

Making Way for Traffic Blocks Traffic, Temporarily



The ever-expanding demands of traffic are forcing the widening of Vernon Avenue in Kinston to four lanes. Some of the houses in the way are being moved back on their lots. Others, such as the one shown here moving south on NC 55 at King Street bridge Tuesday afternoon didn't have room to stay at home, so it's off to a new address.

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
★ SAYS ★**



New gun-control legislation is scheduled to be considered by the Senate when it reconvenes next month.

Earlier in the session, the Congress cleared for the President's signature an omnibus crime control bill which contained provisions regulating the acquisition and possession of handguns and certain other firearms. This Act was signed by the President and became the law of the land. I supported this Act.

This measure was well along toward passage when the tragic assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy took place and brought a flood of appeals to Congress to add very stringent restrictions over the sale and use of firearms. I have received thousands of letters from North Carolinians in recent weeks giving their views on the subject of gun-control legislation.

For this reason, it seems appropriate to call attention to the gun-control provisions of the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1968. It outlaws mail-order shipments of pistols and compels those who wish to purchase pistols to buy them from local dealers who can readily ascertain their eligibility to purchase them.

It prohibits the acquisition and possession of pistols, rifles, shotguns, or other firearms by any persons who has been convicted of a felony; or who is under indictment for a felony; or who has fled from any state to avoid prosecution for a felony; or who has been adjudged mentally incompetent. Moreover, it requires

every importer, manufacturer, or dealer in firearms to obtain a license from the Secretary of the Treasury to keep a record of the names and address of every person to whom they sell any firearm of any character.

On July 24th, the House passed and sent to the Senate its version of the new long-gun legislation. Under the House bill there would be a Federal ban against mail-order and most out-of-state purchases of rifles and shotguns and the interstate shipment of handgun ammunition. On the same day, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved gun controls similar to the House - passed provisions. Neither measure, however, requires the registration of firearms or the licensing of gun owners which some have Congress to do.

The Senate Judiciary Committee measure would extend the ban on pistols imposed by the recently enacted Safe Streets and Crime Control Act to rifles and shotguns and compel those who desire to purchase rifles and shotguns to obtain them from a local dealer in the state of their residence or in an adjoining state. I expect to support this proposal when it comes before the Senate.

fore the Senate.

I am unwilling, however, to vote at this time for any Federal proposal requiring the registration of firearms or the licensing of those who wish to purchase them. In my honest judgment, no case has yet been made out for the passage of such a law. I have spent many years of my life as a trial lawyer and judge, and have never known of a single case where the conviction of the accused depended upon any registration or identification of a firearm.

Moreover, there is grave doubt in my mind as to the constitutionality of such a Federal law. The States have the power to pass laws of this nature. Whether they do so, is, of course, a matter for them to decide.

Nor shall I support any legislation which denies law-abiding citizens the right to purchase firearms for the protection of themselves and their habitations or denies to legitimate sportsmen the right to purchase firearms for hunting.

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Carrie Cauley Bradshaw
Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Carrie Cauley Bradshaw, 53, wife of Cecil Bradshaw of Washington. She was a native of the Sandy Bottom section of Lenoir County.

Mrs. Inez Stroud Fisher
Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Inez Stroud Fisher, 54, wife of Lt. Hugh S. Fisher of 1503 North Queen Street. She died from a heart attack Friday night.

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Careless walking is the cause of a high percentage of pedestrian casualties.

Donald Gene Snyder Cherry Point, and grandson of Mrs. Julia Brigman of Lenoir County. The little boy was drowned Saturday while on a family outing near Cherry Point in Neuse River.

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