

January 9, 1956

Dear Jack:
Should the right thinking and good people of our community ever get around to erecting a statue of your esteemed contemporary, H. Galt Braxton, I hope that the sculptor will portray that gentleman in characteristic pose, to-wit: with foot firmly planted in mouth. Recently that gentleman has assumed his foot in mouth pose again in dashing off a bit of nonsense directed at the lower courts of Lenoir County for what he says to be a common practice of remitting fines in minor traffic and other cases. Now I would be the last person to deny that Editor Braxton has the direct line to heaven, but on occasions he has been known to have lapses of memory, a not uncommon falling. The most glaring example of the cancellation of safety by a court a couple of years ago in a case in which a defendant charged with failure to stop at a red light appealed a conviction, fine and costs from the Recorder's Court to the Superior Court. There, a jury made up of twelve of our finest citizens, after hearing the evidence and the plea of an able defense counsel, considered the matter thoroughly and returned a verdict of guilty. It was after this that a spineless Superior Court Judge remitted not only the fine, but the costs, in total disregard of the laws of the land. In case you don't remember, the defendant in that celebrated case was none other than ye esteemed editor and champion for the right, H. Galt Braxton, and until Saturday nary a word of protest has been uttered, and as the recent editorial said, "the offender was permitted to go free and commit multiple infractions of the traffic law, thereby cancelling the court's opportunity to strike a blow for safety".

Ye Editor notes, incidentally, that fines in Lenoir County alone would run an estimated \$30,000.00 per annum if not remitted. Now Ye Editor is given to much travel of late, from which he gleams from time to time a few deadly gems for the reading public entitled, "Editorial Correspondence". It could be, therefore, that Ye Editor did not receive a copy of his Free (?) Press last July which gave the report of the Recorder's Court collections for the year and showing fines collected to be in excess of \$60,000.00. It is likely that the traffic story man was in Morehead City in hot pursuit of the finny tribe-fishing for whales and returning home proudly displaying a minnow.

I think Mr. B. is sincere in wanting to strike a blow for safety, and with this in mind I have a suggestion. It is that he voluntarily stop driving an automobile. Such an unselfish act would certainly receive the commendation of a relieved and grateful public. In conclusion, I hope you will keep in mind my suggestion about the statue. I don't expect to live long enough to see it erected.

Yours truly,
Name on request

PERSONAL PARAGRAPH

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none offered to wait on me. They just nodded and returned to the conversation they were having about fishing or whatever it was they were talking about when I walked up. In Dixon's a young woman met me as I walked in

and was through with the whole deal in less time than it took me to speak to the four clerks at Sears.

Maybe Sears' clerks are well enough trained to spot me as just a "pricer". For a while they all had to go out in other stores and "price" the competition, so perhaps with that training they can tell one from a distance. They say it "Takes one to know one".

perhaps I can over-simplify this situation, but I do sincerely believe that the merchant who rolls over and dies at the sound of "chain stores" is that kind of fellow who's just looking an excuse for being a flop. If this were true we'd just have one of each kind of business in the nation.

Let us not forget the tax structure too. A corporation such as Sears pays \$32 income tax out of each \$100 profit it makes up to \$25,000 and all profits it makes above \$25,000 are taxed at the rate of \$52 per hundred. The local merchant who is not incorporated only pays tax at the regular personal income tax rate which is far below the corporate schedule.

Of course, now that the nation has moved out of the rich sellers' market which the merchants enjoyed for so long and the buyer has once more become the boss at the cash register the merchant who still tries to take the same exorbitant mark up is bound to run on a severe fallacious business practice of many groups has been to raise prices if business drops off. The railroads are a prime example

of that. They scream about trucks taking their business but every time you pick up a paper some railroad man is hollering for higher rates.

If one is not doing a sufficient volume to stay in the profit side of the ledger at 35 per cent mark up it does not seem to me to be logical to advance prices five per cent. A five per cent cut would appear to be more logical. Most printers use what is called the Franklin Catalog for pricing their products. But I've never heard of a printer raising his prices just because business was slack. The only time a printer will jump his prices is when he already has more printing than his staff can get out, and to do a job would force over-time labor and resulting higher price.

Now that you have heard the latest "authoritative word" from old Economist Rider, you are at liberty to say, "He's crazy as hell". Which he probably is; a lot of folks will agree with you anyway.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
LENOIR COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
LENCY GREEN BURGESS**

Broken Knee Cap for Officer Moore When Car is Rammed in Rear

Moore suffered a broken right knee cap in a freak accident at about 9 a. m. Saturday on West Highland Avenue.

Officer Moore with Officer John Barrow had stopped an Air Force lieutenant for driving

**Plaintiff
RAYMOND BURGESS
Defendant**

To — RAYMOND BURGESS take notice that a pleading for relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action; the nature of the relief being sought is for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two (2) years separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 1st day of March, 1956, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 10th day of January, 1956.
Caroline T. Bell
Asst. Clerk of Superior
Court of Lenoir County
H. E. Beech,
Attorney
Jan. 12-12-26 Feb. 2

without license and had put him in the rear of the police car which was parked just behind the lieutenant's car. Just as Officer Barrow started to get into the police car he saw a car approaching rapidly and ran to get out of the way.

The car driven by Jimmie Lee Brown of 1707 Rosedale Avenue rained into the police car, throwing the lieutenant, who was in the rear seat against the front seat with sufficient force to push officer Moore's into the dash, where his knee cap was broken.

Captain Glasco Evans who investigated the crash said about \$900 damage was done to the lieutenant's car, \$650 to the police car and about \$500 damage to the Brown car. Brown was charged with reckless driving.

**Local News
—By—**

**JACK RIDER
Every Week Day
At 8 A. M. and
12:20 P. M.
Over Station WELS**

WHOSE MYSTERY FARM IS THIS?



If you can correctly identify this MYSTERY FARM you may win a free subscription to the Journal. The first five persons to do so will be the winners. This is a Jones county farm. Look at it closely and see if you can be one of the five winners. The owner of the farm pictured here may get a free beautifully framed print of this picture by calling at the NEWS office.

There is some mystery about the farm pictured above, but there is NO MYSTERY over the FARMER'S STORE in Kinston. It's HARVEY'S all the way, all the time.

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