

Editorial Comment

# New Course Needs Golfers

The Cherokee County Golf Course is in trouble, like a bride left waiting at the altar.

When the golf course was planned, total of 419 people signed up to be users. Their signatures indicated that Cherokee County could easily support a golf course, on the strength of their signatures the government loan was made for \$250,000 to construct the course.

But where are they now? Out of the original 419 who were to be users, the golf course now has only 115 paid-up users. And it needs at least 200 to break even, course officials say.

No one expected, of course, for the full 419 to join. There were some who gladly signed the original list with the expressed feeling that "this will help get us a golf course and after it's here there's no way the federal government can repossess it." True, repossession in the

sense of the furniture store coming for a sofa you haven't paid for would be difficult in the case of the golf course. But without adequate support it can certainly go broke and fold. And in the process make Cherokee County look mighty bad.

Members of the course are authorized to bring any prospective new member to play for free during August, a go-for-broke play which will lose money which would have been paid in green fees but hopefully will bring in the needed new users. Members will also be looking closely at the list of original signers, which will be posted in the pro shop. And many of the original signers will be contacted to see why they haven't joined.

A golf course is an asset to Cherokee, it will be a shame for the county if it goes broke for lack of enough members.

# Politick On Their Own Time

Those who think a university should be a geyser of activism rather than a well of knowledge have promoted the idea of suspending classes for a week or two before the November election to let students work in political campaigns.

Not Florida universities, said the State Board of Regents. And rightly so.

Universities are there to teach, not to provide recruits for political movements. Any student who feels strongly enough about a candidate or cause can do his campaigning after working hours - as he'll have to do once he leaves the campus and goes into a business or profession. - Tamp (Fla.) Tribune

# Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor: For many years we have been plagued with what are known as flim-flam artists. When I speak of these, I am referring to salesmen of so called Civil Service schools. These artists prey on people in the low income bracket, people who were not fortunate enough to complete high school, high school dropouts, and people who have strong desire to work for the government but feel they do not have the qualifications to pass the Civil Service examinations.

This is an example of how they operate: Find out all they can about your education, how old you are, what your telephone number is or how to get to your home. They call your home or get in contact with you some way and set up an appointment.

After arriving, they explain all the benefits you receive from working under the Civil

Service system. Paint you such a beautiful picture until you are on cloud nine. Regardless of the job you might be interested in from federal judge to janitor, you name it and they have it from \$300 on up. The down payment is what they are interested in to begin with which is all they can get out of you and, of course, so much each month until you finish their worthless course. You have to send your test papers to another outfit which is tied in with them to get them graded. This costs you another fee. They are very slick and stay within the law until they cannot be prosecuted for violation of Federal laws.

My desire is to inform innocent people of the misleading information given by these crooked salesmen. I have been approached by many victims who have been taken by these salesmen. With tears in their eyes, they find out that

all the studying and the money they put in the courses was all in vain. Information about Civil Service examinations may be obtained without cost from the Civil Service representative at most Post Offices. No Civil Service course is required for taking Civil Service examinations or for learning about them.

Before you pay for one of these worthless courses, contact your local Civil Service representatives or be sure you know what you are paying for. Once they get any money from you, it is impossible to get it back. If you are one of the victims at the present, stop sending any money and forget about the contract because it is not worth the paper it is printed on.

Hugh Roberson  
Civil Service  
Examiner-in-Charge  
Asheville.



# CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



N.C. PRESS - Last Friday and Saturday we attended the 98th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Press Association at the Blockade Runner Motor Hotel at Wrightsville Beach.

We always enjoy getting together with fellow scribes and craftsmen and swapping notes and opinions.

Dave Whichard II concluded a good year as president and to succeed him another fine newspaperman was elected - our close friend, L.T. (Nudy) James of Troy. Howard White of Burlington was named vice president and Mrs. Margaret Harper of Southport was reelected secretary - treasurer. All are highly respected members and leaders in the Tar Heel fourth estate activities.

WILMINGTON... When the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad picked up and moved its operational headquarters from Wilmington to Jacksonville, Florida several years ago, citizens of the Wilmington area felt that it was a powerful and heavy blow to the area's economy - and it was. But the leaders of the Wilmington community didn't lie down and whine - they started a movement to bring other industry to the community, and this they have done in a most exemplary manner, and today it is one of the state's most thriving and forward - moving communities.

# A Voice In The Wilderness

The dire need that Murphy and the surrounding country has for an animal shelter has never been more apparent. The offers of cats and dogs have been overflowing to the writer. The misconception that all is already organized into a concrete fact must be corrected. We have great hopes for an animal shelter, but mere talk will not do it. We need the help of the people at large, and the cooperation of the county commissioners to accomplish this. This is a direct responsibility of all of the citizens to take upon themselves the parceling out of these unwanted animals. The giving of a home to a stray dog or kitten must be distributed among all and not just a few, until we get a shelter built where we can take care of them as we should.

This disgraceful situation as it now stands must be rectified at the earliest possible moment. There are dogs in our downtown section so badly in need of attention that the disgrace of the neglect is hard to bear.

This is supposed to be the Age of Enlightenment, so how can we regress into the dark ages of unconcern?

The Cherokee-Clay Humane Society, Inc. meets every third Tuesday evening of the month at the Power Board Building in Murphy. The next meeting will be August 18 at 8 o'clock. Won't you please join us?

Margaret Schroeder

People point to Wilmington as what can be done to overcome a big industry moving away.

NEWSPAPERS... A good illustration of Wilmington's "on the move" program is the Wilmington Star and the Wilmington News - the morning and afternoon newspapers of which Rye B. Page is president and publisher.

The newspapers have recently moved into a brand new plant with brand new equipment from beginning to end and the dedication of the new and modern plant took place Saturday morning. The dedication took place with Mrs. Daisy Page Hutaff, co-publisher and vice president of the newspapers unveiling a plaque, dedicating the building to the memory of her late husband - Rinaldo Burrus Page who headed the Star-News Newspapers for nearly a quarter of a century until his death in 1955, since which time his son Rye has guided the newspapers to their present high rank in Tar Heel journalism.

BALD HEAD ISLAND... Wrightsville Beach is close to Bald Head Island and as a result many of the newspapers people visited the island about which so much has been written and said in recent months. Bill Henderson was on the island and discussed the proposed project with newsmen. Henderson doesn't seem concerned with Bob Scott's opposition to the project despite the fact that the governor indicates that he

will block any road or bridge-building to the project.

Scott's term as governor has only a little more than two years to run and a new administration will be coming to power before much work can be done on a project of the magnitude the Carolina Cape Fear group has in mind, and if necessary, it could be an island reached by air-lift or chair or sky-lift transportation!

While the island is reported to have been sold for about 5 1/2 million, rumor has it that the island was purchased not so many years ago for between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

ASHLEY FUTRELL... Ashley Futrell, editor and publisher of the Washington (N.C.), Daily News, a former State Senator, and now the Democratic nominee for the Senate in the 2nd District and opposed in the fall election was in attendance, discussing political issues as well as newspapering. Futrell has been mentioned as a possible candidate for lieutenant governor in 1972.

CRIME BILL... Maybe, just maybe, Washington is so far down the crime road that Nixon's anti-crime bill was necessary to bring about respect for law and order and justice in the nation's capital; but we hope that the day will never come when the crime situation in North Carolina will justify such strong-arm and despotic methods. We believe Senator Ervin was right in opposing the bill.



Troubles sometimes pile up on a man and if you decide to run, walk careful in the big cities...

Some members of the family said it started when he caught his wife with his own brother. There's an unwritten law, so they say, that allows a man to kill under those circumstances but he didn't.

The relatives said he fought with his brother and later turned on his wife. And some agreed that he certainly had good reason. The law years ago might have condoned wife-beating in such a case but not now. She signed a warrant against him for assault on a female. Some of the kin said he had grabbed her by the throat and choked her a little.

He didn't want to see the officers or the warrant or the inside of a courtroom so he quickly decided to do some travelling and visit some understanding blood kin up North. In Baltimore.

Baltimore is the largest city in Maryland and is the core of a metropolitan area of more than two million people. It is an important port, the site of Ft. McHenry where attorney Francis Scott Key penned our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." It's the birthplace of baseball great Babe Ruth. It has industry of all types and 16 colleges, the home of four professional athletic teams and the scene of much horse-racing activity. Hurray.

Baltimore, with more than 900,000 people, also harbors the scum, the human wolves, killers who sneer in the light of day and strike from the blackness of an alley by night. They watch eternally for any sign of weakness - an old person, a drunk, a young man alone, a newcomer. Some are driven to crime by a drug habit which becomes more costly as the pushers raise the prices; others are animals, preferring to prey on their fellow man rather than to work for a living. With razor-sharp knives and brass knuckles and lead pipes and cheap pistols they wait in the darkness...

There was no telling how long he would have to stay here in Baltimore,

with a warrant out against him at home, signed by his wife. His world was at least for a time turned upside down so he might as well look around the big city.

The North Carolina relatives said he must have put up a fight. If he did it was a mistake. He may not have had a chance - no one will ever know. But listen and believe and learn - crime statistics may seem to be just a mass of cold figures, but they are telling an ugly story. Large cities have always been dangerous, especially in certain sections at night. But they're even more so these days. Endless cartoons are drawn depicting humorous hold-up situations and they always get a laugh. But if a voice from the darkness harshly demands your money and a hand grabs your coat, the television comedian with the funny lines won't be there to help you out.

So one Sunday last month in Baltimore, he came to the end of the line. To the robbers he was a fresh welcome victim. By Sunday night he was a new corpse, a small bullet hole under his left nipple and one whole side of his skull caved in with what the police said was probably a blunt, heavy weapon. And that about summed up the investigation.

The murder netted the killers his watch and about \$100 in cash money. The watch long gone in some nameless pawn shop, the money too, gone and forgotten by now. Yet some men have died for even less - the shoes they were wearing, a flashy ring, a jug of wine.

The long distance phone calls had to be made, the funeral arrangements were considered and the embalmer had to do the best he could. A new shirt would easily cover the bullet hole; the crushed skull was another matter.

In the end they decided to bring him back to the mountain county of his ancestors and bury him with his mother's people. He had reached the ripe old age of 25. Rest in Peace.

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