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## Fluoridation Issue

## Remembering the charged emotions ten years ago, the Herald, customarily a battleground when heated issues are at hand, would just as soon the fluori- dation proposal was not broached. Battlegrounds do get chewed ach

The Herald will do as before, giving may wish to speak, pro or con, provided
the speakers do not wax libelous or

Health matters can upset folk as ences. At Tuesday night's city commis-
sion hearing on the issue, Dr. Phillip G. Padgett, recalling his five years of work
in public health before coming here to practice medicine 30 years ago, recalled
that "selling", smallpox vaccination in He favors fluoridation, questioned
why fluoridation, supported at the polls
in in 1957, was not implemented, and why
there had to be another vote two years
later, when the vote was reversed and moreso.

Both polls were informational. The late Mayor Glee A. Bridges and the late
Commissioner Ben H. Bridges were luke-
warm to the idea of fluoridation, both on the health question and the cost
question. The three surviving members of that administration, ex-Commission-
ers Boyce Gault, Luther Bennett and R.
Coleman Stroupe, might supply better The fluoridation heat was applied
prior to the election of 1959 and the
commis;ion ordered another referendum, again informational. The reversed result (Note: Mrs. Haywood Lynch inquired of a referendum. His reply was "about
$\$ 1200$. He said Wednesday this would
be the cost of a formal election fle in co
sary to
election registration, challenges day pre-election adver
tising having been dispensed with.) The Herald is in position to question
only one point in the argument of fluori dation proponents and that is the annual
cost of 10 cents per person. It must be
remembered that the water flowing into
the dye vats the dye vats of Mauney Hosiery Mills, K
Mills, Duplex-International, Craftspun and Niesco, Inc., would of necessity also
be fluoridated. ther arden John Jencees, it Mas not told the withsh blindly into important busines
without studv and the policy has proved
successful in providing the city a moder sewage disposal system, in the Buffalo Creek water project and in the
neighborhood facilities building, amons
others A study committee, including city
commissioners but they are out-num
bered by laymen, will report on October

In the face of some very untempered
charges, the city commission kept its

## Fags and Tummy-Wash

In North Carolina, the price of joy
juice (gasoline) went up July 1 .
Wednesday the price of cigarettes
and soda pop advanced in price.
These hardly anti-inflationary in-
creases resulted from new tax imposi-
tions by the state as enacted by the 1969
General Assembly.
Actually, cigarettes, in some in-
stances, advanced prior to Wednesday.
Those dispensed by cigarette ma-
chines increased earlier, as the vending
machine owners sought to make me-
chanical changes and to be ready 100
percent by october 1.
The machines now bear the notation:
35 cents per pack, deposit quarters,
dimes, or nickels.
That makes it $\$ 3.50$ per carton, if one
buys at the vending machine.
It's not that bad when a cig slave
buys by the carton. Indeed, a super mar-
ket manager confided he had long ago
decided that when his favorite brand
topped 25 cents per package he would
join the ranks of the surgeon-general's
brigade. "Don't have to quit yet," he
grinned in relief.
Worse part of the deal, as charged at
the time, was that cigarettes would ad-
vance a nickel at retail, the state glean-
ing only two cents. Same charge was
leveled on soft drinks: the price would
advance by five, the state gleaning one.
Buddy, could you spare a cigarette?

## Graducte In Series

 Mayor John Hénry Moss, organizerand president of the Western Carolinas
Baseball League and his and president of the Western Carolinas
Baseball League and his club owners
over the years can take justifiable pride over the years can take justifiable pride
in the fact that their roles as training
ground for the majors has, indeed, been ground for the majors has, indeed, bee
just that. As the season ends, no less than 61
former players in the Western Carolinas
league are wearing major league uniAt least one, perhaps three, will be
performing in the World Series, no mat-
ter the results of the upcoming semi-
final playoffs between the Atlanta tional League and the Minnesota Twins
and Baltimore Orioles of the American on its roster. tory. The Mets have ace pitchers Jerr The Braves are most WCL "loaded" with pitchers Jim Britten and ace re-
liever Cecil Upshaw and catcher Bob Didier.
Two other WCL pitching graduates not in the playoffs, have scored individ
ual honors during the past season Card ual honors during the past season. Card
inal Steve Carlton was the startin inal Steve Carlton was the starting
pitcher in the all-star game, and Pirate pitcher in the all-star game, and Pirat The Braves seem to be the sentimen
tal favorite here, as Atlanta, only thre hours distant by car and 40 minutes by jot, has been host to many Kings Moun
tain area fans this year and in the past tain area fans this year and in the pas
There are Mets fans here, too, par There are Mets fans here, too, par
ticularly those who always support the underdog. And there are sentimentalists in the Twins' camp, for the Twins are the old
Senators, of whom Jake Early and Buddy Lewis are alumni. And the Charlotte

## Debacle Ends





General Creighton Abrams, Vietmam

Rezor, wanted to press the charges. But
again best information indicates the who bossed the army, with the Green Divided command is pretty sorry Divided command is pretty sorry
business in civilian life and impossible business in the services, as the USS
Pueblo incident pointed up graphically, The goof-ups seem to have been in
the Pentagon, both army and naval sec-


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