

## A Good Offense

Never is the value of an ounce of prevention more apparent than when applied to fire prevention. Fire, one of man's oldest servants, also is one of our most insidious and most devastating enemies. We are able to harness and use fire; we can never tame it.

The importance of fire-safety education, therefore, cannot be overemphasized. The Mooresville Fire Department always has conducted an aggressive, well-planned program of fire prevention. Now we see Smokey has joined the local department, and the nation's most famous bear is taking his case to Mooresville school children.

The feature on our own Smokey in last week's Tribune caused us to think about all the services of our public servants, and about how much of what they do is above and beyond the call of regular duty.

Doug Nantz is a Mooresville fireman. He has plenty to do, but he

does more. Because of his energy and his interest in his work and the community, boys and girls in our elementary schools are learning about fire safety—and they're enjoying it. Nantz made his own Smokey Bear outfit, and a quality job it is. He and other firemen wear it to schools, they visit classrooms and remind the children of the need to be ever on the alert for fire hazards at school and at home.

That Nantz and other members of our fire department are going this extra mile to keep our community safe is just another reminder of their concern for, and value to our community as a whole.

Smokey is in the finest tradition of firemen. He tells us our firemen aren't sitting around the station playing checkers, waiting for fire to strike. They're on the offensive; they're seeking out the enemy. They know a good offense is the best defense.

## The Law Of Supply And Demand

It is sobering indeed to remind ourselves that people in a democracy get the kind of government they deserve. We wonder what we've done to deserve what we've got.

Even more alarming is realization, that in a capitalistic economy, the people get the goods and services they demand. We shudder to think that some of what we're getting is what we really want.

Consider television fare, if you have the stomach for it. Look at our most-seen movies and convince yourself their themes reflect America's tastes. Think about the extremes we go to in order to assure ourselves we are dressing like everyone else, eating the same stuff, talking about the same subjects. Ask yourself why reasonable men will wear pants this season they gagged at last season.

You may as well face it: What you see is what we are.

We are being conformed. The way we live our lives is dictated by gigantic fraud perpetrated in the name of blind conformity. We all must have the same sweet breath, the same regularity and wholesome armpits, the same lifestyle. This is sadly true because of the credo of our free enterprise system: First create the desire for a product or service; the business will take care of itself.

The Polaroid people are proving this once again. They spent \$80 millions plugging their new XL-whatever camera before the thing was built. They are selling them faster than they can make them. They have caused people to want the product.

In this issue is a letter from Joe and Cathy Alexander, who are lamenting content of a movie they walked out of here recently. They make their case for censorship in the name of morality and Christian witness.

We were happy to hear from Joe and Cathy, and we are pleased they would turn to their community newspaper to voice their objections. We're sure their concern for others is genuine.

However, in addition to opposing

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## Colonel Moor's Musings

Folks sure like to pick on the post office. I admit that after all is said and done about improving mail service, a heap more is said than done. And I grant you that charging 40 cents to fill a mail order for stamps hardly is the "service of great benefit" the post office says it is. But I still think a postage stamp is one of the few bargains left in this country. Just think of all you can do with one.

The marriage of Miss Sarah McLean and J. Charles Rumble took place in Mooresville Tuesday, April 19, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. R. C. Goforth. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Elma McLean of this city. Mr. Rumble is the son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. N. Rumble of Statesville. The young couple will make their home in Statesville, where Mr. Rumble is a member of the police department.

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## Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

When I was a kid I used to make believe a lot. I made believe I was a cowboy, a preacher, a movie star, a King, and sometimes I even thought I was a horse. But, time done a dirty trick on me, and I grew up.

Now the terrible truth has bopped me in the head: I never was a King, I ain't a King now, and I won't ever be a King. It hurts me to say it, but I'm just a plain, common ordinary, every day preacher that won't ever amount to a whole lot. Growing up is a awful painful, but necessary. A fella can't live in a sandbox all his life.

In a way, the United States is still a little fella dragging his blanket around, sucking his thumb, with visions of sugar plums in his head. Watergate came along and jerked our blanket away; the dirty tricks in politics slapped our thumb out of our mouth; and the resignation of the Vice President shot a hole in our dream bubble. We've found out the White House is not a sub-station of heaven; the department of justice is not headed up by the Almighty; and the constitution was not given to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

In short, we have found out that our leaders and institutions have feet of clay. The dream is gone and now we're crying our heart out. We want to be a kid again but then days are gone forever.

Fact is, Mr. Publisher, we've put more weight on our leaders and institutions than they could stand. Like the straw that broke the camel's back, it had to happen sooner or later. According to the Good Book everybody is half angel, half devil, and that includes Presidents, Judges, and the voters. It's a humbling thought, but what's more painful is a fact.

Now, I ain't talking all the bad things going on. By the same token, I ain't forgetting all the good things either. What we need now ain't more judges and fault-finders, we can find enough faults by looking in the mirror. We need a lota love and compassion toward one another. With all of problems in the U. S. A., I still ain't got a hankering to move anyplace else. I kinda like the ole republic! I'll still be around next week.

Yours Truly,  
Parson Jones

## OUR COMMUNITY



## IN OTHER YEARS... 41 YEARS AGO

Mrs. John W. Lamb was found in an unconscious condition in the kitchen of her apartment on Monday, January 11, in New York City, where she was keeping house for her sons, Robert and Jack Lamb. The young men had been to dinner, and Mrs. Lamb was engaged in washing up the dishes. The hot weather and heat from the gas range caused her to open a window. It is presumed the wind blew out the gas, and, working with her back to the range, the fumes from same soon rendered her unconscious. She was found in a precarious condition by other occupants of the apartment, and died a few hours later.

For several years Mrs. Lamb lived in Newark, N. J., and more recently moved to New York City where her sons are employed, to keep house for them. Mrs. Lamb was a native of Mooresville, being a daughter of the late Robert McNeely and Mrs. Lou Culp McNeely, and was 43 years of age. Besides her mother Mrs. Lamb is survived by her husband, John W. Lamb, of Newark, N. J., and two sons, Robert and Jack Lamb, of New York City; two brothers, Maurice McNeely, of Greensboro, and David McNeely, of Newark, N. J.

The remains were brought here for burial, the funeral taking place Saturday afternoon at the home of her cousin, Banks Culp, on North Main Street, conducted by Dr. R. A. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment was made in Willow Valley cemetery.

Mr. Sam D. Corriher, of Mill Bridge, Rowan county, was in the Enterprise office with a number of good-looking apples plucked from a tree in the yard of Mr. Chal Carrigan, a neighbor. Mr. Corriher was visiting at the Carrigan home and the men were looking over a field in which the apple tree stands and found several cold and frost. Mr. Corriher went with her back to the range, the fumes from same soon rendered her unconscious. She was found in a precarious condition by other occupants of the apartment, and died a few hours later.

The pretty new home of Mrs. D. J. Sherrell on West Center Avenue was beautifully arranged with groupings of spring flowers last Thursday, when she was hostess to the Kill Kare Club. Auction bridge was played at four tables. The Easter idea was carried out in lilies and refreshments.

Mr. Wharey M. Freeze Tuesday moved his family to Gastonia, where they will make their home. Mr. Freeze has been there for a year or more, connected with the Southern Railway Company as telegraph operator. Wharey and Wilburn Freeze will continue their residence at Mooresville temporarily, making their home with their grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Freeze.

The newest acquisition to the business interests of the city is the establishment of a floral parlor by the Mooresville Floral Co., which has opened a place of business in the Troutman building on Main Street. The business will have the personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Griffin, experienced designers who come to us from Nashville, N. C. The formal opening of the parlor will be held Friday, the 28th, to which the public is cordially invited.

Mr. James and Miss Mary McKnight returned to their work at Newark, N. J., last Saturday after a visit with their mother, Mrs. G. L. McKnight, who was seriously ill for several weeks. They were accompanied by Misses Nancy Howard and Mary Mills and Mr. Harry Lee Brawley, having made the trip by automobile.

Mr. P. J. Jones, proprietor of the Carolina Petroleum Marketing Co., and whose gas tanks are located at the home, reported Tuesday night of last week some one or more persons visited his place and kicked over many of the gas and oil tanks in the yard, presumably looking for tanks that were filled with oil, etc. None was missed from his place, however.

At the Shepherd school building, the gas tank had been filled with 500 gallons of gas sometime the first of the week. Mrs. Jones stated that probably as much as 500 gallons had been stolen from the school tank, with no trace of who secured it.

This is perhaps the first wholesale theft of gas reported in Iredell county, although many locks have been broken and small quantities of gas taken from the tanks by the "birds that pass in the night."

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## Many Iredell Residents Miss Tax Deductions For Elderly

Several persons 65 years of age, or who will become 65 this year, and own and occupy their homes in Iredell County have missed a \$3,750 reduction in the valuation of their real estate property.

Chandler Bryan, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said, "It is real unfortunate these elderly persons, especially those who financially could have used the deduction, missed by failing to list by the April 15 deadline."

John Barber, county manager, said, "This deduction began in 1972 and some of those filing for the tax break thought it was a one-time shot—that it would be automatic in 1973 because they filed in 1972; however it doesn't work that way. It must be filed each year."

The deduction is available for those 65 or over if their income is less than \$3,500 yearly. Social Security payments are not considered income for these eligible for the deduction.

Barber and Mrs. Mary Lee Cowles, tax supervisor, along with county commissioners, received numerous requests for the deduction to be allowed on 1973 taxes regardless of the April 15 filing deadline.

The commissioners reviewed the requests during their October session and instructed County Attorney Bill Pope to ascertain the legal status of any action possible.

Pope said, "The personnel in the attorney general's office didn't even look at the statutes. They didn't have to check it because of past dealings with the same problem from other counties. Their answer was a very emphatic 'no way'."

Barber talked with the State

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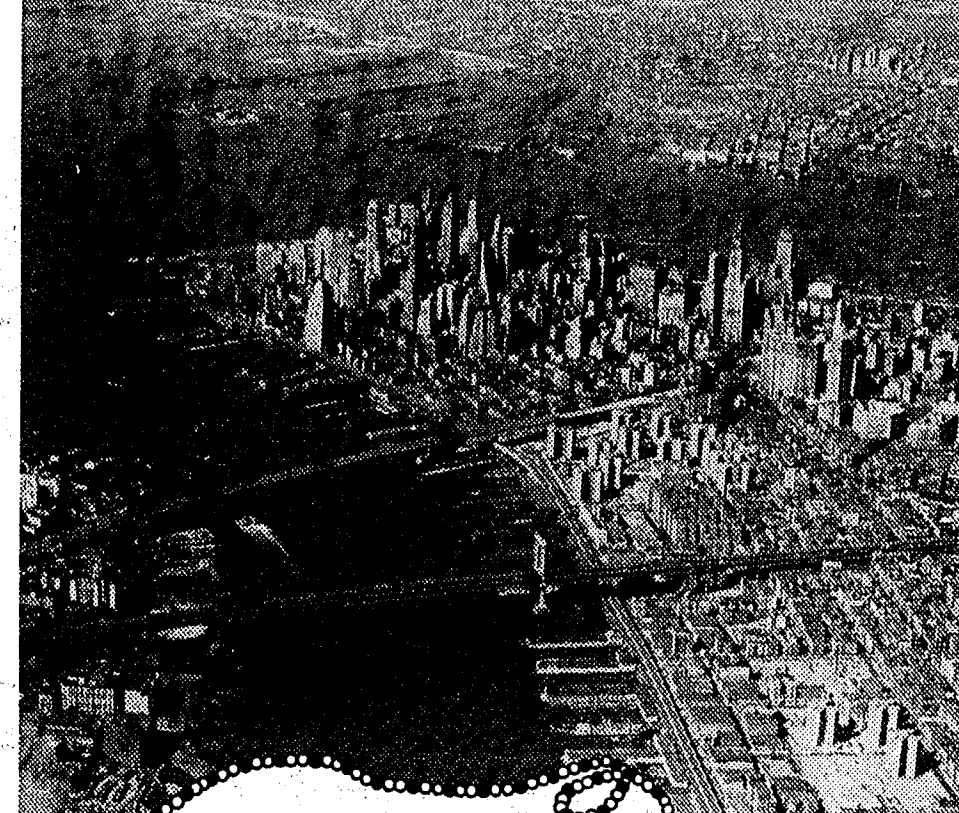
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## Blue Devils, Cavaliers Collide In Winner-Take-All Championship

The conference championship for the second season in a row, it will be decided in one game. For the second season in a row it will be either Mooresville or North Rowan.

The Blue Devils travel to North Friday at 8 p.m. for the decisive game.

At stake will be the overall North Piedmont Conference championship. At stake will be the Division One playoff spot that will give the winner a chance to advance in post-season play toward the national championship.

Can Mooresville deny North the championship for the third time in three years? Two years ago Mooresville upset the Cavaliers, knocking them out of first place in the last game of

the season. Last year the Devils won the championship over North in the next-to-last game of the year.

Mooresville and North Rowan enter the game with identical 6-1 conference records. The Blue Devils fell to Davie County. The Cavaliers lost to West Rowan.

Mooresville and North Rowan enter the game with identical 7-2 overall records. The Blue Devils lost to non-conference for Statesville. The Cavaliers fell to Salisbury in a non-conference game.

Mooresville won the decisive game last year on its home field 40-33. Mooresville intercepted a pass on its own four yard line and marched 86 yards from there in the last four minutes to

score and win the game, championship and playoff spot. North Rowan will this year have the home field advantage.

Like the Blue Devils, North has two all-state caliber backs and a strong interior offensive line to provide running room.

The Cavaliers are led by quarterback Randy Hutchins and running back Jimmy Higgins, the NPC's leading scorer. The strong interior line is anchored by center Steve Huffman and guard Eric Foe and co-captain Bobby Stevenson.

The Blue Devils will counter with its dynamic duo of Johnny Walker and David Mullis, both over the 1,000 yard rushing mark for the season.

Tackles Frank Craven, Len Mackey and guards Dale Brawley, Bobby Beale and Ronald Armstrong and center Rick Mack will lay the ground work for the Blue Devil offense.

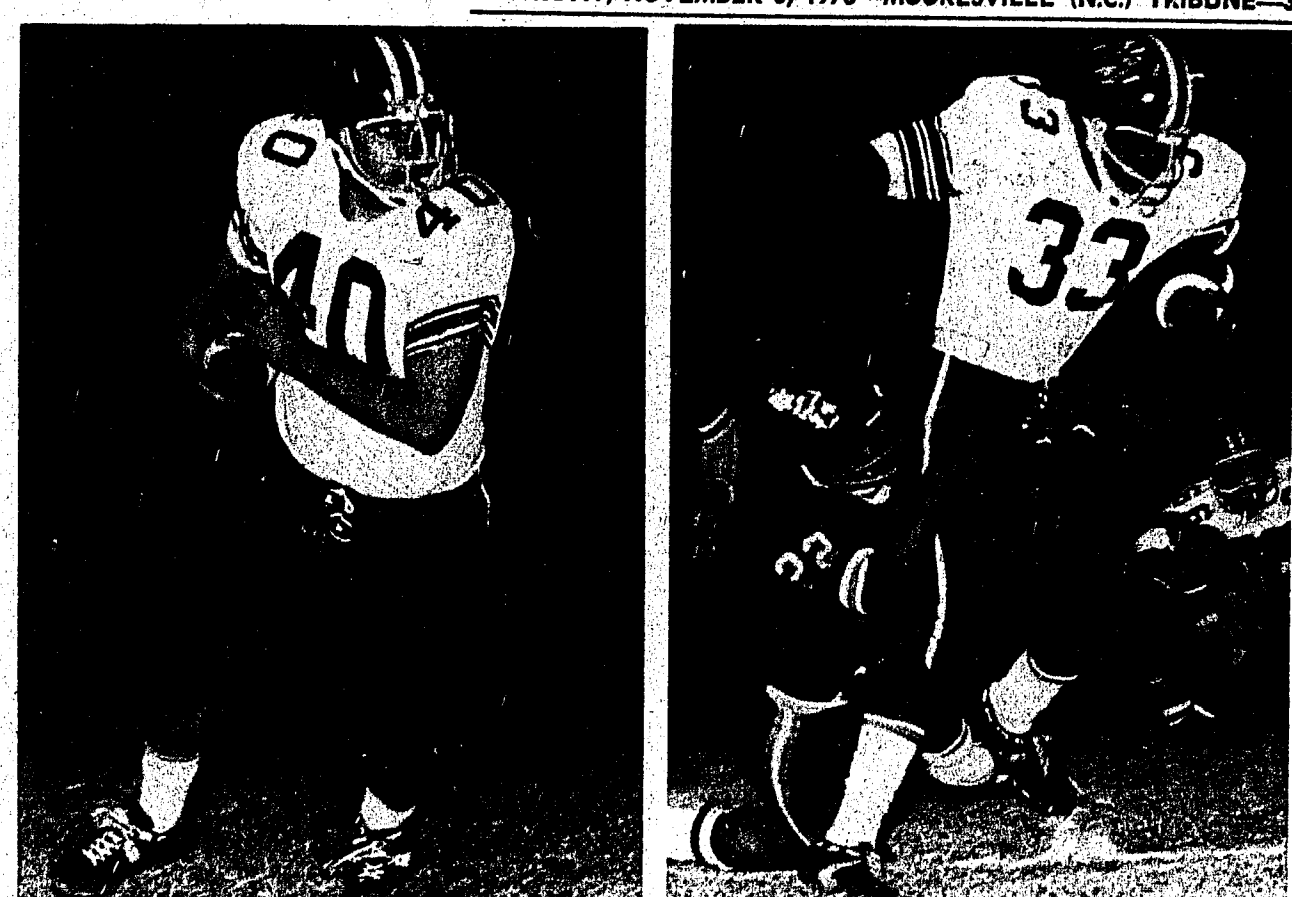
The Blue Devil Vee will be

under the reliable direction of Bobby Craig and Terrell Rhye. Since Mooresville and North Rowan are both noted for their offensive prowess, either team's defense could easily be the determining factor in the game.

The Blue Devils' hopes will lie on the shoulders of a defensive unit that has improved throughout the season. Led by defensive ends Tony Hager and Walker, Mooresville will rely heavily on the linebacking of Brian Duckworth and Cress Alexander and the line play of Jimmy McIntosh, Aldrick Byers and Daniel Manriquez.

Dependable performances will be looked for in the defensive secondary by Jeff Wade, Charles Turner, Keye Everhardt, Leroy Chambers and Donald Duff.

In last week's action Mooresville downed South Iredell 21-0 and North Rowan stopped North Stanly.



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