

## Letters to the Editor..

To the editor:  
This appeared in the Salisbury Post August 14. I think it deserves to be printed in your paper.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sam Edmiston, R.N.  
(Editor's note: Mrs. Edmiston, who is a member of the Lowrance Hospital nursing staff, enclosed the following report by Bill Nobilit, who writes out of Raleigh for several afternoon dailies in the state.)

It's not really a shortage of physicians that's plaguing North Carolina. It's a shortage of the right kinds of them in the right places.

That view, and others bordering on heresy to the American Medical Association, informed and delighted a joint session of the N. C. Senate and N. C. House of Representatives health committees as members listened to a robust, outspoken family doctor from the southeastern North Carolina community of Garland.

In the course of a 30-minute rapid-fire commentary on the ills of the medical profession in the state, Dr. Amos Johnson used his time to:

—Scold the over-supply of surgeons: "All surgeons make a living cutting, and we have at least 75 per cent too many surgeons. Ergo, it follows, that a good number of North Carolinians are getting unnecessary 'fly cut'."

—Protest that modern-day medical students are taught to "Put everybody in the hospital for a complete comprehensive checkup" instead of treating just what's wrong with them, leading to exorbitantly high medical costs;

—Insist that medical schools concentrate on the "unusual, bizarre, and exotic" diseases, leaving physicians to learn about measles, mumps and stomach upsets after they graduate;

—Blame the trend to specialization in medicine in which he says many specialists see only

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S&H has estimated that the value of merchandise redemption is \$3.

The consent order between the stamp firm and the FTC was reached after more than eight years of litigation. FTC officials said they hope the agreement will force other stamp companies to offer money for their stamps for competitive reasons.

Dr. Johnson grinned, and ran a stubby hand through his shock of white hair. He figures 40 years practicing medicine gives him the right to speak out.

And he is, besides, a state delegate to the American Medical Association, current president of the American Board of Family Practice and a former president of both the state and national Academy of Family Physicians.

To the editor:  
First, I would like to say that overall I think you have a great newspaper. I look forward to it each week very much. I do, however, have one complaint, that being the sports department.

—Insist that the great American pastime is baseball or football, depending on the season. A little more variety in sports, at least once in awhile, would be appreciated by most readers.

By now I am sure you know I have a sport in mind. Speed—there. Competition the best. Exciting, you had better believe it. Colorful, just as always are. Man and machine competing. Ah, you have it, stock car racing. Try motors.

What is motorsports? Probably 99 per cent of the people don't have a clue, the other 1 per cent think it is a cycle gang rally.

Originating in Europe, this is one of the fastest-growing sports in America, for competition and spectators. Few can afford to race a car or run a dragster, but a good race bike can be owned by anyone. Our club and riders consist of truck drivers, pilots, students, computer operators, businessmen, grammar and junior high students, you name it. NASCAR's great Bobby Isaac has ridden trails with us. These are not the people who ride from Hardees to Tastee-Freez on those loud, low slung death chariots. Loud, yes, a race bike should sound like a thousand angry hornets. We keep the bikes on the track and the tracks away from homes. If a car went through town half as loud as some of those choppers the police would give a ticket in two seconds, but choppers get away with it. Why? Now I am getting into my opinions, which I shouldn't.

I would like to invite you to a race to see for yourself what it is really like. Enclosed is a flyer with the date and directions of the next race. See you there.

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## High Taxes: Way To Curb Sin?

Jumping to conclusions: Some reformers believe that high taxes are a good way to curb sin. But since confirmed sinners are pretty determined, it is likely that high taxes only makes them more ingenious or, at times, a little more uncomfortable. But sin is kind of like education: it isn't what you paid for it that counts—it's what you got out of it.

Cats and women are getting away with more today than dogs and men did a generation ago. The world is getting more feline and female.

Some people say they don't feel the inflation got much anywhere. That's because they are like a fellow dunked in the middle of the icy Atlantic ocean in February. He becomes numb before he drowns.

Only a man in love with a woman can be married to her 50 years and still find her a mystery. But that doesn't make him the dumbest man in his neighborhood. It makes him the richest.

If you think your neighbors call too often and stay too long, throw away or giving away an old sport coat is one of the greatest sacrifices a man has to make in his life. A well-worn jacket, a pair of cracked and wrinkled but comfortable shoes, even a tie he thought he looked dashing in back in 1946—these are mementoes of his youth. To him they are treasures. They are mementoes of his youth. To him they are treasures. They are mementoes of his youth.

Robert Wayne Mann received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He is the son of Robert L. Mann of 141 West Stewart Avenue, Mooresville, and the late Mrs. Mann. He is a graduate of Mooresville Senior High School.

There is a conjecture among scientists and philosophers that in time the human race will be reduced to a single gender. Well, that doesn't seem too awful. Most of us have spent our lives enjoying one gender—usually the other one.

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## Federal Highway Funds Bypass North Carolina

North Carolina hasn't gotten its fair share of federal highway funds and faces "a long, tough fight" before it will, says Perrin Anderson of the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Since 1958, North Carolinians have received only 52 cents out of every dollar they have contributed to the federal highway program through the four-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, Anderson said Wednesday.

"We don't have a single federally funded urban spur or urban belt loop," the Charlotte businessman and developer told the Central Charlotte Association's downtown dialogue meeting.

"And Wilmington's the only port city in the East that doesn't have an interstate going to it," he said. "They've spent more federal money on the interstate system in Detroit than on all of North Carolina's highways."

Anderson said that since future allocation of federal transportation money depended partially on how these funds had been spent in the past, North Carolina might never get a large share of federal funds.

The advent of mass transit will also hurt North Carolina unless we're careful," he said, "because mass transit funds will probably go to the big urban areas."

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