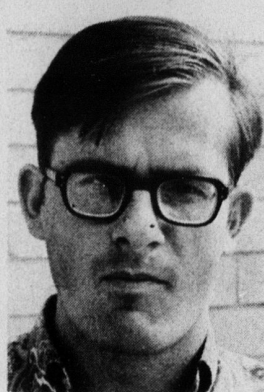




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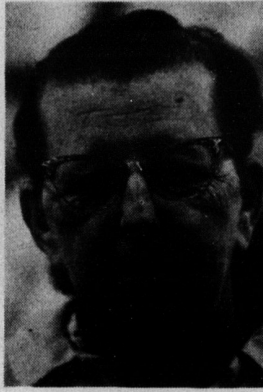
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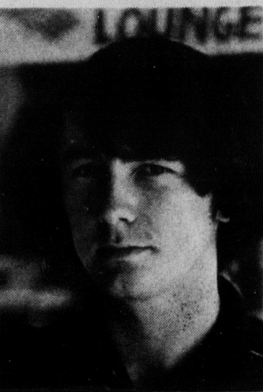
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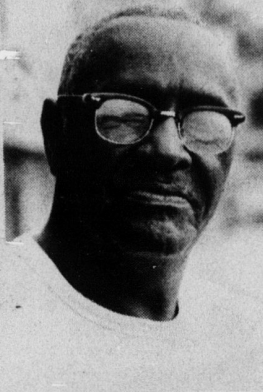
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Local People Quizzed Favor Federal Gun Controls

We decided to borrow a question from a Congressional opinion poll this week to get our own reactions from local citizens. We asked: "Do you favor a Federal law prohibiting the sale of handguns unsuitable for sporting purposes?" The answers themselves were quite normal, but there was no controversy at all expressed by those asked.

Wilson Griffin, local druggist favored controls, but expressed some reservation about the control being regulated by the Federal Government. "I resist total regulation when it could be handled by local governments. I would be in favor of regulations of heavy gauge guns...I would like to see air-rifles outlawed," Grady Weaver of Grover answered, "Yes, that way no one can

get handguns for other purposes. People don't need one unless they are authorized to carry it," Jake Nance said, "Yeah, sure, if we didn't have the sale of handguns, there wouldn't be as much violence going on." Mildred Gladden replied, "Yes, I would!" and Clyde Taylor said "I'm in favor of outlawing it, yes sir!" Randy Blanton said, "Yes, I believe they ought to be outlawed,"

Mrs. Fate Arrowood thought for a minute, then said, "I wouldn't be in favor of selling guns other than for protection purposes," Jimmy Stoll said, "I don't think they should be used except for military use, like fighting in Vietnam."

The Forgotten Ones . . . The Police

By DICK SHANEY

For the past several weeks I have attempted throughout this series of articles to arouse public interest, especially in our local law enforcement agencies. I have tried to give you an inside look at what our policemen actually face each time they report for duty. The danger they face, the sacrifices their families make as they come second, their frustrations and anxiety. Being a policeman is no easy job. When you examine it more carefully you wonder why anyone would put up with what they do for any price, much less for what they are paid.

Police pay is probably the least talked about, most misunderstood subject in the world. In asking some 10 people what they thought our local police officers made in salary, I received 8 different answers varying from \$200 per week to \$15,000 per year. This is the subject we will talk about today, even though most city officials would rather not. In discussing salaries with policemen throughout our state, not one felt that police officers were paid in comparison with other professions requiring as much training, exposure to danger, long

hours and on call 24 hours a day. After comparing these salaries with industry and the other professions I can easily see why policemen are unhappy and disgruntled. Another interesting and unexplainable fact is why so much differential in police pay exists between different police agencies basically doing the same work. Let's look at our own situation here in Kings Mountain. Beginning police salaries for patrolmen are \$100 per week for a schedule like this--Seven on and two off on the 1st and 2nd shifts; seven on and three off for the 3rd shift. When you calculate this out over a month you will find a policeman works a 28 day-month generally. Based on the total hours an average policeman works during the year, counting days off missed due to Superior Court and emergencies such as storms, riots, relief for sick personnel, etc., our local police officers make approximately \$1.50 to \$1.78 per hour. This is not to say that pay increases are not given policemen who have been on

the force several years. Top pay for patrolmen is \$120 per week even if you have 17 to 20 years service. Calculated into the number of hours these men work amounts to around \$2.00 per hour. Why is it that less than 30 miles east of here police pay increases greatly even though it's still inadequate. Charlotte, N. C. pays starting policemen salaries of \$660 monthly (\$7,820 annually) compared to Kings Mountain's starting salary of \$433 (\$5,200 annually). Charlotte's starting salary is \$1580 more than Kings Mountain's top patrolman's pay for giving 15 or more years on the force. Another puzzling fact is the difference in pay for police officers from one agency to another. Effective July 1st the N. C. State Highway Patrol starting patrolman's pay is \$660 monthly or \$7820 annually. Why is it so wide a gap exists for the difference in salaries. Across our state is the fact that Municipal and county officials have failed to stay abreast with what is happening in our country. They

continue to compare police salaries with other non-professional jobs within city or county government. On several occasions when salary increases for policemen were mentioned to various K. M. city officials their reaction was "we can't do anything about them unless we raise everyone else." This is the reason we still have basically the lowest paid police department in the area. If we, the people of Kings Mountain are truly interested in maintaining the kind of police department we presently have then we must support them in their total effort. This means maintaining adequate liveable salaries for each policeman, modern, up-to-date equipment for the protection of their personal safety and the safety of others. By this I mean patrol cars that aren't worn out and dangerous to the men and the general public. These are items of great concern to police officers everywhere. They will never become a reality unless you and I voice our support to the Mayor and City Council. This

can be done in many ways - Through attending City Council meetings and expressing your views, through letters to the editors of our local newspapers, and through personal contact with your Councilman or Mayor. Unless we do this the "Police" will still be "The Forgotten Ones."

NEWS VIEWS

Melvin R. Laird, Defense Secretary, on costs of the limitations agreement: "Peace cannot be bought cheaply."

Richard Nixon, President: "In Moscow we witnessed the beginning of the end of that era which began in 1945."

Birch Bayh, Senator (D-Ind): "Richard G. Kleindienst's response to an alleged bribe offer casts doubt on his qualifications to serve as the nation's top law enforcement officer."

Good workers are always in demand somewhere.

reflections

by Rodney Dodson



I went to Crossroads Music Park Sunday to interview the stars. I have great respect for these artists, and although not a country music nut, I have an appreciation for it, because I don't believe it has any clear boundaries - look how much of it has spilled over into other areas of music. One of my greatest moments to date was seeing Johnny Cash in person, but I didn't get to talk with him, and I remember Kitty Wells from listening to the radio when I was a child back up in Stokes County. When she sang "How Far Is Heaven" Sunday, it came back so clearly to me. Now I was supposed to interview her. What could I ask her about country music when she has been singing it as long as I've been around. Well everything changes, and from wat-

ching her show, I'm sure it has. I really enjoyed her back up band -- The Tennessee Mountain Boys. I'll say more about them in the Kitty interview this week. Seems like Wayne Manning, the announcer and base singer looked awfully familiar. I wonder who he was with previously. I sat, enjoyably, through the entire show. A real crowd pleaser was a group from Columbia, S. C. who shared the stage with the Nashville stars. They're the A & M Three - consisting of a young lady, her husband, and two other men. (That makes 4 but one plays steel guitar I think). Their small portion of the show was well done. They've got that unique rapport with their audience, and in my humble opinion should go far.

Tom Brooks remarked that these local groups is one main reason why Crossroads is here - to provide a sounding board for them. Sort of a mini-opry I guess you'd say.

It's amazing somehow that we can continue right on with Sylvia's Mirror Images column while she's in England. Yes, I realize that we have trans-Atlantic mail service, but it still amazes me. Just think - her little blue envelope addressed to the Kings Mountain Mirror came all the way from Bridle Path Square, Cross Gates, Leeds, England. The postmark was Edinburgh: 1:15 p. m. 4 June, and I received the air letter here on June 7 or 8, I forget which, but it's an amazingly short time.

Holshouser, Bowles Race Is One To Watch

By John Kilgo
KQ SYNDICATE

Skipper Bowles and Jim Holshouser are not very much alike but they share at least two things in common--they both won races the experts said they would lose and they convert the same job.

When it comes to political upsets, Holshouser's win over Republican Jim Gardner has to rank as the hit of the year. Most people who dabble in politics had awarded the race to Gardner months ago.

Holshouser didn't see it that way. He had been running for Governor for several years and had quietly done a beautiful job of lining up support. Gardner people made a mistake early in the campaign. They looked at the way Gardner had crushed John Stickley in the Republican gubernatorial primary in 1968 and figured Holshouser would be just about as easy.

But the reasoning was faulty. Stickley, while a capable man, didn't know the ABCs of politics. Holshouser is well-versed on the subject. Gardner played it cool during the first primary, because his pollster was predicting a healthy victory. Holshouser stayed on the attack.

And during the runoff, Gardner campaigned from day one like he was behind. Holshouser then played the role as statesman.

Holshouser went into the gubernatorial campaign with an image problem. Even though

most people conceded that he discussed issues intelligently and understood state government quite well, he was too "boyish" looking to win a primary for Governor.

By defeating the toughest opponent his party could offer, Holshouser has laid that problem to rest. He is his party's number one horse and people now know that he can win a state-wide race.

Skipper Bowles had a different problem and pollsters refer to it as "voter identification." People across the state didn't know Bowles from the Battleship North Carolina. Bowles had to correct that problem with a massive and expensive TV campaign but the opposition still didn't take him too seriously.

Pat Taylor's poll, for a long, long time, showed him with an overwhelming lead over Bowles in the Democratic chase for Governor. The Taylor poll was encouraging in every way. It said Bob Morgan supporters favored Taylor over Bowles. It said a high percentage of Tar Heels voters liked and respected Gov. Scott.

Bowles' pollster was a dude out of Michigan by the name of Walter DeVries. Bowles lived by what the man said. Early polls showed Robert Morgan leading in the Governor's race, with Taylor second and Bowles a not very healthy third. Morgan got out of the picture and Bowles' stock began to rise.

About two weeks before the May 6 primary, the momentum in the campaign had clearly switched to Bowles. The Taylor people knew it. It was felt that Bowles' pledge not to raise taxes had caught on in a big way. Also, voters were looking for new faces and Bowles offered that.

After Bowles won the first primary, Taylor came out swinging for round two. He disassociated himself from Gov. Scott. He made tax proposals of his own. He said Bowles was being driven by a huge political machine. And Taylor won the endorsements of Reginald Hawkins and Wilbur Hobby, who were defeated in the first primary.

Bowles became itchy. He wanted to fight. But his experts told him to cool it. A DeVries poll that came back the Monday before the runoff showed Bowles with 45 per cent of the vote, Taylor with 28 and the rest undecided. Bowles followed his game plan to the letter and won. Not many years ago, a Democrat in Bowles' position could be assured of winning the victory. But not now. Holshouser--and the Bowles people know this--has an excellent chance of winning in November.

Holshouser will start off the underdog but that seems to be a plus rather than a minus in present day politics. It appears that Holshouser vs. Bowles is going to be most interesting.

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