

Editorial Comment

Stop The Cradle-Robber

The Lions Clubs of Cherokee County are sponsoring free vaccinations next Sunday afternoon against a cradle-robbler known as rubella, which is German measles. Rubella is a cruelly misleading disease, totally different from regular measles. On the surface it appears to be a mild, rather harmless three-day childhood infection. The child who has it may never even have a fever or a rash and it may go unnoticed. But rubella is deadly for the pregnant woman's developing baby, especially in the first four months of her pregnancy. And she is helpless against it since the disease is very contagious, for seven days before and five days after the rash - if any -

appears on the child who is carrying it. A rubella wave in 1964 carried by children infected 50,000 pregnant women, according to the national March of Dimes Foundation. The results were tragic - 20,000 babies born dead, another 30,000 coming into the world with serious handicaps, born deaf, blind, mentally retarded, malformed or with defects in the heart or other organs. A safe vaccine, approved by the government, has been developed and will be given in four locations next Sunday afternoon. It's free and the shots your children get might mean your sister's next baby will be born healthy. Or your neighbor's. Or even your own.

What One Man Can Do

And then there was the \$10,000 award to consumer advocate Ralph Nader from a foundation. He was cited for major achievements toward improving the quality of human life. A most worthy endeavor for honors. The foundation said Nader has "almost singlehandedly made our cars safer, our food more pure, our government more open and responsive, and our corporations more aware of our demands." That's a large bouquet of throw to any person, recognizing human limitations and the nature of the problem. But the consumer crusader is certainly deserving. In an era when many wonder what influence they can exert, and when many others are apathetic, Nader has provided an inspiring example of what one man can do. Far more than most would have presumed. - Atlanta (Ga.) Journal

In another editorial today we discuss an open meetings measure now before the General Assembly. One legislator feels the open meetings bill should also require that newspaper

editorials be signed by the writers. That suits us but it sure seems a waste of time. Except for those signed by other staff members or guest writers, editorials in this newspaper - as in most - are written by the editor whose name appears in the masthead on the editorial page. Our experience here has been that no one taking exception to something we have written has ever had any trouble learning who wrote the editorial, how to get us on the phone and what to say when we answered. Tradition always has been that editorials use the first person "we" instead of "I". We are relatively uneducated in formal journalism but have always figured "we" meant the editor and the newspaper. "We" have always used "we" for that reason. And it has always been some perhaps false comfort to feel that maybe if somebody got real mad about what "we" said, he would hesitate to come in to shup "us" on the chance that "we" is more than one. Which, of course, "we" isn't. - Eugene Price in Goldsboro (N.C.) News-Argus

Ivy League's Fading Luster

Yale, Harvard and the other six Ivy League schools are losing popularity, although they don't appear to be in danger of having to lock the doors. After several years of steady growth, and despite extensive recruiting efforts, the number of applications for admission declined this spring by an average of 7 per cent. Yale suffered the largest drop. Almost 20 per cent fewer high school seniors applied than a year ago. The smallest loss was taken by Princeton, down 4 per cent. Registrars generally blamed the decline on the rising costs of attending each of the schools. More families are having to scramble to lay out

\$4,470 for Junior's tuition, room and board at Harvard. In addition, there are clothes, books and bundles of mad money that must come from somewhere. A Harvard spokesman said many of his school's applicants were frightened away by the financial picture. A Yale official said the decline was little more than a natural leveling off after a sudden growth when the school went co-ed. One admissions officer seemed to have the picture in focus. He said: "You don't have to go away to go to a good school anymore. And it's cheaper to stay near home anyway." This may pose problems for the Ivy League, but it is encouraging news to the rest of the country. - Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser

Hooked

The first World War made cigarette smoking popular. In the second World War, drinking became widespread. During the present limited engagement in Vietnam, our citizens are learning young to survive by means of light and heavier drugs, while their seniors pop pills at

home. We are now, a half-century after World War I, slowly beginning to get unhooked from cigarettes. Perhaps a half-century from now... It's all rather depressing, isn't it? - Charlotte Observer

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PARTY DISCIPLINE . . . Forty and fifty years ago you could hear many political party workers bragging about never "splitting a ticket" and boosting "party regularity." But in the South those shibboleths have gone the way of the horse and buggy and "the rumble seat for two." Franklin D. Roosevelt, a great leader of the Democratic Party as well as of the nation when a strong leader was needed, boasted that he often "split his ticket."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor: Thanks for your 3 June editorial on the legislative activities of Dr. Carl Killian. It provided me with a tidy solution to the mystifying two hour and twenty minute emission from the Senator's Raleigh Pencil, published in the scout 27 May. Let me quote, with comment, a few lines from the doctor's letter to the homefolks. It is Sunday morning, May 23, 1971, 9 a.m. I woke up early with a feeling that the weight of the world was bearing down on broad shoulders. . . . The part about waking up early is simple enough, but I think it would take a chiropractor, let alone an amateur psychologist, to wrest any meaning out of the bit about "broad shoulders." Mine, yours, his, atlas? "After breakfast I bought the old reliable news and observer and headed for the park where I could read my paper and meditate on who or what I could tax. . . . Before reading your editorial I supposed the writer charmed by the ever-present Raleigh mocking-birds, to be indulging in whimsy-or just clowning around. What threw me was that professorial phrase, "on who." Perhaps your editorial didn't go far enough. What about putting newspapers into the hands of narrow-shouldered persons? Think what might have happened had the good doctor had his mind on his taxes when he visited the men's room after that breakfast at the bus station! "I am planning to run for governor on a platform of more taxes and better legislation. . . . More taxes and better government? The Senator aims too low. We need that swinger in the white house. I bet he could teach 'em a thing or two. . . . It is now 11:20. . . I will come back to reading my paper and start thinking about who else, or what else we can tax. . . . It certainly looks like "who" is in for a rough time. To the extent at least that cap and bells are poor hallmarks for a "pioneering educator", I agree that our tax-master should have remained in the safe haven of Cullowhee where it is probably no great matter to befuddle pioneering students. . . . Cordially, *Nathaniel C. Browder Hayesville

A Voice In The Wilderness

Many of the ills today could be prevented with a proper diet. The age-old custom of imbibing in fat-back and corn bread has wrought havoc among the people. A prescription of duly considered substitutions is advised. The generous amount of dairy products such as yogurt, milk and cheese reconstructs the body by means of proper nutrients. The basic form of wheat in its raw state before it is plagiariized into a nothingness by removing the bran, should be used in bread made in our own homes. Nothing can take the place of this fundamental necessity of the body for the wheat germ found in water-ground wheat. Fresh fruits and vegetables have only too often been mashed into a lifeless mass by over cooking. The truer, purer state of rawness is suggested. If we expect this engine of a body to perform its work to the best of advantage we had better look into the fuel we use for power. ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING FUND \$1038 Won't you add your name to this list by sending your donation to help build an animal shelter? Send your contribution to: The Cherokee-Clay Humane Society, Inc. P. O. Box 660, Murphy N. C. 28906. Tax deductible. 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 June 15 at 8 o'clock. Young people are also invited to attend. Won't you please join us? Margaret Schrodner

Writing on the subject, James J. Kilpatrick, the conservative editor and well-known columnist of Richmond, Virginia, said a few days ago: "The truth is the 'party discipline' appears on the Hill on opening day in the ritual votes for President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and seldom is seen thereafter. In many ways, of course, and possible in most ways, this is a healthy thing. Our House is not the House of Commons, and was not meant to be. But the process is reducing the two party system to a couple of antique cars, fine for use in quadrennial parades, but not much good for everyday."

Kilpatrick seems to have pretty well summed up the real standing of "party discipline" insofar as not only many of the politicians but most voters regard "party regularity" today.

WHY STEP DOWN? Harry Reasoner had a pretty good "Comment" a recent day over his TV hookup during which time he discussed why Rep. Wilbur Mills would never be president. With Mills great prestige and authority in Congress as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Reasoner reasoned that it would not be the sensible thing for a man to do to "step down" as congressman when he

had only 200,000 people to answer to and become president when he would have 200,000,000 to answer to should he become president.

Pretty good reasoning by Harry Reasoner but we still think the Arkansas congressman would make a better president than some who have been mentioned more prominently.

NIXON PRAISED . . . We have heard many Democrats praising President Nixon's forthright statement over television defending the Washington policemen in the firm manner in which they handled the would be anarchist who sought to bring the wheels of government in the nation's capital to a standstill a few weeks ago in Washington. Many Democrats feel that they will have to have some pretty good breaks before they have an even chance to boot Nixon out of the white house come the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972.

HIGHER EDUCATION . . . Many people seem to feel that the 1971 General Assembly should handle the problems of higher education, and if they are unable to come up with a solution, then forget about it for a few years. There is a feeling that this biennial tampering with higher education - making universities out of weak colleges, etc., and kicking up dust much of the time is not in the interest of quality education - higher or otherwise.

GOOD BILL KILLED . . . A bill designed to prevent skulduggery at the ballot boxes in North Carolina lost by a vote of 59 to 49 in the House last week. The bill was simple. It would only require that the voters sign their names at the voting precincts as they presented themselves for voting.

OPEN MEETINGS . . . We have heard much discussion of the so-called "open meetings" bill in the General Assembly permitting the news media to be present at most meetings of governing authorities in the state. Thomas Jefferson who is quoted by both liberals and conservatives said in a letter to Colonel Edward Carrington in 1787: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

SENATE RACE . . . We suspect that Congressman Nick Galifianakis is much more likely to run for the U. S. Senate against Senator Everett Jordan than any other Democrat now being mentioned. Taking Orange County from Nick's congressional district does not make running for reelection a sure bet for Nick or any other Democrat in that district.

North Carolina automobile safety inspection stations detected more than half a million instances of faulty lighting on Tar Heel vehicles during the first nine months of 1969.



Rode a friend's motorcycle in from Martins Creek the other day. Hadn't been on one in several years but you don't forget how. And the thrill is still there. Motorcycling, like water-skiing and riding horseback, gives the heady illusion of speed because you're being transported out there in the open air, with nothing to break the wind. The breeze brings all the pleasant, and unpleasant, fragrances of the countryside right to you, the sun bears down on you and the road becomes a personal experience. The curves are especially fun, leaning the machine this way and that until the foot pegs almost touch the ground, always watching for that treacherous spot of oil or gravel which can spill you.

What makes it fun also makes it dangerous - there is no protection in case of a spill. And the worst danger is not a spill, but a collision with a car or truck. People who drive cars and trucks, and that's most of us, simply don't see a cycle. We stop at a stop-sign and look up and down the street for an approaching car or truck; our minds are just not programmed to look for a cycle and too many times we pull out right in front of them. The worst we can get is a dented fender but the boy on the bike may be wiped out. Everyone ought to have to ride a cycle a few months before he is licensed to drive a car, just to learn how it feels to be a second-class citizen. It would also make for better drivers, as cyclists learn to drive a half-mile ahead of themselves, always on the watch for a

door opening on a parked car or a truck coming out of an alley. But even with the dangers, motorcycling is spreading as never before, with the influx of noisy little Japanese bikes, cheap to operate and fun to ride. The one I rode even had electric starting, just push the button. Gone are the days of leaping high in the air and coming down on a foot starter which might even kick back on you. Of course there are unwritten codes. I blew the horn at a girl walking along the road over in Bealtown. I didn't especially want to, but when one rides a bike one has to follow the custom. Bikers and truck drivers are expected to blow the horn at girls and I was afraid if I didn't, from out of nowhere two Hell's Angels would ride up beside me and order me off the road. Reminds me of the time six of us, riding double on big Harley 74's, roared through the middle of the Hanes plant one afternoon in Winston-Salem, heading for an exhibition baseball game. It was shift change time and the young women who worked at the plant were all over the street. Naturally we were blowing the horns and hollering a little. I was riding on the back of the seat and the fellow who was driving was participating, too. I knew he had a wife and a couple of kids at home and asked him why he was hollering at the girls. He said "I wear Hanes underwear, don't I?" I couldn't argue with him. Brand-name loyalty like that is hard to beat.

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