

## Welcome—We Think

Well, thanks a bunch, Davidson—we think.

Our first reaction to Marine World's announcement was not unlike Lincoln's regarding riding out of town on a rail. But for the honor, we'd just as soon pass.

There's no cause, at this early juncture, to view the situation with alarm or joy. The deal may be nothing more than a gambit to force the issue on Marine World's optioned site near Davidson; certainly we get the impression the entire \$10 million entertainment complex will be developed on the Davidson property if all zoning and utilities kinks can be straightened.

There is the chance, however, that Marine World will, indeed, turn to the 175-acre tract on the southwest corner of the N. C. 150 and State 77 intersection. That's more than two miles west of Mooresville. Marine World would build there, in any event, only if Mooresville will provide water and sewer service.

We don't feel the zoning will become an Iredell problem. Some of the local

site already is zoned for highway business anyway. The tax base of such an enterprise is not to be ignored, and neither are the obvious commercial advantages inherent in such a development, which Marine World expects will draw a half-million people a year. Mooresville does not enjoy—or suffer—Davidson's town-gown syndrome. Mooresville is more commercially aggressive, and less bent on maintaining the status quo among the haves and have-nots, economically as well as socially. Marine World certainly would find less resentment here, or, to put it positively, the development would be more welcome in this section.

There are, however, practical problems. Water and sewer service is a negotiable issue. Mooresville does not extend water and sewer lines outside town at its expense. Marine World apparently expects to parlay its "look at all we're doing for you" position into whatever it needs from the town.

If Marine World's plans for the 150-I-77 site reach the point of utilities negotiation, the nitty will get more gritty.

## Vanity, Thy Name Is Selling

"It was thoughtful of you to ask me to your fourth anniversary meeting...although I will be unable to attend...you and your organization have my best wishes for an enjoyable day." Signed, Richard Nixon.

We got a news release the other day from the North Carolina Truck Drivers Association, and a copy of the president's reply to the association's invitation was included. The inference we were to draw, obviously, was that the annual meeting of truck drivers was of sufficient importance to warrant presidential presence. (The meeting program, also included with the release, promised "VIP guest speakers from Democratic and Republican parties.")

We got an almost-identical letter of regret from The White House (although we only rated a staff member's signature) when we invited the president to our May centennial celebration.

Jaycees make a game of this sort of thing. They invite everybody high and low. You would be impressed by the list of prominent figures who have had

previous commitments during, say, the Mooresville Jaycees' annual rodeo. The names of those who have sent their regrets to take part in state Jaycee functions are household words all over the country.

And how many of us have not been told, in repeated appeals by The National Observer that we're the type of person The National Observer wants to be read by? Who hasn't been buttered up by a WATS call from Miami or Tucson, and told by a snake oil peddler only slightly removed that being wise investors surely we want to sink a paltry \$5,000 in land that will double in value in six months? What encyclopedia salesman doesn't start out by saying we have been recommended for his product by neighbors who are aware of and impressed by our interest in our children's educational advantages and our own constant pursuit of knowledge?

So we're alarmed about the "vanity press" that informs everybody with a social security he has been "nominated" for Who's Who?

Not much.

## Anderson Becomes A Liability

From The News and Observer

Since Gene Anderson is not magnanimous enough to resign on his own, Governor Holshouser should ask him to do so. The governor owes that to the people of North Carolina, and he probably owes it to the Republican Party.

Anderson is no longer just the governor's controversial and valuable chief aide. He is a public scowling whose continued occupation of a high place in the administration is a high example of disrespect for the courts and the law.

With his license already suspended for driving under the influence, Anderson was caught Sunday violating a

provision of his limited driving privilege. In effect, he was driving without any license or any court-allowed limited driving privilege.

When Anderson was arrested, at New Bern on his way back from a coastal political rally, there were two other persons in the car with him. There was neither an emergency nor practical reason for him to be driving. He was driving in arrogant disregard of the law.

This is a personal failing — or characteristic — of Anderson's. But if he continues in his state post it will mark the threshold of what the governor finds acceptable on his staff, and in the councils of the political party he heads.

## No Underarm Stains Allowed

Everything's up-to-date around the Tribune, so naturally we subscribe to the latest rules of conduct for staff members. We ran across these "laws of the office" the other day, and we are confident they will bring about remarkable changes in the morale of everybody at our place:

Office-employees each day will fill lamps, clean the chimneys and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.

Make pen nibs carefully. You may write nibs to your individual taste. Men employees will be given one evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings off a week if they go regularly to church.

After 13 hours of labor in the office, the employee should spend the remaining time in reading the Bible and other good books.

All employees are encouraged to take complete baths with soap at least every week, and change under clothing frequently to avoid offending others.

Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, or frequents pool and public halls or gets shaved in a barber shop, will give good

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## Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

I went to hear a preacher the other day and almost lost my ears drums. Why, he yelled so loud I thought the light bulbs were gonna break. Somebody told me then his problem was that he had asked his members to put him on radio, but they wouldn't. So he started yelling so everybody in the community could hear him anyway. One thing for sure, he could be heard for miles around. I could hear him, but I couldn't understand him.

When I was in school, studying to be a preacher, a professor told me, "Son, don't holler when you preach. People only holler when they don't have nothing to say." Fact is, he told us about a preacher who used to write on his sermon notes at certain places, "Sermon weak here, holler like the dickens."

Mr. Publisher, I agree with the advice this fellow gave me. I think folks do tend to holler when they don't have nothing to say. And I've been wondering if this also applies to music.

If so, it shore throws a hole lotta light on today's music. When my oldest boy plays his rock and roll music my wife has to cover her dishes with towels to keep 'em from breaking. It's so loud a body can't hear hisself think, much less talk. And some of the singers scream at the top of their voices, like a mouse had just run up their britches leg.

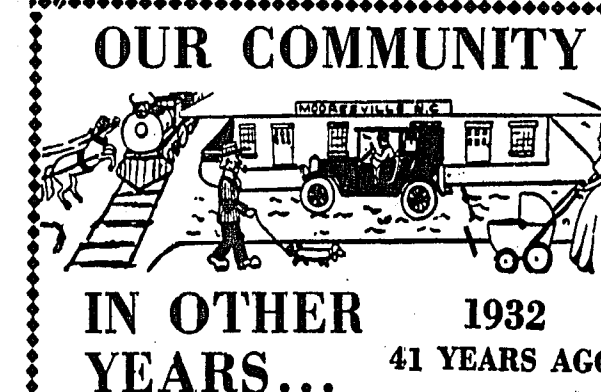
I can't understand a word they're saying. After reading some of the words of the songs, I get to wondering if somebody wrote on the original copy, "Song weak here, holler like the dickens." I reckon if the words don't make sense you can always clobber 'em over the head with the volume.

After having said all that I'd I'm gonna sign off and head for a bomb shelter on account of young folks ain't noted for their ability to take criticism. Keep a look-out for me, and let me know when its safe to come out again.

Anyway, I'll be able to think in the bomb shelter, and soak up a little peace and quiet. I'll also give my goosebump time to go down. Take care of yourself and tell the youngsters high. So long till next time.

Yours Truly,

Parson Jones



**OUR COMMUNITY**  
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YEARS... 41 YEARS AGO

Last Thursday afternoon about 1:45 o'clock Thomas Newell Hobbs, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hobbs, of Davidson township, was instantly killed when struck by an automobile on highway No. 26, in front of the Hobbs home four miles south of this city. The lad had dismounted from a school bus and ran from the rear end when he was struck by an automobile driven by Eddie Stine, a former Mooresville man, now of Philadelphia, who is visiting his mother, Mrs. J.W. Murdock, of this city. The youth was picked up by Mr. Stine and companions of the boy, was rushed to the hospital here. However, it is alleged, there were no signs of life when the child was placed in the car.

Witnesses said the youth ran from behind the bus, starting across the road without looking for an advancing car. There were a number of children in the group coming from Davidson, where they attend school. The bus was built by private owners, but is operated by the State school system. Mr. Stine was going toward Charlotte, running at a moderate speed, and did what he could to avert the accident, but to no avail.

Mr. J. Robert (Bob) Cook died Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at his home on North Main Street following an illness of three weeks from kidney trouble. Mr. Cook was the oldest native resident of Mooresville, having been born and reared in the north end of town, and would have been 73 years of age the 17th of this month. He had worked in the town from the time it had only four or five homes to the proportions it has since attained. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a splendid citizen, esteemed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by his pastor, Dr. R.A. White, interment taking place at Prospect Presbyterian cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, who before marriage was Miss Jeanette Wood, and three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Cook Dywre, of Huntersville; Miss Nora Cook, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Olean Stafford, of Mooresville.

Tuesday afternoon while dismantling an old boiler near the swimming pool at Stewart Park, Harry Hobbs was right seriously injured when a bolt was knocked loose and struck him on the leg. The large bone of his leg at the ankle was shattered and the smaller fractured. The young man was conveyed immediately to Lowrance Hospital where surgical attention was given at once. He is now at his home on Maple street. The broken parts will be set probably Friday, when the swelling has gone out of the injured member.

Mr. Hobbs is an employee of the Mooresville Foundry and Machine Works and was on duty when the accident occurred.

Mr. J.W. Davis, for fifteen years a citizen of our town, and a valuable employee of the Mooresville Cotton Mills, will leave in a few days for Durham, where he will make his home temporarily with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Fowler. Mr. Davis is at present a member of the Town board of commissioners, which position he has held through several administrations. Mooresville regrets very much to lose this estimable man. Mrs. Walker, a daughter with whom he has his home, is the widow of Mrs. Davis several years ago, will continue her residence here.

An old-style model T Ford car, owned by H.S. Basinger, of the Miranda neighborhood, caught fire Tuesday morning at the intersection of Broad street and Iredell avenue. The fire alarm called the volunteers to the scene and the flames were extinguished, and the remnants of what once was an ideal touring car was left to be carted away.

Dr. Fred Hartness and Carey P. Lowrance returned Saturday from a ten days' trip to Florida and Cuba. After covering quite a portion of the peninsula in visiting their famous resort cities, they crossed over to Havana, where they spent several days in sightseeing. Mr. Lowrance said it was a marvelous trip and both men greatly enjoyed the outing.

Mr. Sherwood Houston, member of the county school board and well-known farmer of Barringer township, reports that crows have built a nest in the top of a pine tree on his place and the mother crow is now sitting on the new crop of corn pullers to come within the time allotted for the hatching of young crows. It is alleged that this is the earliest period in the history of crows in this section to start up their incubators. Doves, too, have paired, it was stated by Dr. Cress, another authority on the bird-life of this community.

## Wilmington, Morehead City Ports Great Assets To State

"North Carolina's ports at Wilmington and Morehead City are great assets to our state, and we are only beginning to reap the benefits of their great potential," according to J.P. Huskins of Statesville, Iredell's representative in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Huskins said the ports received more than \$5.2 million in revenue from their operations in 1972, a 27 per cent increase over 1971. The ports invest earnings in capital improvements.

The representative said the growth of the ports has paralleled the state's investment in them. The 1949 General Assembly authorized a \$7.5 million bond issue to put the ports Authority, created four years earlier, into business. Traffic began flowing through Authority facilities in 1952. General Assemblies have since appropriated \$39.7 million for improvement and operation of the ports, more than five times the original investment.

"The number of incoming and outgoing ships and barges in 1972 was seven times the 1952 figure. The 1972 tonnage was about six and a half times more than the 1952 tonnage," the legislator said.

Statistics compiled by the Ports Authority for 1972 show 826 ships called at the two ports, 604 bulk carriers, 41,979 and 9,132 rail cars. More than two billion tons of goods were shipped during the same period.

"The 1973 General Assembly appropriated \$8.3 million for capital improvements at the ports. The 1969 and 1971 assemblies together appropriated another \$8 million. "Our ports give added

balance and flexibility to the economy of North Carolina," the lawmaker said. "They are located within 500 miles of half of the nation's population. It is to our state's advantage to give them support and encouragement."

The continued development of physical facilities of the Ports Authority assure that shippers using North Carolina ports can expect to receive the very best services available. In exports, the State ranks 10th in the nation. North Carolina exports in excess of one billion dollars annually. Approximately 70 per cent of the state's exports are manufactured goods, and 30 per cent are agricultural products. Tobacco, tobacco products, and textiles are major exports. Other export

items include food products, paper products, chemicals, electrical machinery, and furniture.

Rep. Huskins also saw the necessity of improving highway connections with our ports. "There should be a direct link connecting the ports with the heart of our Piedmont area," he said. "It should tie into I-40 somewhere west of Statesville, cross I-85 in the vicinity of Salisbury, and move on eastward through the Sandhills and Coastal Plains to the vicinity of Duplin County, where it should fork, one prong serving the Morehead City area and the other Wilmington."

"The present plan to extend I-40 toward the ports carries traffic too far north before turning back southward."

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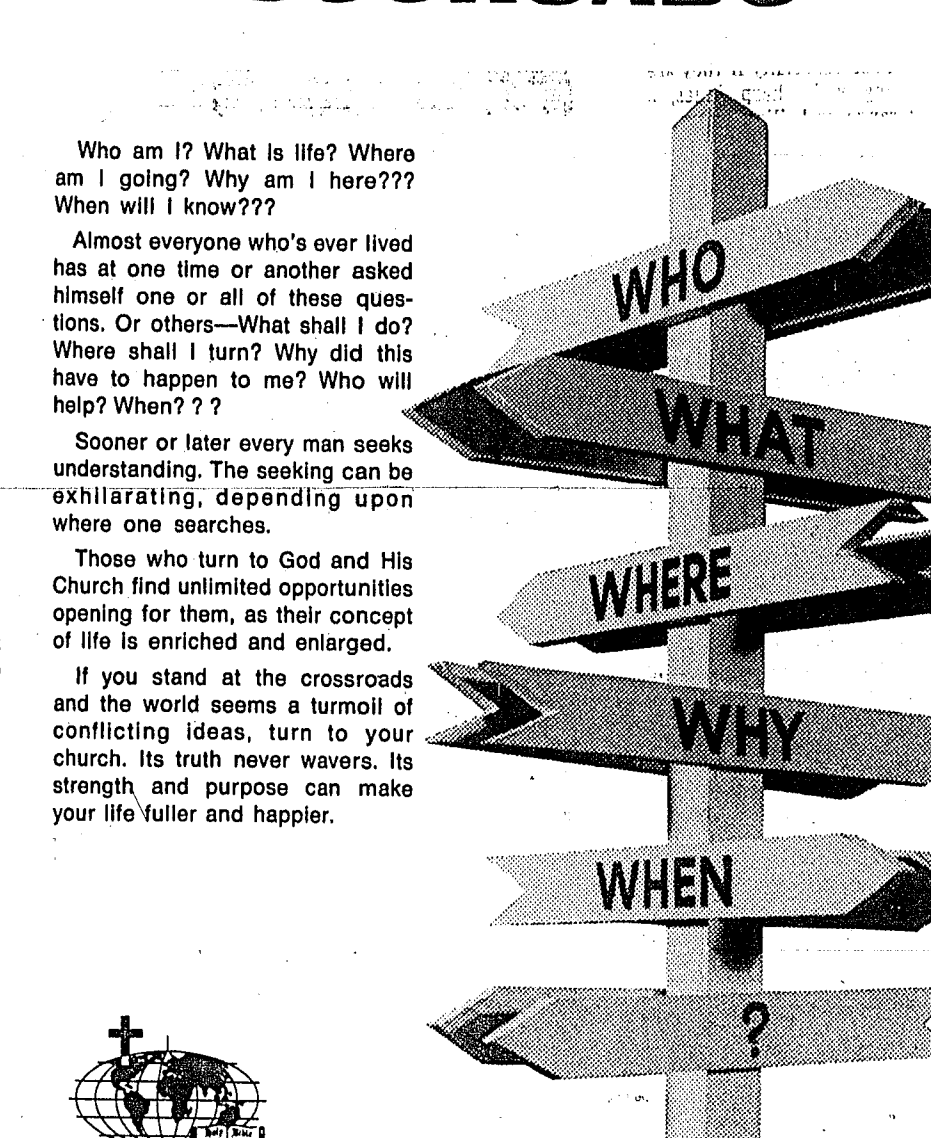
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## Many Snacks Contribute Benefits

Snack time can have many hidden benefits for children, especially when they help with the preparations.

"Most snacks should be easy to fix, easy to eat and provide an important portion of nutritional needs," point out extension food specialists, North Carolina State University.

Something as simple as pouring juice and spreading peanut butter on a cracker are good for developing muscle control.

Children learn to work together by taking turns mixing, measuring and looking in the oven. They may learn about time as they watch a clock or a timer waiting for an egg to cook or a cookie to bake.

They learn new words and their meaning, including stir, broil, bake, mix or bake.

Children should start their snack preparations with simple things. Putting cheese cubes on toothpicks can be a hard job for chubby little fingers at first. Spreading peanut butter on a cracker might be the next step.

From here children can learn to prepare instant pudding, scramble eggs and no-bake cookies, then advance to more complicated recipes requiring more steps and accurate measurements.

Most fresh vegetables, especially from the home garden, are liked by children. Carrot sticks or celery stuffed with cheese or peanut butter is easy to prepare and can be eaten and eaten without adult help.

Orange sections, apples cut in wedges or circles, banana cubes or any fruit cut in pieces make nutritious snacks. Children enjoy cutting fruit up and putting it on a toothpick for kabobs.

Protein is especially important for fast growing young children. When a child devotes his own egg it is almost sure to be eaten. A rotary egg beater is fun to operate and helps develop skills when preparing scrambled eggs. Individual hamburger patties or meat loaves are easy for little hands to mold.

Children will have a lot of questions that need to be answered as they grow up. The specialists add, Close supervision is a must, especially if they are working with sharp knives, a hot range or boiling water.

Area Students

Receive Degrees

At Appalachian

Two students from Mooresville and one from Troutman were among the 747 students at Appalachian State University, Boone, who received degrees at the school's 75th summer commencement exercises last Saturday.

They were:

Billy Alexander Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rallegue of Mooresville, who received two degrees—bachelor of science and bachelor of arts—in economics and business.

Thomas Gill Watts of Troutman, who was awarded a master of arts degree in education.

Teresa Ann Brackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Brackett of Mooresville, who received a master of arts degree in elementary education.

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