

Editorial Comment

A Good Connection

The case of Josef Carl Engressia Jr., the young blind man who carried direct distance dialing beyond anything the telephone company ever imagined, has come to what we hope will be a happy ending.

Not only did Mr. Engressia listen to the dial tone, he and his electronic devices whistled it with perfect pitch. Beeping and chiming at the appropriate times. Mr. Engressia created quite a hang-up for the South Central Bell Telephone Co. by switching his calls to cities around the world past the operators. Feeling shortchanged, the telephone company decided to prosecute even while admiring Mr. Engressia's telephone artistry.

After his arrest June 2 the blind genius disclosed that, despite his obvious electronic skills and the engineering training he had picked up at the University of South Florida, he was unemployed, lonely and subsisting on a \$97-a-month check he receives from the Tennessee Welfare Department. Judge Ray Churchill, recognizing that the prosecution had a wrong number, reduced the charges and let Mr. Engressia off with a light fine.

Now that the Millington telephone company has offered Mr. Engressia a job in which he can put his talents to a legal use, he apparently will have good reason to whistle while he works. - Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal

Label Everything

The advent of labels on cigarette packages, warning that smoking may have awful results, has caused a rash of speculation as to what could happen next. The Association of National Advertisers has come up with a sharp one.

Noting that the Army has embarked on an \$11 million advertising and recruiting campaign, the ANA proposes, that it, too, bear a label: "Warning: Life in the Army may at best be dull, intensively uncomfortable and underpaid."

The ANA warning is not a good one. The

United States Army is a good institution, it has given many good men careers and before the Indochina debacle appeared to be well managed and to have high morale. But the ANA warning label is about as logical as the cigarette package label and others in the mill.

There are some fools in the population of the United States; most Americans are not idiots and can go through life without so many warnings. - Roanoke (Va.) Times

Man Bites Dog

It's no longer news when customers of the postal service complain about delays in the mails. It's man-bites-dog news, however, when letter carriers complain. The letter carriers' union says that the May issue of its magazine reached California members on May 4, whereas subscribers living only 10 miles from the plant in

Washington that prints the magazine didn't get their copies until May 14. Poor postal management, the mailmen contend. We hope their complaint gets more action than do the gripes of the average citizens. - Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier

Some Pennies He Pinched!

An Air Force investigative report has surfaced that describes a former Pentagon employee as a "penny pincher" so stingy that he drove an old Rambler. We pass this along solely because that ex-employer is A. Ernest Fitzgerald. He is the efficiency expert who was

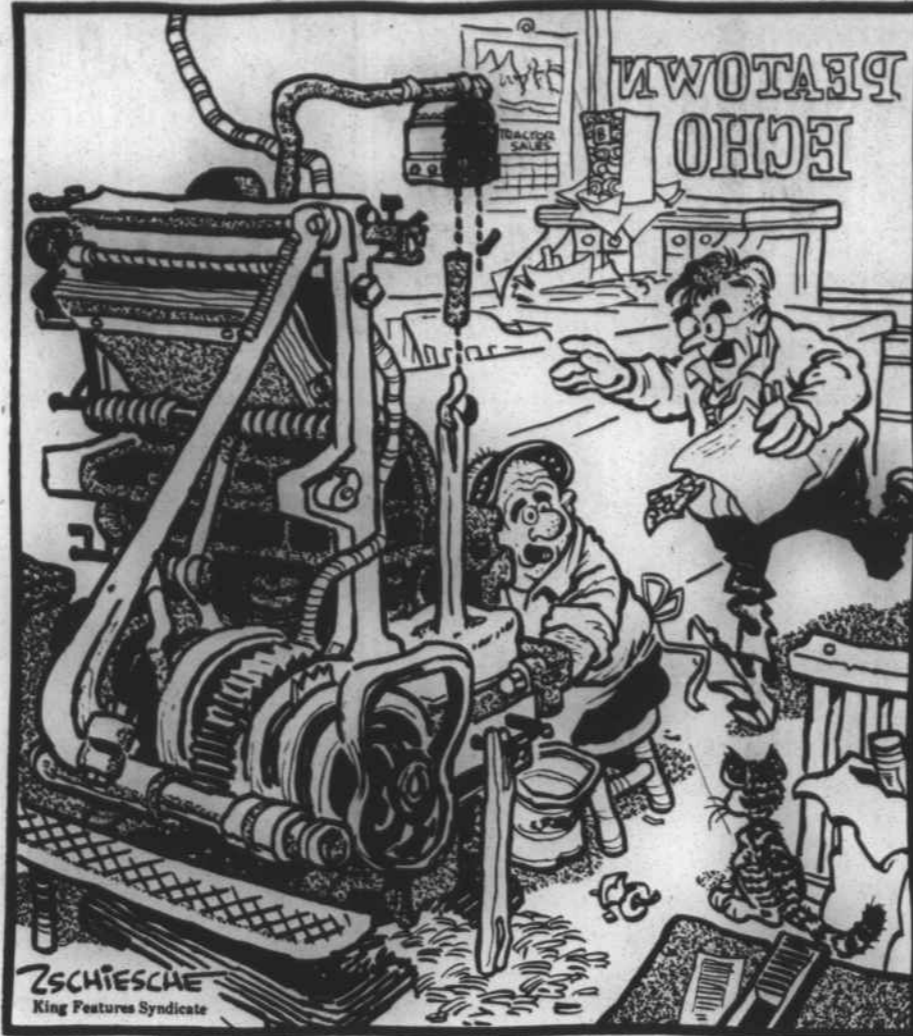
fired by the AirForce because he told the world that the CSA transport plane was going to cost the taxpayers \$2 billion more than it was supposed to. The moral: The Pentagon needs more Rambler-driving penny pinchers. - Louisville (Ky.) Times

Yo - Yo And Parking Meter

Maybe you don't know his name but you have been affected by his products. Donald Franklin Duncan, who died recently at the age of 78, was the promoter of the yo-yo and the parking

meter, one delightful, the other occasionally exasperating. Both seem here to stay, the yo-yo periodically, the parking meter permanently. - Chattanooga (Tenn.) News-Free Press

'Hold it! We're goin' to run the secret Pentagon papers!'



CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



APPROPRIATIONS...
While the North Carolina General Assembly has cut the requests of groups, overall, public service in North Carolina for which the General Assembly is responsible has fared quite well.

You will never have thrift and economy in government when there is plenty of money around. Only when you have a hard time of making ends meet will thrift and economy in government raise their heads.

HUGH MORTON...How many people are taking Hugh Morton's proposed candidacy for governor seriously, we do not know, but one thing we feel pretty sure about is that Hugh himself is as serious about it as are Pat Taylor, Skipper Bowles and Bob Morgan.

Hugh is taking somewhat of a different approach than is the normal procedure. Most

prospective candidates go to the people with a program of some kind. Hugh is going to the people asking what their counties need; how the state can help them; etc. Listen to Hugh talk and you can tell that Governor Hodges strikes the Wilmington and Grandfather Mountain man as a pretty good type governor. Hugh plans to visit in each of the 100 counties and have a professional poll taken before arriving at a decision, which seems to be a pretty good way to approach the matter.

SUPREME COURT...We have not been able to applaud many of the decisions handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in recent years because we feel that they have been more attuned to the protection of the criminals than the law-abiding citizens and contributed to the rise in crime and disrespect for law, order and justice.

However, we can applaud the Court's decision in upholding the First Amendment and the freedom of the press in the issue dealing with the classified Pentagon papers.

However, the news media must ever be mindful that they have a great and serious responsibility and not rush forward to print news which might unnecessarily and without compensating good weaken the security of the nation. But for the Court's June 30 decision we are most thankful.

ZOO BOND ISSUE...We are glad to note that the General Assembly has seen fit to submit to the people a \$2,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of establishing a State Zoological Park at Purgatory Mountain near Asheboro. We feel that a zoo park such as is being proposed for Purgatory Mountain will be of great benefit to the people and hope that the voters will approve it. However, bond issues are not having too much success these days and if it is to succeed it will have to count largely on support within 75 to 100 miles of Asheboro to put it across.

On the other hand, if the bond issue fails, it might pay the property owners in the Asheboro area to put on a campaign and ante up, for, we are told that land values in the area have increased tremendously since Purgatory Mountain was selected as the site for the zoo park.

BEDFORD W. BLACK...The sudden passing of Bedford W. Black, Kannapolis attorney and former state legislator removes from life and outstanding and unusual man. Bedford's name, according to our information, was stricken from the Cabarrus "establishment" list in 1950 when after committing himself to Dr. Frank P. Graham's candidacy for the U.S. Senate, he refused to go along with the local "establishment" in support of the late Willis Smith. Bedford Black was an unorthodox man, unbending in his ways and loyal to his friends.

TAYLOR & BOWLES...The weekly Bessmer City Record in a front page editorial comes out strong in defense of Skipper Bowles who the paper feels has been blocked at most every turn by the leadership in the State Senate headed by Lt. Governor H. Pat Taylor and takes some left-handed slaps at the lieutenant governor. Both Taylor and Bowles are regarded as avowed, although unannounced candidates for governor.

OPPORTUNITY...With so many of the young people taking to dope and narcotics-throwing themselves away so far as leadership is concerned, for those who yield not to the temptation and properly prepare themselves there should be plenty of opportunities in the years to come. Sounds tragic, but in many instances such is life. Where one person stumbles, another person will make the same stumbling block a step to success.

A Voice In The Wilderness

The despicable act of setting new-born puppies out on the road side to die of starvation is taken into consideration at the weighing of the heart at Judgement Day. All the acts we perform are accountable at that time. This irresponsible performance is indicative of the cruel, inhuman attitude some people have towards the animal world.

In due respect to the kind-hearted souls who find these unfortunates, a suggestion of giving aid, a "taking care of" attitude is offered. Surely we can store up the "treasures in heaven" by taking in these objects of concern, until the time arrives when the humane society can build a shelter to take care of the over-population of cats and dogs. We beseech those generous souls who find these little lost or unwanted waifs of the animal world to give them the care and love they so desperately need along with a home with themselves or among relatives or friends. This takes some effort and time on the part of each individual involved but in so doing we reap the benefits of our kindness.

ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING FUND \$1041

Won't you add your name to the above 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 July 20 at 8 o'clock. Young people are also invited to attend. Won't you please join us?

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Country music stars are made, not born. And there is no such thing as an overnight success. Two of the show-stopping acts Saturday night at the Jaycees Country Music Jamboree talked about the one-night stands and the autographs and selling their records on the rocky road toward success and the coveted contract with the Grand Ole Opry...

Willa Crisp (her last name should have tipped us off) said she was a Graham County Girl, from Robbinsville. We said we knew Graham County fairly well and if she really was from Snowbird or Tapoco or Sawyer Creek, just say so. She laughed and said she was really from Stecoah, she was a Lovin before her marriage to Gary Crisp and they left Stecoah and are now living in Atlanta.

She has been working as a secretary but had always sung around Stecoah at churches and "every talent show they had" and just naturally kept on singing wherever she could in Atlanta. So now she has this new record out, the song is called "My Man," written by a famous country music writer named Merle Kilgore and she has high hopes.

In a short skirt outfit and tight white boots, Wilma is a ball of fire on stage, belting out what her Mark Four Records publicity man calls "uptown country." Formerly a forward on the Stecoah girls basketball team (graduating Class of '58) she'll need stamina for the grueling road shows ahead. She has done one TV show in Nashville and was well-received there, but only time will tell.

The Leamon Sisters Jan and Gayle, are farther along the road than Willa Crisp, but they still

haven't made it to the Opry and stardom in Nashville. With a solid background of experience in gospel singing since childhood, they performed Friday and Saturday with polish and stage savvy earned through the past two years of hard work.

They have the determination, according to their mother, to stick with the tough schedule of driving all night, strange motels, and bad coffee that can lead to the Opry. Now in their early 20's, their dream is the Opry. One of them was engaged once, Mrs. Leamon said, but turned down marriage because of the burning desire to make it big in Nashville.

They were offered an Opry slot several months ago but decided against it because they wanted to go in riding on a hit. Their current record, "I'll Regret It In The Morning," is doing well and they just know their next one will be the hit they've been waiting for.

Gayle, the older sister, says she wants them to make it big by the time she's 25. Poppa Leamon says it's coming sooner than that, says his girls will be on the Opry inside of six months. They left Murphy about midnight Saturday to drive all night for a show in Florida, after which they'll be leaving on a USO tour of military bases in Vietnam and Thailand.

But if the big hit and the big contract elude the Leamons, (pause here for a record sale to an admiring fan, an autograph and then pose together for a snapshot) marriage and children and a home will beckon strongly. Gayle laughed and added "I'm not gonna be an old maid."

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