

Ed O'Herron For Governor



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We recommend Charlotte businessman Ed O'Herron for governor in the August 17 Democratic Primary.

This breaks a long-standing policy of General Publishing Co. of never endorsing any candidate for any office — local, state or national. And we recommend O'Herron without hesitation.

In this year of numerous candidates we have all heard practically the same platforms touted, but for us the one candidate who has spoken with a sincere earnestness and concern for the people of North Carolina is Ed O'Herron.

Here is a man who would appear to be an achiever of "The Great American Dream," that mystical and perhaps mythical plateau generations of Americans have been taught to shoot for. And yet Ed O'Herron is a man who apparently has never lost contact with the various echelons of people he met on his way up. He is still deeply concerned with the welfare of his fellow man.

We will refrain from going into O'Herron's rise to his high perch in the business world, but it is an Horatio Alger-type tale in the truest tradition. Such success stories are, today, for some strange reason, viewed as corny or even hokey. Instead, let's examine some of the ideas Ed O'Herron has for the governor to initiate to make life better for his fellow Tar Heels.

In the field of education Ed O'Herron feels North Carolina can come up with a fair and adequate method of evaluating teachers to determine their qualifications to teach in public schools.

In 1975 a federal court ruled that a minimum score on the National Teacher Examination for teachers certification was unconstitutional, that it discriminated against blacks and other minorities.

O'Herron feels perhaps the NTE isn't the best way to measure a teacher's qualifications and wonders if the educators themselves wouldn't be better judges of this than the courts. He feels educators in the state's public schools can come up with a proper evaluation. O'Herron is in full support of Tar Heel teachers and would ask enactment of the General Assembly of legislation that would clearly define the rights and responsibilities of all concerned in school discipline, administrators, teachers, students and parents.

The candidate feels once these guidelines are placed school officials and teachers can feel safe in maintaining discipline and students and parents can know what to expect in class and what will be expected of them.

O'Herron supports wage raises for teachers without increasing taxes. This he proposes through business and industrial growth and through tighter economic measures within the state government.

The candidate's ideas on making North Carolina more attractive to business and industry includes moving the industrial development program from the Department of Natural and Economic Resources directly into the governor's office. With this done he would cover the state for business, educational, local and state government leaders to form a commission to woo potential industry, directed by the governor.

Ed O'Herron also favors the death penalty for those convicted of heinous crimes such as killing a person during the commission of a felony like bank robbery, or such as aggravated rape. We believe, as does O'Herron, that a constitutionally sound death penalty law in such cases would be a deterrent.

The candidate as governor, would make it a point to see the next General Assembly gives every consideration to drafting capital punishment legislation that could not be challenged constitutionally.

O'Herron is also in favor of North Carolina establishing the principle of restitution to the victim by the convicted criminal, either in monetary form or by a number of hours of work committed for a worthwhile purpose. The candidate's idea comes from the fact that the right of the criminal have been allowed to override the rights of the victim. When a person is convicted and sent to prison he pays his debt to society, but not to the victim or the victim's survivors.

In his own business dealings his company (Eckerd Drug) has been sued by every big company doing business with him because of continually "selling items at lower prices than the artificially high fair trade price set by those big companies." This was his way of fighting for the consumer and his fight helped to eventually have the fair trade price law repealed.

These are just a few of the ideas Ed O'Herron has on how state government should function to help ease the burden on the people.

During this campaign O'Herron's soft-spoken dialogue has been mistaken, in some quarters, as coming from a politically naive man. Nothing could be further from the truth. The candidate has spent 14 years in government. Add this to 30 years of successful business experience and you have a man highly qualified to conduct a \$3,400,000,000 business (and political) operation, which North Carolina happens to be at this point.

Again, we strongly recommend your support of Ed O'Herron for governor in the August 17 Democratic Primary.

On vacations, working

My family and I took a vacation last week. It was a great four days. We were temporary residents at North Myrtle Beach for a week, but it rained the first three days. And last Sunday as we stuffed baggage and dirty laundry into the car trunk the sky was looking fierce once again.

It was the preamble to Hurricane Belle. So, to avoid being caught in the big blow we drove four hours without a pit stop. Whew!

The eldest Miss McIntyre had to return home in the middle of the week, so she had to hurry and see all the sights and soak up as much sun as possible. Consequently we only caught sight of her when she popped in to solicit dollars from her 'ol daddy.

My better half decided she was going to work on a tan to beat all tans.

Her skin is now coming off in layers. Of course the other three daughters are immune to the harmful rays of the sun and they are now the color of antique mahogany furniture.

Me? A shade or two difference on the face and arms. My entire body is still as white as the driven snow. And that really bugs me. Time was, a century or so ago when I was a young'un, I spent from sunup til sundown ripping and running in the surf without any ill effects.

Oh, well. Time marches on and along with it my ability to soak up the rays.



TOM
McINTYRE

Reminding myself that it was also my vacation I exerted a little poppa power. "I shall sit in the shade and read," said I.

"Anti-social," said my better half. To prove that I was not anti-social I cheerfully allowed myself to be taught a game of chance by my next door neighbor (14 of us from the same neighborhood rented rooms at the same beach motel) and a friend of his.

The first night I was a winner. The next six nights I was a loser. So much for being sociable.

Returning to this tight little island known as the historical city I was greeted with the news that Gary Stewart was a brand new poppa (one) and that he was on vacation (two) and that ye olde Mirror-Herald was going to be three sections deep (four) and that I was the sole survivor of the guess-who-

s-gonna-paste-the-whole-thing-up contest (six).

As I write this column my head has gone bad on me and my entire body feels as if it belongs to someone else. Someone who has badly mistreated it.

This situation reminds of the early days when we came to be known as The Looking-Glass Gang. In those days while doing weekly battle with The Herald we always had three press runs. We would start the pasteup process on a Tuesday morning and continue straight through to Wednesday morning.

At least then I had Jay Ashley and Rodney Dodson helping with the pasteup. On this issue I was all my ownself.

Of course I had every light in the building turned on, which helped a little. But even that didn't prevent me from having my socks scared off my feet along about four a.m. Wednesday.

One of KM's men in blue flashed a spotlight in my face without warning. He thought he had a burglar and so did I.

Anyhow this issue is now history. But this fatigue weighing heavy on my bones is not.

H'mmm. Wonder if I could have next week off?

On second thought, forget it. The following week is when Lib Stewart is going to be gone and with my luck we would probably have four sections to pasteup.

READER DIALOGUE

It wasn't my letter...

To The Editor:

I have had several calls about the unsigned letter that the Mirror-Herald received concerning the Mayor and city commissioners increasing their salaries.

This is to inform the citizens of Kings Mountain that the letter was not written by me nor did I know anything about the letter.

Anything that I have to say about the operation of our city government, I will be most happy to sign my name.

Thank you.
LOYD DAVIS
Kings Mountain

Ingram is foe of the industry

To the editor,

It is with very strong feelings, arrived at after careful observations over the past four years, that I write you this very critical letter concerning the present Commissioner of insurance, Mr. John Ingram.

This incumbent has envisioned his proper role to be that of foe of the industry and protector of the public. He has used his staff to foster this image to a degree never before practiced by any predecessor.

As a result of this man's policies, several companies have withdrawn from the State, and some of the nation's largest carriers have set quotas on new writings in certain lines or closed them completely. Neither the public or the industry is served in such a business climate.

If it were possible to demonstrate to the public just how poor Mr. Ingram has done his job, he would get very few votes. I would like to present to you a very strong alternative candidate in Mr. Joe Johnson. This young man has a Ph.D. in Business Administration and is head of the Department of Business at UNC-Greensboro. He is an acknowledged expert in the field of insurance, and is the first man trained by profession to offer for the office. He pledges to be fair to the public and industry.

BOB MANER
Kings Mountain

Orchids to our local merchants...

Dear Editor:

The Concerned Citizens of Kings Mountain that sponsored the Coffee Break for Peeewe Tessenar would like to thank the following merchants and citizens for contributing their donations:

Don Glass Grocery, Herman Blalock Grocery, B&B Food Store, Pauline Store, Don McAbee, Paul Hord's Fish Camp, Roger Conner's Grocery, Little Moo, Draggy The Clown, American Legion, VFW, J & Bee's Variety, David Steller, Yates Harbinson, Melvin Faucette, Sr., Charles E. Wilson, Harris Funeral Home, Ladies Police Auxiliary, KM Rescue Squad.

We especially want to thank Draggy The Clown from Shelby for performing his tricks and talents for the kids Saturday and Sunday. He thrilled the young and old alike and is the funniest clown and finest magician the City of Kings Mountain has ever seen.

Our Coffee Break was a complete success due to the citizens of Kings Mountain, and Draggy the Clown being there to entertain the people. We thank you and Peeewe thanks you. Our first donation was contributed from the last coffee break in the amount of \$185.90. Special thanks to them.
CONCERNED CITIZENS
Kings Mtn., N. C.

Express thanks to the police....

Dear Editor,

Revco management and employees would like to express their sincere thanks to the Kings Mountain Police Department, particularly to Sgt. L. D. Beattie, Ptl. David Bridges, Ptl. Mike Moss, and reserve officer Philip Witherspoon.

Mr. Bruce Summey, manager of our Shelby Road outlet, informed us of the

successful apprehension of two burglars in his store. Mr. Summey is especially grateful to Sgt. Beattie, who wrestled one suspect to the floor at great personal expense.

These fine officers averted any danger to Revco customers and employees, and kept property loss minimal.

We at Revco deeply appreciate this outstanding performance of duty of the men who comprise the Kings Mountain Police Department.

CHARLES R. DeHAVEN
Assistant Vice President
Public Relations

Why are there so many dogs....

Dear Editor,

In last week's Mirror-Herald the story about Stretch Bollinger going to the dogs made me laugh.

If he has gone to the dogs, why are there so many dogs in the Country Club section running loose?

Is the new dog law just for us so called "Poor Folks" in Kings Mountain?

JACOB S. SIPE
708 Landing St.

Thanks to city dog warden....

Dear Editor:

I would like to use this method of thanking the city dog warden, Stretch Bollinger, for being in the area when I needed him last week.

A German Shepherd in our neighborhood on Stowe Acres literally had me backed up against the wall as I went to hang up clothes on the clothesline. Stretch was patrolling the area and heard my screams for help. The dog was lunging at me when the dog warden appeared on the scene. Thanks to the dog warden, the animal is now penned up.

I do appreciate all the good work Stretch Bollinger is doing in his new position as city dog warden.

MRS. CREIGHTON DELLINGER
Stowe Acres
Kings Mountain

LOOKING BACK

From the July 25, 1935 Files of The Kings Mountain Herald

At a special meeting of Otis D. Green Post American Legion Friday night, July 19, J. E. Garvin was elected Post Commander to succeed W. W. Souther.

George Patterson, who now owns the old Ferguson Gold Mine, south of Kings Mountain Battleground, is having the mine worked.

The Bonnie Mill second team defeated the Dixon second team 10 to 4 Saturday.

The Dixon School started Monday with a large attendance.

A \$35,000 addition to Slater Brothers, Inc. is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

Graham one of most famous

William A. Graham was one of North Carolina's most famous citizens.

He died on August 11, 1875. Though other men born in this state reached higher political office, none achieved more while still a legal resident of North Carolina.

Born in Lincoln County, he was governor (1845-49), U. S. Senator, Secretary of the Navy, and Vice-Presidential candidate with General Winfield Scott on the Whig ticket in 1852. Ironically he was defeated by Senator William King of Alabama, who had been born in North Carolina.

As Secretary of the Navy under Millard Fillmore, Graham sent the famous Perry expedition to Japan, opening that nation up for the first time for trade with the rest of the world.

Graham may have been the only North Carolinian ever to run for president — on the Union Conservative ticket before the Civil War. This was a splinter party organized as a last ditch effort to preserve the Union and work out a compromise on the slavery issue. It failed, of course, just as the Whig ticket of Scott and Graham had failed four years earlier to achieve that same goal.

During the Civil War, though he had opposed secession, Graham served in Jefferson Davis's cabinet.

The Graham family was one of the most illustrious in North Carolina history. It was active in state-level affairs from 1790 until 1930. General Joseph Graham pioneered the iron industry in Lincoln



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County. One son was William; another, James, served for years as their area's representative in the U. S. Congress. A daughter, Isabella, married the founder of Davidson College, and three of her daughters married famous Confederate generals, Stonewall Jackson, D. H. Hill and Rufus Barringer.

The first radio SOS in history was sent by the steamship "Arapahoe" off Cape Hatteras on August 11, 1901.

On August 6, 1918, during World War I the Diamond Shoals Lightship was sunk off the North Carolina coast by a German submarine.

On August 8, 1774, the citizens of Rowan County adopted a set of resolutions condemning Great Britain for closing the Port of Boston.

They agreed to import no British-made goods (a full month before the Continental

Congress took a similar step) and condemned the Crown's taxes and import duties.

As an extra measure, they also condemned the "African trade," perhaps the first anti-slavery resolution passed in America.

Born August 11, 1854, Robert B. Glenn of Rockingham County, who served as governor 1905-09.

Although he also fought an epic battle over railroad rates, Glenn is best remembered as the champion of state-wide prohibition. It was during his term that North Carolina went bone dry for the first time and stayed that way until the 1930's.

Virginia Dare, the first white child of English parents to be born in the New World, was born on Roanoke Island on August 1, 1587.

On August 20 she was baptised in what many people believe to have been the first such service held on American soil.

It wasn't. The Indian Manteo, baptised one week earlier, on August 13, 1587, was the first.

Manteo, of course, had been one of the two Indians taken back to England three years earlier by Sir Walter Raleigh's first expedition.

At the time of his baptism, on orders from Sir Walter, Manteo was also dubbed Lord of Roanoke, thereby receiving the only officially recognized title of nobility ever awarded in America.

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