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Who Would Benefit?

Statements that the proposed plan to consolidate the governmental forces of Buncombe county and the City of Asheville is gaining support causes the News to ask: By whom?

The Greater Asheville Council, composed of men within the corporate limits of the city, has recommended that the proposal be studied. The GAC, of course, was organized with the express purpose of fostering varied developments and activities in the greater Asheville and Western North Carolina area.

Until more convincing evidence is submitted that the proposal would benefit equally the city and county residents, we'll reserve judgment.

We wonder if the GAC members and the City Council are thinking of a lower water rate for county residents, for lower taxes, better roads, better medical services, county-wide sewer service, and more nearly adequate schools.

On the other hand, have they considered these angles? Or is there an angle? The News has no quarrel with GAC, the members of the Asheville City Council, or with anyone else connected with this proposal. But as the "county newspaper" we feel it is our duty to raise a few of these questions. You'll hear more about this from us later.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

PASSING THOUGHT—The way things are shaping up, the Duke Carolina game is going to be one of the same old kind we have become accustomed to expect when these two gentle giants get going on the grid.

Only the championship of the Big Four will be at stake. But, as usual, anything can happen and probably will. Better start getting your tickets lined up.

IN COLORS—Well, we see the beautiful patrol cars are finally out on the road—red, yellow, green, and what have you. It's a sneaking trick, this thing of painting police cars like your cousin Ed's, but it seems that anything goes in this day of trying to cope with modern traffic conditions and careless driving.

It may be that governors on cars are the only real solution to our problem. And by that I don't mean an Umstead, Scott, Cherry, or Hoey on every vehicle. That would be just too, too, but what we need is something that will keep the speed of the car down to 55 miles an hour.

The State, if really interested in reducing highway fatalities, might set the example by putting governors on all state-owned vehicles other than patrol cars. If the majority of wrecks are, as they say, caused by excessive speed, then why not control it—in a certain way.

Incidentally, sprawling Robeson county, largest in the State but far down the list population-wise, leads the State in highway fatalities.

LET US HOPE—On Wednesday morning, October 28, the State Highway Patrol got its sixth boss in five years. It is to be hoped that enough benefit will be derived from the move transferring James R. Smith from his equipment position to commander of the patrol to offset the detriment to morale that will be caused by this most recent change.

It is also hoped that W. B. Lantz will do a better job of checking inventory equipment and stopping petty graft than Smith was able to do—as indicated by the newspaper reports to the effect that the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating these supposed irregularities.

SINCERELY YOURS—The Robotypewriter is a wonderful machine that it makes all letters look like personal letters written specially to you. No doubt that is why Kerr Scott has decided to use it in contacting folks across the State regarding his candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

The robotypewriter plant for this section of the U. S. A. is in Hendersonville. The robotypewriter, including the machine which cuts the letter, sells for about \$1,200, rents for approximately \$60 per month.

Say, if you wanted a letter to go out to 5,000 people. All right. It would cost you in the neighborhood of \$4,000, everything included, to get those letters—if they were personal letters. If they were not personal, people receiving them, would not pay too much attention to them, throwing them in the New York file, fancy name for the wastebasket, as just so much mimeographed material. The recipients would not feel "singled out" as a particular friend of the writer.

But you want these letters to seem personal, because you are shooting for personal appeal—maybe even money, who knows?

Believe it or not, the robotypewriter does the trick. You cut the machine letter with one of the machines. After this is done, you are ready to go to town; for the other machine—the typewriter—handles it just like the old player piano tinkling off "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." The keys go flying, doing 100 words a minute or better, and zing, the letter is finished. The address at the top is put on by the stenographer. All you have to do under "Sincerely yours" is sign your name. Presto! A personal letter. You can turn them out by the hundreds in little or no time.

DOWN THE LANE—The robotypewriter agent for this area lives in Asheville. In Raleigh last week, he was in an awful hurry. He had to install a robotypewriter for W. Kerr Scott. Had Mr. Scott wanted the quarters? Well, yes and no. Then where was the machine going? Oh, came the nonchalant reply, out to Mrs. Gracie Lane's home on Brooks avenue.

And who is Mrs. Lane? Well, first of all, of course, a rabid Kerr

Scott fan. And, on top of that, one of the best stenographers in these parts. Youngish, attractive, and efficient. She used to work in the Markets Division of the State Agriculture Department.

If memory faileth not, she later labored as a stenographer in the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture. Whether she did or she didn't makes little difference. But when Kerr Scott made George Ross director of the Department of Conservation and Development, he and behold, Mrs. Gracie Lane became the high-salaried administrative officer of C&D. She kept that job until a few months ago when Ben Douglas went in as director. The job is now vacant. It's a peach, too, but Douglas is looking for a man to fill it.

Now Mrs. Lane is—apparently—robotyping. All she needs is a good mailing list. In this connection, it is understood that Mr. Scott attempted to secure the alumni list of State College about two weeks ago. Failing in his first attempt, he turned to New Alumni President Frank Turner. He received no encouragement and hinted broadly that State might be wanting some favors from him when he became U. S. Senator.

But this high pressure works both ways, for W. Kerr Scott might want, and need, some favors from State College faculty members well before he goes to Washington.

However, nevertheless, and meantime, robotypete me a letter—if you just sign yours sincerely. Or—ho hum—and other terms of endearment.

DRAGGING BOTTOM—State school officials aren't shouting it from the rooftops, but in private conversation they admit that the teacher shortage has at last become really serious.

Reports we get indicate that several schools in North Carolina have not been able as yet to obtain their full quotas of teachers for this year. Principals say they don't know where to turn to find them.

Hundreds of new classrooms will be built within the next two years. It looks as if we are finding it much easier to buy steel, mortar, and brick than to locate teachers.

A few weeks ago an instructor in one of the Eastern North Carolina schools quit the classroom because he realized he could make much more money driving a truck.

A school principal in one of the Piedmont high schools had nine girls in his graduating class last spring who could have gone to college. He had talked to them throughout the year and was convinced they would make good teachers. During the summer two of them got married and the other seven took jobs in a nearby industrial plant which would pay them more at 18 than they would receive as teachers at the age of 22.

Pay scale, however, is not the only stumbling block confronting educators attempting to persuade high school and college students to enter the profession and to discourage teachers from leaving it.

Let's face it. Students are becoming more difficult, day by day, to teach. They are spoiled, rotten by their parents and in general have little respect for school authority.

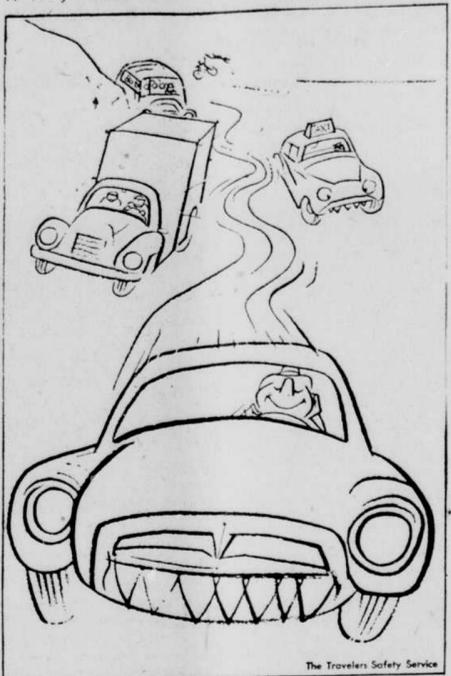
Look for the State Board of Education to take some vigorous action—perhaps some new approach to the teacher shortage problem.

—On Sept. 1, North Carolina's 1953 flue-cured tobacco production was estimated at 793,375,000 pounds, 11.7 per cent below 1952.

A Doctor's prescription is something the Doc thinks you has to have. . . . Sho' do cost you a lot. . . . And you still don't know jus' what you has got.

Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



Three out of four traffic accidents in 1952 involved passenger cars. Only YOU can prevent accidents!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

—DISTURBED—

October 28, 1953.

Editor of Black Mountain News

Some questions disturb me greatly. Do we have two different standards of "justice" in North Carolina? Why are Christian people and the churches so indifferent to civic righteousness—but at the same time devoting tremendous energy and "spiritual resources" (prayer meetings and high publicity) to an evangelistic campaign? What makes news?

Four years ago two boys, ages 16 and 17, were seized by the police in Pitt county; frightened and with little or no chance for legal support forced to sign a confession—although neither one could read—of a suspected murder, tried by an all-white jury and at once condemned to death. They were from sharecropper families with no record of crime against them—and they are both negroes. Finally, the case grew enough support to file an appeal, but it came in ONE day late—because of the slowness of the affair commanding attention of those who wished to seek adequate justice—and the N. C. Supreme court refused to review the case—because of the lateness of one day.

On this technicality the case appealed to federal circuit court and finally to the U. S. Supreme court—in each case the technicality of one day late upholding the N. C. Supreme court but in each case the decision was split.

Of these decisions Justice Soper of U. S. Court of Appeals said: "The special and unusual circumstances of the present case justify the statement that the constitutional rights of the prisoners were so clearly violated that the judgment against them would have been reversed by the Supreme Court of N. C. if it had felt free to entertain their appeal (but being one day late etc.)"

The two boys are slated to die early in November unless Governor Umstead steps into the case and changes the sentence. This, he and he alone, has the power to do. Is North Carolina to have a Sacco-Vanzetti case of its own? When a U. S. Court judge says the above; when two U. S. Courts rendered a split decision and when the case has never been reviewed on its merits but only a technicality—is there not enough honest doubt existing in the minds of anybody that the case should be reviewed and justice done?

A white man—Demos Woods—self confessed slayer of a sheriff—is given a life sentence; two colored boys—illiterate—tried in a small local court clearly showing racial intolerance—are to be executed for allegedly same—but clearly unproved crime. Is that N. C. justice? Do enough Christian folk in N. C. care about this enough to write Governor Umstead asking him to prevent such a thing? Is there enough civic and state pride to keep this from happening—which if it does, will be spread world-wide by the Communists as an example of "democracy" in the United States?

I am disturbed by these questions.

Very truly,
Edwin M. Hoffman.

BEST WEEKLY?
Chapel Hill, N. C.
October 18, 1953.

Dear Libby:
I got news, news, and more news. I'll put it down below, and hope that it will fill up some space in the NEWS.

I'm having a great time, except that I do miss those mountains. Whenever anyone asks me what part of the country I come from (I usually tell them before they get a chance to ask) I just say "I'm from the Mountains—up around Black Mountain." Everyone usually nods and says, "Uh, yeah, let 'em, I've heard of Black Mountain." "Yes," sez me, "it's the home of the Black Mountain News, one of

the states outstanding weekly papers."

And I proceed to tell them about it. I've done practically everything but go out and resell my copy.

College would be wonderful, were it not for those infernal classes.

Peekin' looks real good—especially from here—and so do Reflections (How's TV now?) I hurry back from Thursday classes every week just to see if the News has arrived.

Wish everybody a coke for me and be careful about hanging out the washing—people are talking.

Your friend,
—David.

Department of Motor Vehicles
Raleigh, N. C.
October 30, 1953.

Editor The News
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am venturing to approach you on a matter of high public service which I hope you and the other editors of North Carolina will perform in the interest of greater safety and security on the streets and highways of our State.

As you know, on January 1 North Carolina will become the forty-fourth state to effectuate a security type Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law. Experience in most of the other states has demonstrated that this type of statute greatly benefits everyone and need not cause hardship for anyone when its provisions and penalties are made known prior to the date enforcement begins. On the other hand, in the several states where that sound precaution was omitted the law has proved generally ineffective and unreasonably burdensome to a great many motorists.

In the belief that the people are entitled to know in advance the stern penalties our new law requires and the very simple means by which they can be avoided, the Department of Motor Vehicles will conduct a program of public education beginning December 1 and terminating on December 31, the day before our new statute becomes effective. Obviously our mission can succeed only if we have the cooperation of North Carolina's public spirited newspapers.

Beginning shortly before December 1, I will send you a series of approximately ten news releases, each of which will officially explain a major point in the new law. They will be marked as to date of publication. I am sure I speak for the entire State in expressing a sincere hope that you will find space for them in your highly valued paper. I assure you that they will be newsworthy in every respect.

I shall be most grateful if you can find time to drop me a brief note of acknowledgment. Should you desire any special information, please do not hesitate to ask us for it. We hope you will look to this Department as the source of official information about the new Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law, to the end that the people of North Carolina shall be accurately and adequately informed.

Sincerely,
Edward Scheidt,
Commissioner

Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 30, 1953.

It is our pleasure to send you a "first-day cover" memento of the issuance of a special stamp commemorating the industry's 50th anniversary. As you may know, these "first-day covers" are collector's items for those interested in stamps.

We feel this event is recognition not only of the vital place which trucking now holds in America's economy but of the free-enterprise system which provides a climate for economic development unparalleled anywhere in the world.

In the short span of 50 years,

the Trucking Industry has grown until today it is America's second largest employer, using more trucks than the rest of the world and offering a variety of transport service unapproached by any other nation.

It is no coincidence that the greatest period of development of this nation's industry and agriculture parallels the growth of the Trucking Industry.

In the years ahead, we pledge every effort and resource to make an ever-increasing contribution to our nation's welfare.

American Trucking Associations,
Inc.
Walter F. Carey, president.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Billy Cline wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and beautiful floral offerings during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Ruth Cline and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Cline and family.

BROWNIE TROOP 89 ELECTS OFFICERS

The six-week period has ended and so the Brownie Scouts have elected new officers. President of the Christian Brownie Patrol is Pollie Sue Tatham. Treasurer is Barbara Jean Riddle. President of the Safety Brownie Patrol is Kay Frances Goode Wright. Treasurer is Katherine Anne Rogers. Ann Beddingfield was elected reporter of troop 89.

The Black Mountain Woman's club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, Montreat.

An executive board meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 9, at the elementary school lunchroom at 3:30 p. m.

The farm driveway, where it enters the paved highway, is one of the most dangerous spots on the farm.

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Black Mountain Takes Lead In County League

Trailing 7-6 at halftime the Black Mountain Darkhorses overcame a large dose of first half over confidence at Weaverville Thursday night last week to go on to win decisively, 32-7. The victory gave the locals the lead in the Buncombe county conference. Their claim to a clear title will hinge on their game with Swannanoa Friday.

Wayne Osteen, speedy halfback, set the W-B eleven back on its heels in the opening quarter by racing 60 yards for the first score. The missed point looked larger and larger as the home team scored to take the lead. It was 7-6 at the half.

But in the third quarter the Darkhorses sent Osteen over again on a 20 yard run and shook Reece loose for 45 and a TD. Early in the fourth quarter the Colts recovered a W-B fumble on their own two and drove 98 yards for the points. Buchanan took it over from two yards out. Just to provide a safe margin of victory Reece intercepted a pass and went 70 yards for the final tally.

Black Mountain racked up 243 yards on the ground to 195 for the losers.

The Lineup:
Black Mountain (32)

E. Calloway, Davis, T. Henderson, Jones, G. Jolly, Tolly, C. Casslin, Corkran, Backs: Reece, Buchanan, Osteen, Parris.

Scoring TD: Osteen (2), Reece (2), Buchanan (1).

Points after TD: Corkran, Reece, Weaverville-Barnardsville (7)

E. Bob Embler, Dick Russell, T. Bill Embler, Ingle, G. Buckner, Lindsay, C. Briggs, Backs: Everette McHone, Tom Russell, Frank McHone, Hensley.

Scoring TD: McHone.

Points after TD: Embler.

With The Sick

Mrs. C. W. Riddle is sick at her home.

Insects destroy millions of dollars worth of stored grain in the United States each year.

The nation's corn production prospect dropped 114,000,000 bushels during August, making it 3,200,000,000 as of September 1.

The United States total wheat production this year is estimated at 1,169,000,000 bushels, 7 per cent above the average.

The nation's 1953 cotton crop prospect improved during August, bringing the current estimate to 15,159,000 bales.

The nation's total production of all vegetables and melons for fresh market this year is expected to exceed that of 1952 by about 5 per cent.

Milk production on North Carolina farms totaled 162,000,000 pounds (75,348,372 quarts) during August.

Commercial vegetable production for fresh market this summer was 6 per cent above that of a year earlier.

BLACK MOUNTAIN N.C.
A GOOD TOWN TO LIVE IN.

This is the emblem which is being used on business envelopes.

YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE WANT ADS

THE DRAWING WAS BY MISS SARAH KITCHEN.

CALL 4101, The Black Mountain NEWS for full information.