eight hour duty, while the Yancey County Sheriff's department is on 24 hour call.

We have been told that the State

released figures recently showing that the cost of one patrolman for a year was in excess of \$14,000. The budget set for the entire expense of the sheriff's department here was far less than that amount. Also, the records show that for the year ending June 30, 1960, the department spent \$1568.13 less than was set up in the budget.

As to the radio operated in connection with law enforcement in the county, the Republican commissioners did not initiate this service. They only continued to use and pay for a good facility originated under Democratic commissioners.

Another rabble-rouser gimmick that is used to attack and belittle the character and integrity of the former Republican commissioners is the question of transfer of funds from one account to another as the need arose.

The former commissioners admit that this was the practice and the public records bear this out.

What the present commissioners did not state in their advertisement in the Citizen-Times was that this has been a practice in the county since the beginning of time. They did not give the facts in their statement that at the end of the audit in 1954 the records show that the Debt Service Account a total of \$70,701.65; that the Welfare Fund owed the School Account \$16,038.46, and the General Account \$5,017.47. They neglected to state that the audit of the records in the county in 1956 indicated that the total amount due from other accounts to the Debt Service Account had grown to \$83,474.48, showing an increase during the two year period of \$12,772.83 and during those two, according to the audit report, \$16,038.46 had been used for the welfare fund, instead of the school fund, as it should have been. They neglected to state that during the two year period of 1956 to 1958 that the total of debt funds used in other funds had grown to \$126,650.56, an increase of \$43,176.08, and that the welfare account owed the school account at the end of the 1958 fiscal year the amount of \$24,136.65.

The above figures are from the public records. They are figures certified by auditors and to examine the records. They are records for anyone to see if he wishes.

So, it seems that the Republican commissioners who handled the county's affairs during the last term of two years did not mismanage funds to meet the immediate needs of other funds. The records also show that Democratic commissioners every year in the past which was checked had transferred or mischanneled funds to suit their needs.

In 1954 to 1956 the total for such judging was \$5,383.31; from 1956 to 1958 the total was \$50,118.66; and from 1958 to 1960 the total was \$46,159.04.

This does not mean that any of the former commissioners were dishonest. We have personally known all the commissioners over a period of years. All of them have been good, honest men. The Republican commissioners who served the last term were and are good, honest men. The present Democratic board is made up of three good, honest men.

In their Sunday's advertisement the present commissioners seemed to imply that during their term of office they will not transfer or mischannel county funds. If they are able to operate the various agencies

W H A M!
By H. M. Alley

Without transfers or mischanneling, then they will have accomplished the impossible; they will have performed a great miracle. And in that event we will be the first to contribute all that is in our power to keep that in their present official capacity for ever.

We might add that probably one of our faults, as well as that of others, is not so much in dealing in untruths, but in failing to go deep enough into matters to give all the truth.

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and LIVE.

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YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1, 1960 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 1960

RECEIPTS	
TAXES	\$ 44,464.22
MARRIAGE FEES	170.00
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FEES	3,545.00
IMMOVABLE TAXES	9,449.02
EMPLOYEES O.A.B. PAYMENTS	86.32
ADVANCES FROM DEBT SERVICE FUND	20,000.00
FOREIGN RESERVE	4,814.45
MISCELLANEOUS	885.24
SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS	16,992.16
WELFARE CHECKS	136,504.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$236,910.69
CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - JUNE 30, 1960	56,304.04
	\$293,214.73
DISBURSEMENTS	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 38,815.93
WELFARE FUND	147,634.02
SCHOOL FUND	46,820.17
DEBT SERVICE FUND	34,328.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$267,598.87
CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - DECEMBER 5, 1960	25,615.86
	\$293,214.73

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT -
WE HAVE EXAMINED THE RECORDS OF YANCEY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1960 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 1960. THE CASH BALANCES WITH THE LOCAL DEPOSITORY WERE CONFIRMED BY DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE AND RECONCILED WITH THE AMOUNTS SHOWN ON THE COUNTY RECORDS.
GEO. G. SCOTT CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

TREE PLANTING AN ACP PRACTICE

This is a good year for Yancey farmers to consider planting trees as a conservation practice, according to Fred L. Anglin, Office Manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee.

Anglin said figures furnished by the State Forester indicate that a good supply of seedlings will be available for planting this year. Nationally, the U. S. Forest Service estimates there will be between two and two and a half billion trees available for planting from state, private and industrial nurseries. Almost all of these seedlings will be produced in state nurseries, the Forest Service reports.

Farmers who want cost-sharing assistance in planting trees as a conservation practice are urged to make their requests as soon as possible. The county ASC office is accepting application now, Anglin said. He pointed out that under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) the federal government shares the cost of tree planting for conservation. Costs are shared between farmers and the government on land preparation, cost of planting stock, and the actual planting cost.

The Yancey County Committee will approve two acres for trees, over and above any farmer allocation for ACP cost-sharing for 1961. March is considered the best month for planting trees in this area. Farmers should get their applications now, in order to get their trees in time to plant this spring, Anglin said.

Heavy Outlays for Aid to Polio Victims Cause Drain on March of Dimes Funds

"The National Foundation has the distinction and the honor of having exhausted its March of Dimes funds for patient aid," Basil O'Connor, its president, announced recently.

"Therefore, the March of Dimes has a \$45 million job to do in 1961," he added.

"But we always have had a tremendous job to do and have relied on the American people for financial support through the March of Dimes each January," he said. "At the same time, however, we do not live just from year to year but build broad research, educational and patient-aid programs for much longer periods. Continuation of these programs will require \$45 million in 1961."

Speaking of the "urgent monetary needs of the 1961 New March of Dimes" to be held Jan. 2-31, the leader of the world's largest voluntary health organization explained that in 1960 about one-third of its 3,100 chapters had gone into debt to meet hospital and other bills for aid to polio patients.

"But our chapters are proud that they have not built up bank balances at the expense of human lives," he said.

Since 1933, when The National Foundation (for Infantile Paralysis) was organized, a total of \$325,200,000 has been spent for direct patient aid to polio victims. In 1960, the bill was about \$13,250,000 for some 40,000 of the polio-stricken. Although the Salk vaccine has been available to the public for five years, patient-aid costs remain high chiefly for those stricken before the vaccine was developed, or for those who since 1956 neglected to get inoculated and thus contracted polio.

March of Dimes monetary assistance to individual polio sufferers has sometimes been extremely great. To cite two instances only, patient-aid costs in the case of Mrs. Ingeborg Cully, of New York City, thus far have totaled about \$25,000 and the end is not in sight; while expenditures for Tommy



Examples: \$25,000 was spent on Ingeborg Cully . . .

Davey, six years old, of Boston, have reached \$50,000. Aside from the enormous financial toll in patient aid, substantial New March of Dimes contributions must also be used for research. Since 1938 The National Foundation has allocated \$64,800,000 on its broad-based international research program which has produced, among other outstanding achievements, the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines and, incidentally, two Nobel prizes. In 1960, research funds are estimated at \$5,000,000 covering The National Foundation's three health areas of birth defects, arthritis and polio.

More than twice that sum, or \$10,400,000, is needed for research in 1961.

March of Dimes contributions have also made possible the largest education program for the training of medical and health experts ever attempted by a voluntary health agency. Since 1939, when The National Foundation launched its program of professional education, outlays in this field have totaled \$34,900,000; in 1960, a total of \$1,500,000 in March of



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Dimes public contributions was required for the health organization's professional education activities. In 1961, \$3,900,000 is needed for this part of the program.

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