

### Strike Is Over?

An apparent lack of communication between the city and striking sanitation workers has resulted in a state of contridiction

We felt that the workers had some legitimate grievances, and the increase in salary they requested was not only within reason, but well deserved. Certainly city officials cannot really believe that \$65 per week take home is adequate for the jobs some of these men perform. The workers reported to work Monday mortises and the salary that the strength of the salary to the ning and were presented with a statement issued by the board of commissioners stating in effect that since the men had walked

off their jobs, they were considered fired.

Later Monday, the men converged on city hall, and a representative met with the mayor. At that time the mayor agreed to bring the demands before the board of commissioners again, Monday afternoon and would report back with their decision. No meeting of the board took place Monday, and Tuesday night Roscoe Wooten told the MIRROR that as far as he's concerned the strike is over, and that he has a full crew of new replacements. Miles Myers, spokesman for the strikers, contradicted this Tues-day, saying he and the men are still waiting for an answer from

the city regarding their requests.

Such confusion and double-talk serve no useful purpose. It's up to the city to take decisive action, and if it is the decision of the city to replace the striking workers, they should be told in a forthright manner, leaving no room for compromise or doubt. Apparently the men have been told to hang on for an answer, and

The striking sanitation men at least deserve an authoritative final explanation of the city's position.

## Perspective

by Jay Ashley

get a doctor and then it is too late. Well we didn't want to

ded to have our own family

After the ridiculous runa

round we received I am at the

conclusion that there are rea-

lly no doctors in the United

States. Those TV doctors are

the closest thing to real, and

Since we reside in Gastonia

we had the wild idea that our

doctor should be in Gastonia.

Since we did not know a doc-

tor. Barbara started with the

"a's" in the phone book and

proceeded down the list. This

is no exaggeration. She call-

ed every doctor listed in the

book. Each time she was told

"Sorry but the doctor is not

taking any new patients." We

thought this a bit odd, but still

the horrible reality had not hit

us. Then she sat down and

proceeded to call every doctor

in Kings Mountain and was

doctors enough in Gastonia to

take care of people in Gas-

tonia, we can't take you."

now I ask you friends, what

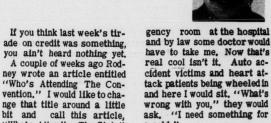
am I supposed to do if I get

sick? Treat myself? Oh sure

I could get a doctor. Want to

know how? Go to the emer-

they are only actors!



nge that title around a little bit and call this article, "Who's Attending The Sick." You might think this followa cold." I was always educated in the idea that doctors took the Hippocratic Oath promising to heal the sick and afflicted. ing story is all fabrication, but you are wrong. It is the absolute truth, pathetically en-After the farce last week may-be it should be changed to the hypocritic oath. Maybe the new oath would read: Last week Barbara decided

to get in contact with a doctor in order that we would have I promise to help the sick... someone to call on if we be-Except those who get sick between 9 and 5. came sick. I'm sure many of you have seen articles in mag-I promise to aid the afflic-ted and wounded...Unless they azines or papers that say people wait until they are sick to

are from another town.
I promise to go out into the world and save lives...Unless those lives are at home You might think these rules

are funny and some may think they are harsh, but I think they are pathetically true. At least from my experience. Now don't go off on a tangent and say "Ashley hates doctors." I firmly believe that there are on-conformist doctors who actually want to help people. But I'm afraid they are in the minority. It's easy to cruise through life above everyone else, but it takes a real man to look down at those to whom he owes a living.

Since last week did not go well I should have expected this week to be no different. Monday I went by the Highway Patrol station to check on weekend wrecks. While I was in the office, Trooper Reavis came in and said, "Is that your truck?" pointing to the owned by the MIRROR. 'Yes," I replied, "I'm driv-

"Inspection sticker is expired." So I received a ticket right there at the Highway Patrol office. Some days it doesn't pay to get up.

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Party Maverick Says No

# Will Voters Buy State GOP Conservative Package In November

By JOHN KILGO KQ SYNDICATE

Republican Party maverick Jimmy Johnson of Concord, who ran unsuccessfully a who ran unsuccessfully a-gainst Jesse Helms in the U.S. Senate Primary, will not be actively supporting Helms or gubernatorial nominee Jim Holshouser in the fall elect-

As a matter of fact, reports are making the Tar Heel polit-ical circuit that Johnson will support Nick Galifianakis for the Senate and Skipper Bowles for Governor -- and soon change his registration to the Democratic Party.
Johnson isn't ready to go that

far, at least he wasn't in an interview with me, but he does say candidly:
"The fathers of North Car-

olina Republican Party have made it clear that they do not want me. (Jim) Holshouser had been to Concord rour or five times and didn't even call me. He doesn't want me in a me. He doesn't want me in a
10-acre field with him and
that's all right. I guess I'm
more of an Independent now
than anything else."
Will Johnson support Jesse
Helms in the Senate race?
"If Helms comes to Cabar-

rus County, I will introduce him around," Johnson said. "But if Galifianakis comes I'll introduce him around also,"

Johnson believes the North Carolina Republican Party is about to package a conserva-tive philosophy that Tar Heel voters won't buy in November.

GOP regulars. He considered "The Democrats tried L Beverly Lake and lost," Johnson said. "In 1964 we tried init a slap in the face and says he owes no more obligation to our - heart - we - know - he's -right Goldwater and got clobthe Party. Johnson says most of his campaign contributions in his bered. Wallace lost here in 1968 and the only reason he won here this time was befight against Helms came from Democrats. He says:

nominee Holshouser.

"Gardner was a sincere candidate this time," Johnson said, "and if he had not had

the legacy of the 1968 cam-paign to live down, he'd have

Johnson says Tar Heel Dem-

ocrats have been smart to move to the moderate view-

"Skipper Bowles is a dynamic individual," Johnson says, "he knocked heads with the internal part of his party and won, Pat Taylor ran a traditional companies and least

ditional campaign and lost. "There's no doubt in my mind

but that Galifianakis is in tune

with the average North Caro-lina voter. (Jesse) Helms isn't going to get the labor vote, the Negro vote, the young vote, or the intellectual vote.

I even think some big business

people will look at some of his statements and turn away

from his candidacy." In his race for the Senate

cause the people were voting against Terry Sanford. And now the Republicans are run-ning Jesse Helms, who is the place. I've gone as far as I can possibly go in the Republican Party. The Republican Party is controlled by the regmost conservative candidate Surprisingly, Johnson be-lieves that defeated guberna-torial candidate Jim Gardner ulars. The general leadership of the Republican Party and I are not in the same dance hall." is a moderate compared to

"I know I'm in the wrong

son has made up his mind to change to the Democratic Party. But he insists that he has not made that decision. "I guess you can say I've decided to call it a day in politics," Johnson told me. "I'm an elder statesman at

All of this sounds as if John

Some people will cheer that statement. Others will view it as a sad occurence. But few politicians will ignore it, Jim-my Johnson isn't the kind of man politicians ignore.

## Is Third Party Likely?

Chances appear good Governor George Wallace of Alabama won't accept the Democratic Party platform recently adopted at Miami Beach. No doubt Wallace supporters will carefully analyze the G.O.P. platform also. (Most Wallace delegates left the Democratic convention disgusted with Senator George McGovern's platform and delegates.)

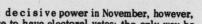
lican platform, either, after close analysis, the prospect may be another third-party effort, Wallace's health permit-

philosophy. No doubt Wallace will find much in the G.O.P. platform more to his liking than that which emerged from the Democratic convention, though the economic proposals of Senator George McGovern contain something of certain Wallace themes

To wield any decisive power in November, however, Wallace will have to have electoral votes; the only way he can get them is to run as a third candidate. Thus the chance

If Wallace and his supporters can't live with the Repub-

In 1964 Wallace refrained from campaigning because of his respect for Senator Barry Goldwater and his political







"SOME PIECES JUST DON'T FIT



by Rodney Dodson



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Another borrowed item, hot from the news desk...Mrs. J. G. Martin of 620 Mauney Ave. filed a complaint with the po-lice on the 18th. Seems she saw two men fleeing her back yard with one ofher Rhode Island Reds and a Black Hen Chicken. The chicken thieves were later apprehended, and since the birds were returned unharmed, she decided not to press charges against the mi-

I don't think that's what Colonel Sanders meant by the great chicken outing!

Another first has to be this tomato (pictured below). Yes friends, this genuine tomato was grown by Charles Houser on Meadowbrook Road, right in his backyard. He says it was one of a kind. I'll go along with that.

Someone asked me Tuesday to see if there would be any interest in starting a chess club in Kings Mountain I don't play myself, but Jay Ashley our intellectual-inresidence hereathe MIRROR plays. In fact he says he and his wife play a lot of nights at home right after the news when there's nothing but a lot of garbage on TV.

If anyone is interested, let

me know, OK?

Ashley asked for a pack of nabs the other night when Bec-

ky and Elaine went across to city news for snacks. "Nabs!" Elaine exclaimed. What are nabs?" "Ah Ha!" I interrupted, "Only somebody from the northern piedmont would know what nabs are. I used to say nabs all the time, but down here nobody says nabs. No-body knows what nabs are

Jay was raised near Burlington, and I'm from neighboring Stokes County myself. In case you're still wondering, nabs are those little orange packs of cheese crackers.

I'm glad Home Savings and Loan put up the new time and temperature indicator in front of their building. I for one will find it useful when I go to the Post Office every morning, I can look up and see how late I am. It will also be handy to check the temperature so I'll know whether to turn the air conditioning on in the car....

it does look impressive re-volving around, and is the first of its kind in KM I beli-

Unbearable A lot of people who want to carry the world on their shoulders can't even support themselves.

-Telescope, Belleville, Kan.

Average If at first you don't suc-

ceed you're like most other -Spotlight, San Diego.



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# **Washington Report**

by Congressman James T. Browhill

## House Refuses More Public Work Spending

ditional \$5 billion in Federal funds for water and sewer systems. Another stated purose of the legislation was to unemployment, and this would have been accomplished by giving priority to projects in low-income and nigh unemployment areas.

cause I felt the need for it was have been highly inflationary. In addition, it would provide duplication of effort with two other bills which have already passed the House of Representatives -- the Water Polluon Control Amendments and the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act (revenue sharing). The comprehensive water pollution control measure d earlier this year provides \$18 billion overathreeyear period for the construction of waste treatment facilities, including sewer collection systems. Likewise, environmental protection is one of the three high priority areas under the \$3,5 billion vernments provided in the revenue sharing bill, and this specifically includes outlays for sewer construction,

There is need for improvement of our nation's water and sewer facilities, and the Congress has shown strong support for efforts to meet this need. However, the legislation which was defeated last week was, in my opinion, not the best vehicle to accomplish this purpose.

HOUSE APPROVES THREE HEALTH BILLS

The House of Representatives last week passed three bills in the public health fie-ld. All of these bills originated in the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, on which I serve, and supported their passage.

In an unusual action last
week, the House of Representatives defeated a bill which
would have authorized an advide immunization programs against polio, this program has been extended through the years to cover the other wideases, such as dipheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and me-asles. The House-passed legislation would expand this effort by authorizing \$90 million for each of the next three fiscal years for communicable disease programs. Significantly, \$50 million of this amount is earmarked for the control of veneral disease, which has reached epidemic proportions in the United Sta proportions in the United Sta-

Aging: Another measure approved by the House would establish a new National Institute of Aging in the National Institutes of Health. This Institute would serve as a focal point for N.I.H. activities relating to the elderly, including the aging process and dis-eases which affect primarily the aged. In addition, the bill would provide a program of grants for the construction and staffing of mental health facilities for the aged. Both of these provisions grew out of recommendations of the

White House Conference on Aging held in 1971.

Heart, Blood Vessel, Lung, and Blood Diseases: This legislation would strengthen the authority of the National Heart and Lung Institute in order to advance the national attack against diseases of the heart and blood vessels, the lungs, and blood. Increased funding, research authority, and programs of public education would be authorized.

These three bills, along with the many other pieces of health legislation approved by the Congress this year, provide an important advancement of the national effort to improve the public health.

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