

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,
BY **PARSON JONES**

Dear Mr. Publisher:

My youngest boy is in mourning this week. Somebody stole his bicycle. The thing that really made it rough on him was that he bought it with his own money. What made it even rougher is that somebody stole his skates last week. It looks to me like society has completed the full cycle. We started off with the old morality, then moved to the new morality, and now we have arrived at no-morality. I noticed in the paper the other day where somebody stole a man's false teeth while he was sleeping on a park bench. They would have taken his tongue but it was fastened on the other end.

It dawned on me that the only safe business to be in now-a-days is the lock business. When I was a young'un we never locked anything. Now I lock the door when I go to the mailbox.

Yes Sir, I've been thinking very seriously about going into the lock business. I would make locks for cars, houses, refrigerator doors, dresser drawers, medicine cabinets, and toy boxes. I would also sell locks for pockets, pocketbooks, dogs, cats, false teeth, and gold fish bowls.

One thing about all these locks, Mr. Publisher, is that they would remind everybody that there is such a thing as sin on earth. A lock always reminds me of sin. It used to be that folks only stole from another tribe or another country. Now-a-days we steal from one another. One of my neighbors allowed as how he stole so's he could get back what somebody else stole from him. Things are getting pretty bad when stealing becomes a way of life.

The only alternative I see coming over our society is changing peoples hearts - so they won't steal. I reckon when you take a longsober look at our people, the only sensible answer to any of our problems is changing peoples' hearts. Some how or other, we either haven't taken a long look, or else we ain't been sober when we did look.

Anyway, it shore would be nice if the day would come when we could let everything go unlocked, and not be afraid that our possessions would be stolen. Sound like a dream? Well, at least I like it better than the present night-mare. Good night!

Parson Jones

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

As our nearest neighbor in your new business home we bid you hearty welcome. It is good to have neighbors with common interests and indeed we do have many.

Churches and newspapers are dedicated to the community progress. They share the ups and downs, the adversities and the joys. They stand for integrity and the common good and their goals are close akin. They symbolize the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the

truth. By every standard ours is the path of friendship and cooperative endeavor.

Within your first month as our neighbor, however, your columns through Tom Anderson have persistently, repeatedly, deliberately and venomously attacked The United Methodist Church and The National Council of Churches of over thirty denominations. By innuendo, half truth, examples out of context, distortion and false accusation Anderson's poison pen reveals his bitterness and his loveless life. Frankly we think the people of Yancey County deserve something better than this barrage of diatribe. Bill Kennedy, Marilyn Manion and some of the miscellaneous features are scarcely better.

You have been plugging liberally for a cleaner town and countryside, more relaxed credit, and for less pollution in the streams and air of Yancey. Now let's be fair and quit polluting our potential friendship with this foul and one sided handling of the truth. OK?

Your friend,
Ralph Jacks
Pastor

'Victory For Sportsmen' Says Taylor

WASHINGTON -Congressman Roy A. Taylor said the House Wednesday "scored a victory for sportsmen" when it joined the Senate in repealing restrictions placed on rifle and shotgun ammunition sales contained in the Fire-arms Control Act of 1968.

Taylor said he voted for the repeal "with enthusiasm".

The 11th District Congressman said the House action, if approved by the White House, generally means that rifle and shotgun owners will no longer be required to provide personal identification and other information to sellers in order to buy shells.

The House did not repeal these restrictions on handguns and certain other types of unusual weapons or destructive devices, he said.

The Black Mountain Congressman said the repeal move was consistent with legislation he introduced last January to accomplish the same objective.

Taylor observed that in

some mountain areas where hunters sometimes purchase only three or four shotgun shells the record-keeping requirements of the 1968 law "have proved a burden to both dealers and purchasers". "In some cases, it has

caused rural merchants to quit selling ammunition entirely, thus greatly inconveniencing hunters and sportsmen alike", he said.

The Congressman expressed hope that the President will quickly approve the action.

BANK NOTICE

Application of The Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, N.C., for authority to change the location of its Burnsville Branch, Burnsville, Yancey County, N.C., from 10 Main Street to 1 East Main Street has been filed with this office.

This application shall be considered and appropriate action taken thereon by the Commissioner of Banks unless opposition is registered in writing with the office of the Commissioner of Banks within ten (10) days from the date this notice is published, in accordance with the Sections 53-92, 53-93, and 53-95 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

FRANK L. HARRELSON
Commissioner of Banks

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