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PRE-GAME BUSINESS

A real, honest-to-goodness crisis has developed in the offices of some governors now that the football season has arrived. And Washington meddling, of course, is responsible.

The crisis came about because there's a question as to whether a governor can use a national guard airplane to attend a game on Saturday afternoon, or any other time. And also whether he can carry along some associates.

It seems that Washington has laid down some ground rules regarding the use of national guard planes. They're supposed to be used only for legitimate business purposes.

The question now being asked—with footballs in the air—is it legitimate for a governor to fly in one of the planes to a distant point to see his state university play an important game?

National guard people in Washington rather doubt it.

But, asks the governors, what if there's a business appointment in the town — an armory to inspect, or a conference to be held pertaining to national guard affairs, and it just so happens the event is scheduled

for the morning of the day when the football game is to be played in the afternoon? Just a co-incidence, you know.

Officials in Washington are pondering that one and they've promised to come up with an answer before the football season gets too far along.

The matter was discussed at length at the Southern Governors Conference in Georgia the other day.

Breathlessly, we're waiting for the decision from Washington.

By the way, there's an editor we know who is going to interview a prospective reporter in the journalism class at the University the morning before a certain game is played at a certain stadium on a certain Saturday afternoon. This is a legitimate business deduction for tax purposes is it not? It's just a coincidence that the game is to be played that afternoon. Really, it is.

Pakistan has asked LBJ to order India and Pakistan to stop fighting each other. After he gets through with that assignment, there might be an invite from the Republicans.

AND WITH TIME CHANGE

The "no beatnik" edict of a high school principal in Provincetown, Mass., undoubtedly voices the feelings of a lot of adults — even though the kids probably view it as fundamentally unconstitutional and a plain violation of freedom of the individual.

The beatnik dress fashion — dirty blue jeans, shirt worn outside the pants, long and scraggly hairdos for both sexes — has the sociologists climbing the walls for answers. Time was when high school and college youngsters competed in being well turned out and badgered parents for money for new sweaters and slacks and the latest in fashionable dresses.

Not any more. If you ask the kids themselves why the new accent on sloppiness, the probable answer will be that they want to express their rebellion against "conformity." This turns out to be what the logicians call a circular definition, since the beatnik garb itself is one of the most ironic conformities ever voluntarily assumed by any age group.

The really deep divers for answers opine that this and

other expressions of revolt from the young people stem from the mess the world is in. The youngsters, according to this opinion, think the older generation has proven its general unfitness to run things — the kids want to show by defying the rules just what they think of the demonstrated incompetents who make the rules.

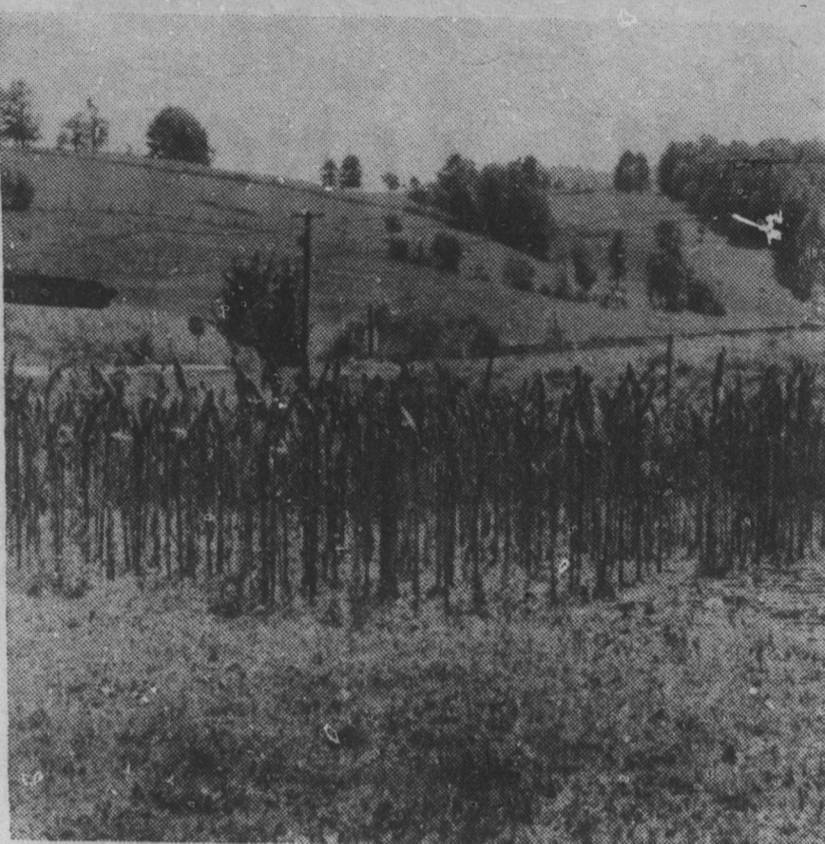
This could be. It could also be that, like hundreds of other youthful dress fads down the ages, it means nothing more than the ever-recurring desire of the young to start making their own rules a little ahead of time.

It's a pretty good probability that in Provincetown, adult discipline is being invoked to enforce a change which will probably come about soon anyhow —

Ashville (N. C.) Times

Loud pop music such as the Beatles play have been praised for annoying adult drivers, thus keeping them alert at the wheel. Well, really, if those adult drivers are too dense to turn off their car radio, they are obviously asleep at the switch

Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator



"WHEN the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,"—All we see is

the big ears of corn hangin' on the stalk, and we will assume that the fodder's in the shock somewhere.

'Quality' In Nursing Homes Vital

(Reprinted From The Durham Sun)

Quality nursing homes will have an important role in the implementation of the government-sponsored "Medicare" program when it goes into effect next year. Provisions of the measure include care in nursing homes for the elderly under prescribed conditions.

Most of the better nursing homes already in existence are taxed to capacity now. When the new program is put into effect, the demand will become more acute almost instantly.

A group of North Carolina businessmen, along with some from other sections of the country, has seen the possibilities raised by these prospects and has been quick to take advantage of the situation.

The group, which includes former Gov. Terry Sanford and a number of doctors, plans to establish a number of nursing homes throughout the country. A 198-bed facility already is nearing completion in Raleigh. The new firm, Medicare Nursing Centers of America, Inc., also has acquired a Charlotte building which is to be converted into a 100-bed facility. Others are planned in the near future in North Carolina, Virginia and Florida. This is just a starter, officials of the group say.

President D. K. Appleton of the Raleigh-based organization said: "Our immediate purpose will be to help ease the critical shortage of quality nursing home facilities which already exists and which definitely will be multiplied when the government-sponsored 'Medicare' program takes effect next year."

The new nursing homes planned by this concern certainly will "help ease the critical shortage." There is the fact, too, that operation of nursing homes in an efficient and businesslike manner usually means a tidy profit for the operators.

It is anticipated, of course, that this new business enterprise will ever keep in mind all of the humanitarian angles involved, and that

there will be no possibilities of "short-cuts" which might be detrimental to the health and well-being of the elderly clientele in the operation of these new nursing home facilities. In other words, the "quality" must be assured if they are to succeed in every way.

Soils Should Be Tested

Most people that have grown plants, whether in the field or around the home, know that our soils, when first cultivated, do not contain sufficient lime and fertilizer for the satisfactory growth of plants, states County Extension Chairman, E. L. Dillingham. Even more important is the fact that our soils need to be limed periodically and fertilized every year for satisfactory results. Plants remove nutrient elements from the soil and leaching losses from rains takes its toll. Consequently we find ourselves in a position of really not knowing whether or not our soils need lime or plant nutrients or the amounts needed for the best growth of crops or plants.

Mr. Dillingham states that our best solution to such uncertainty is to have our soils tested. A soil test is a process whereby chemical procedures are used to determine the lime level of a soil, and the level of calcium, phosphorus, potash, and organic matter. From this information and knowledge of what plants require for their best growth, a lime and fertilization program is made. Results of tests, and lime and fertilizer suggestions are reported for each soil sample.

Now is an excellent time to send samples to your soil testing laboratory according to Dillingham. They can analyze them promptly and also if lime is needed it can be applied this fall. Dillingham states that he has soil sampling supplies and instructions for sampling soils in his office.

MORE THAN FLOWERS

By William L. Rathburn

Across the River from Low Gap is a plot of ground that owes its existence as a cemetery to one of Pensacola's first citizens, Eddie McMahan. For it was he who willed this plot of earth to those of his community who were destined to succeed him in death. Since that time, many a winter has melted into spring, and without having been accorded any recognition whatsoever for his farsightedness and generosity.

Even now the remains of this man, who gave more than flowers, repose in an unmarked grave! And not until a year ago had anyone given serious thought to doing him the honor of naming this gracious gift for him.

A year ago, however, a motion was made to name this cemetery for him, and this met with unanimous approval. So, from henceforth and forever, this burial ground shall be known as the EDDIE McMAHAN CEMETERY, THUS REVIVING THE MEMORY OF A MAN WHOSE GOOD DEED DID NOT ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE GRAVE. So, by someone's thoughtfulness, we revive the memory of a man that Time almost forgot.

But to those whose relatives rest here, merely naming this cemetery for him was not enough: Community leaders have conceived a more fitting tribute, that of erecting a memorial to him, the funds for which are to be raised by voluntary contribution.

This proposal was enthusiastically approved, so much so in fact that some members of the gathering came forward at once with their contribution.

By the time our next decoration service is held it is hoped that we will have sufficient funds to make this altruistic dream a reality. But please remember that success or failure depends on YOU.

Since I do not have the list of the committee appointed to receive your contribution, I suggest that you deposit to the account of the EDDIE McMAHAN MEMORIAL FUND a liberal contribution, giving your name and address.

... Whatever we do, let us erect a shaft of which we can be proud rather than ashamed.

Another proposal now under consideration, is one to erect suitable markers at ALL graves that have none.

Those of you who have neglected these past few years to attend our annual decoration are cordially invited to be with us next year when we will again pay our respects to those who have gone on before. For you will be pleased with the excellent condition of the cemetery grounds which is kept that way by a paid caretaker.

If you cannot be with us when next we meet, drop us a card or letter. You will feel better for having done so.