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Never Forget That the Editorials in The Journal are the Opinions of One Man, and He May Be Wrong.

### On County Police

Lenoir County Attorney and Representative Tom White has stated that he will introduce a bill to the now-in-session General Assembly asking that Lenoir County's Board of Commissioners be authorized to set up a "County Police Force." This is the board of commissioners' answer to the considerable fury that has been raised recently by folks from a Superior Court judge on down in an effort to get the commissioners to give the sheriff's department some men and equipment in keeping with the needs of that department.

Firstly, this is a direct slap in the face of Sheriff Sam Churchill and his understaffed and under-equipped department. Churchill has asked for more men, more cars, for two-way radio, for an office force sufficient to keep his office open every hour of the day and this is the answer to his request and to the request of others, who had no interest in the sheriff's department beyond wanting an adequate force to meet the needs of the rapidly growing county.

We don't like the idea of a County Police Force for a number of reasons, some of which we shall list here:

At present we have nine police forces located and working in Lenoir County: 1. The aforementioned sheriff's department. 2. The Kinston Police Department. 3. The LaGrange Police Department. 4. The Pink Hill Police Department. 5. The State Highway Patrol. 6. The State Bureau of Investigation. 7. The Federal Bureau of Investigation. 8. Township Constables in most of the 13 townships of the county. 9. A full-time detachment of Military Police from Camp Lejeune.

To add a tenth police force in Lenoir County would not only further divide an authority too divided at present but would also call for the setting up of a new office force with all of the accompanying expenses.

The Office of Sheriff is the highest constitutional office in any county. The Sheriff and his deputies have full and complete authority in ANY part of the county and at any time. In refusing to give the Sheriff men and materials to work with the county commissioners are turning from a supreme authority to a make-shift child of the legislature whose powers would be limited and whose duties, in total, would be a direct duplication of the powers inherent in the office of Sheriff.

There has been argument, perhaps with foundation, that the current sheriff and his department have not done the best they can with what they have. That, at present, is not the question under debate. If Sheriff Sam Churchill is given what he needs to work with and then he proves derelict in carrying out his obligations toward law enforcement, then, and not until then should he be shoved into discard and converted into a high-priced Court Crier.

There is no good reason for setting up another police authority in this county. The Sheriff's office should be given men and equipment and then if it fails to measure up to comparative standards the people can, and will, elect a new sheriff.

### The New Administration

The change of administrations in North Carolina which took place last week will have some effects that might be termed "change" but on the whole the affairs of North Carolina will move along in the same patterns of the past but there is every evidence that this will not be the case at the Washington level where a change of administration takes place next Tuesday morning.

In North Carolina we might say that a middle-of-the-road Democrat has succeeded a liberal Democrat and this is perhaps an over implication, but at the Washington level the shift is from the principles of the Democratic Party to those of the Republican Party and that is some shift, we believe.

President-to-be Eisenhower has exhibited tendencies of liberalism in the past in some respects. Liberal on the international level, liberal with manpower in his attitude toward Military Training and, above all, liberal in his hope for cutting taxes.

But on the national scene it may not be a mistake to say that Eisenhower is less liberal than even Taft. Taft sponsored public housing and has voted favorably for many of the bills of the recent past that have at times been tagged "socialistic." There is no record on Ike in this sphere and it would not be fair to judge, or attempt to judge, him on the basis of what he said during the recent campaign which swept him into office.

To say that he was inconsistent during his campaign speech-making is to understate, for he followed the patterns of a national advertising campaign and sold the kind of "soap" people were "buying" in the neck of the woods he was speaking. That method not only sells soap but also sold Ike, and overwhelmingly.

Now he will have to go on record in the next few months and he may find it exceedingly difficult to bridge the gap between promises he made to New Jersey and promises of a different kind on the same subject to audiences in Iowa.

In all of our Democratic "sour grapes" we must admit that Ike, above all other people, should know best how to cut military spending because his commands have spent more American dollars than all the other commanders of all other American generals from Washington through MacArthur.

### On Governor Kerr Scott

Kerr Scott, to use the words of a daily paper is now a private citizen after four of the most colorful years any Governor of North Carolina has ever experienced. In all fairness, and though we at times violently disagreed with parts of his overall program there today is little doubt that he will be remembered as a Good Governor and perhaps the historian of the future may break out that niceat of all adjectives and call him a Great Governor.

Scott is an exceedingly intelligent, and clever man. He has recognized the tenor of the times and he has played a close tune to the words the public was singing on most occasions. Scott also is a man of considerable courage. He stood as a Democrat when weaker men crawled into their holes and let the Party sink or swim on its own.

Scott accomplished a great deal in his four years as governor. He is not through in politics by a long shot and many million more North Carolina ballots will have that name "W. Kerr Scott" printed on them.

Scott's accomplishment is remarkable from many points of view but perhaps it is most remarkable in what it managed to get done in spite of some of the self seekers who hung to his coat tails and caused him headaches and considerable trouble during his tenure in the State's highest office.

### Beginning To Understand

Sears, Roebuck is the world's largest outfit of its kind and we are beginning to understand a little better each day just why this outfit is so big, it's because they're so hoggish. Here we had a fairly nice set up in Kinston with merchants cooperating nicely and then Sears landed with a lot of noise and complications that are not only hoggish but are just plain rude.

Take the simple matter of Wednesday afternoon closings. This has been a long-standing practice of Kinston merchants to give their employees more free time, and to make the week a little less long to the boys and girls who stand behind the counters and punch the town's cash registers. Now Sears comes in and starts hollering, "Look, folks we are open Wednesday afternoons."

All in the guise of "helping" the shopper. To say that any shopper, millionaire or ditchdigger, can't spend all the money he can get his hands on in the regular store hours is too absurd to bother about at this time. But for the sake of the other clerks up and down Queen and side streets we hope Sears doesn't sell enough stuff on Wednesday afternoons to pay for having the floors swept.

### On Preaching and Publishing

Last Summer a young evangelist named Bray spent several weeks in Kinston with a tent and did a good bit of preaching to what might be termed "capacity" crowds. After he had folded his tent and gone his way we were informed that he spent a goodly part of one of those tent sermons denouncing this paper because it accepts whisky advertising.

We do not relish the idea of telling preachers what to say and what not to say, but by the identical reasoning we don't relish the idea of any preacher, and that includes Tent Preachers, telling us what we should and should not print. Even preachers named Bray.

We have never looked with much favor on these peripatetic preachers who usually are a lot more interested in dollars than they are in the Gospel. Bray may be the exception. We have not heard him. We hope that he is sincere and we are sure that his preaching reaches people who perhaps might not be reached by organized forms of religion. In the final analysis we'd even have to admit that even the tent variety of religion is preferable to NO religion.

But back to Brother Bray's criticism of our running whisky advertising. Aside from the fact that Brother Bray has nothing to do with what kind of advertising we run, there is also the fundamentally moral aspect of the controversy in that we believe controlled, legal whisky and the profits derived from it converted into better education are the answer—a least the best possible answer to a difficult problem.

Brother Bray may preach, and he has every right to believe that total prohibition is the best method of handling a difficult problem. We say that total prohibition has been tried in the United States and in other countries and never with success. Rather than success, total whisky prohibition has led to corruption and wholesale law-breaking and, in the final analysis, even worse abuses an age-old problem.

Brother Bray has every right to his opinion and has every right to preach against us but we also have every right to view his conduct with the same care and we remind him that the same guarantees of religious freedom also belongs to those who write or speak for public consumption.

And in conclusion we hope that Brother Bray is as sincere and works as hard at making this a better world place as this paper.

### Kinston Transit is Reported Sold to Two Kinston Business Men

Sale of the Kinston Transit Company was rumored around Kinston early this week and the reports state that Henry Barnes and Arthur Holleman have purchased it from the group which has owned the bus company since its founding prior to World War II.

Thornton Hood, one of the group which inaugurated Kinston's first mass public transportation system, has managed

the transit company but the stories connected with the sale to Barnes and Holleman state that they will assume full management under the purchase terms.

January "plentiful foods" includes pork, turkeys, dairy products, tangerines, oranges, grapefruit, raisins dried figs, almonds, filberts, walnuts and pecans.

The average estimated per acre yield for flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina in 1952 was 1,225 pounds, compared with 1,325 pounds in 1951.

### personal paragraphs

by jack rider

Bill Allen admits this story is true, and on him. Not being one addicted to wearing a hat in any but the worst weather, Allen had, after a period of many years, become something more than attached to an aged fedora of prewar vintage. Now, however, he is sporting a new hat but the reason was not a change of heart on the part of Barrister Allen, but the change in head gear came about when the janitor of Allen's office mistakenly wore Allen's hat away and left his. Allen also admits that the janitor's hat was a better one than the one he lost, but in spite of it being a better hat Allen still broke out his purse and donned a new chapeau.

Speaking of hats and Allen and East Gordon Street brings to mind another East Gordon Street establishment, The Fashion Shop, which negotiates trade agreements with local folks who want to wear the kind of clothing peddled in that emporium. On occasion I pause for a Coke at Sewell's pharmacy and for a few minutes watch the women stride into The Fashion Shop to give mortgages on their real estate and liens on their husbands' labor for the next four or five months. Women are peculiar animals, but peculiar in a nice way. They are exactly opposite from men in that they never care to wear the same garment twice while men, once they get the "feel" of a hat, a suit or a pair of shoes would almost rather lose an arm than lose this aged piece of apparel.

Of course, this habit on the part of the male of the species may spring from necessity—a necessity born upon the expensive wings of "mama's" dressing habits. So when you hear people, like Bill Allen for instance, making some such claims of affection over the garment of uncertain lineage the answer may be found in "mama's" wardrobe. I'm told that salons such as The Fashion Shop sell those silly looking hats that women wear for as much as \$50. And then Jesse James was shot in the back.

This is a funny Old World and perhaps the worst thing that can happen to any one of its inhabitants is for that inhabitant to lose his sense of humor. Tears are good for the soul, or at least it is recognized by poets and such folks, but no bucket-full of tears can do as much for the heart, or the liver, as a few minutes of belly laughter. That might be a good thing for the "Papa" of the family to remember when "Mama" comes home lugging some of the high priced loot from the clothing bank on East Gordon.

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