

Necessary Service

Rural Ireddell's increasing need for solid-waste disposal facilities range from the obvious to the ridiculous. Imagine, if you will, a resident of a sparsely-populated rural section complaining to his county commissioners that he can't get lawn trimmings hauled from his place. That's plain, ordinary, legal grass, mind you, not tree limbs, not hedge clippings.

Odds are, this gentleman who expects his county government to provide means of disposing of his neat bags of grass moved from an urban area to Lake Norman precisely to get away from the need for services he now demands. Hauling grass from a county yard 25 miles to a dump strikes us as the ironic reverse of coins to the waste as the ironic reverse of coins to the waste.

The man with the grass and a passion for neatness is an extreme example of how urbanized the thinking of rural residents has become. Consider, though, the thousands of Ireddell families living in rural surroundings on 100 by 200 lots. They are diving bells underwater, they are spacecraft in orbit. They are totally dependent on distant support systems; their cars are their umbilical cords. What do they do with their worn-out refrigerators, how do they rid themselves of the waste materials they generate?

The point is, rural Ireddell, particularly the lakeshore area, is an urban-oriented residential sprawl. People on Lake Norman and those in other unincorporated residential developments must adjust their thinking. They cannot expect the quality nor quantity of services in the country that municipal residents pay extra for.

That said, we must counter this indictment by adding that the Ireddell County government must rethink its position regarding public services. In a densely-populated area, necessity is the mother of services. Traffic lights are installed to control traffic because there are too many cars on streets to leave every driver to his own devices. Garbage is collected and buried, sewer systems are built, police and fire departments are established. But all this is not done primarily to accommodate people, but because it must be done to maintain an orderly, healthy community.

For too long, the county government has assumed rural residents could use their environment to their advantage and enjoyment. Living off the land is what country living is about, ask any farm family over the past million years.

It is time the county government realizes this no longer is true. Most people who live outside town own a house and lot, that's all. The ever-diminishing few who own and operate farms are not the people who dump

their garbage and household junk along the highway in the dead of night. However selfish their motives in making their junk everybody's eyesore, they are acting for want of a better way.

Last week, a petition signed by more than 1,000 residents of rural South Ireddell was presented to the county commissioners. They asked that a sanitary landfill be made available to them in this end of the county.

Their county government owes them that much. The problem of solid-waste disposal has reached such proportions it now is obvious government must do for the people what they cannot do better for themselves.

The county government should establish a landfill within reasonable reach of these people. And what the county government does for these harassed citizens it should do for all citizens.

There is, therefore, no way the county can reasonably avoid going into the landfill business in a big way. As far as the county using Mooreville's landfill is concerned, the only fair way to go about this is for the county to assume operation of the facility for use by Mooreville residents and all others in the county.

Big Business

Sanitary landfill is more than a highfalutin term for dump. Dump calls to mind an ugly, dreary-of-the-world place where unsightly stuff is piled about where something usually is burning and everything always is stinking.

A sanitary landfill is a clean and not unattractive dump. It is called sanitary because it is. Waste is buried by a bulldozer that works full-time, and there is no burning.

Mooreville has a \$20,000 investment in its five-acre sanitary landfill. The site has been in use two years, and it will accommodate the town's waste three more years at the most. By that time, another site must be found and prepared. To Mooreville's landfill each year come some six million pounds of household garbage and 150,000 cubic yards of solid waste.

Waste is hauled to the landfill by two packer trucks, one vehicle that handles Dumpster Dumpster containers and three open-bed trash trucks. The hauling keeps 11 men busy full-time and the landfill dozer operator makes an even dozen involved in refuse collection. The town recently purchased a \$28,000 garbage truck and it has on order a new landfill dozer that costs nearly \$30,000 with trade.

This volume of "garbage business" is generated by a community of 9,000 persons. The population of Ireddell County is something like 75,000.

When the county commissioners say going into the garbage business is expensive, they ain't just whistling "Dixie."

Whittling Away The Padding

You'd have to add grease to your pan to fry the Mooreville-South Ireddell United Fund budget. It's that lean.

We defy you to find fat in the 1974 schedule of assistance to local services. It just isn't there.

Each year as the annual UF appeal approaches, we resist the urge to praise the basic rightness of the united way of supporting vital community agencies. We try not to get into justifying United Fund because people of South Ireddell have demonstrated time and again they are convinced of its value.

We do want to mention the UF budget and admissions committee. As essential as the fund-raising end of the campaign is, the success United Fund has enjoyed in South Ireddell would not have been possible without a UF budget people can believe in.

Creating a realistic, no-frills budget is the responsibility of the budget and admissions group, so in a very real

sense, success or failure is decided in this committee.

Mooreville-South Ireddell never has failed to meet its UF obligations. This record has been built not because the UF budget always has been designed according to this area's presumed ability to support UF. The goal has been reached because people know every dollar they give will be put to good use.

They know this because of the work of the budget and admissions committee. This group screens requests, it requires and studies budgets of each agency that asks for UF support, and it whittles away at the padding that agencies are prone to wrap their basic needs in. What emerges from the budget and admissions committee each year is a straight-forward record of vital assistance to services of proven value.

As we go into the UF campaign later this month, we should keep this in mind.

T-Bones At 58 Cents A Pound

A butcher in a small Nebraska town put a giant sign in his window advertising T-bones for 58 cents a pound. In tiny type at the bottom of his special he added, "with meat, \$2.89 a pound."

A protein-starved Baltimore hardhat ordered two pounds of liver in his

neighborhood supermarket. When told the price, he muttered, "lady, I just want to eat it, I don't need it to transplant."

Another family man in Kansas dramatized the hard times by figuring out that steak now costs more per pound than a new car.

In St. Meinrad, Ind. the Abbey Packing Plant has no shortage of meat. It doesn't even post prices, but it has more orders than it can fill through October. The plant is operated by monks of the St. Meinrad Archabbey. No telling what these chaps could do with a few loaves and fishes.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

The Bible says, "A merry heart does good like a medicine." I believe that, but it's getting harder and harder to laugh anymore. T.V. ain't funny, the newspaper ain't funny, and even the funny papers ain't funny. Pretty soon we're gonna completely lose the use of our funny bones.

So, Mr. Publisher, I decided to turn to the Good Book for a little humor. I figured if it recommends a merry heart it must also be able to provide one. It does.

It makes you laugh just to read the funny names they gave folks over there in the Old Testament. There was this fellow by the name of Adah who had three boys. He named 'em Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal. If that don't put a gloss on the old creak I don't know what does.

Ole Jabal was the first cowboy, even before Roy Rogers. It don't give his horse's name. Jubal was a musician, the forerunner of the Beatles. None of his tunes lasted too long on account of they didn't have disc jockeys back then. Tubal was the first guy in the iron works. He set the stage for Henry Ford and the tin lizzie.

Then there's that funny part over in third chapter of Leviticus. Back in Old Testament days folks weren't supposed to eat anything with blood in it. I've known that ever since I was a boy. But not until the other day did I know they weren't supposed to eat fat either. My youngest boy was glad to hear that. The Good Book says he should eat that fat, not the blood, all fat is the Lord's." One fat lady in our congregation said that threw a hole new light on her status.

Then there is a story over in Exodus where Moses is building a church, and he asks all the people to make a donation. Well Sir, the folks give so generously that he has to call 'em together to give 'em a refund. He says, "We've got too much, you folks will have to stop giving." Now, that's funny!

That's about enough for now. Just remember there's a little humor still left in the land, even if we have to go to the Good Book to find it. Until next time, stay happy!

Yours Truly,

Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY



IN OTHER 1914 YEARS... 59 YEARS AGO

Farmers in town from the west side where the hail did so much damage several weeks ago, report that on last Sunday during the terrific wind storm, corn stalks had been stripped of the blades by the hail, were broken and considerable more damage was done to the little patches of corn that were left or less promising.

The county commissioners yesterday levied the taxes for 1914 as follows: State and pension tax 27 1/2 cents, regular State school tax 20 cents, general county tax 10 cents, special road tax 25 cents, special jail tax 5 cents, special school tax 8 1/2 cents, a total of \$1.05, an increase of 3 cents over last year. The poll tax is \$3. The special school tax was increased from 7 cents to 8 1/2 cents.

The street force is working this week on East Center avenue, and it is thought the gaps on either side of the bridge will be filled in before Saturday. Many of the beautiful shade trees along the street have been cut down and give the thoroughfare a very blank appearance. It will be very much improved, however, when the top soil has been laid and the grade properly adjusted to the roadbed.

Mr. A. W. Colson, carrier on route No. 3, yesterday covered a distance of nineteen miles without meeting or passing a vehicle on the road. He says it is the first time since he has been carrying the mail that such a thing has ever occurred except possibly when the weather conditions were extremely bad. Farmers are all busy taking care of their crops and preparing for next year.

Howard, Brawley & Co. have completed moving their stock from their old quarters on Broad street to their handsome new building on Main street. An auction sale was held at the old store room last Saturday, when some odds and ends were disposed of at ridiculously low prices. The auction sale will be held again next Saturday.

The Southern Railway will operate an excursion to Asheville on Tuesday, August 18, the last of the season. Fare for round trip from Mooreville \$2.75. Fares from all other points covered by this excursion at the same proportionate low rates. Returning tickets will be good on all trains leaving Asheville up to and including Friday, August 21.

H. N. Johnston & Company will soon double the capacity of their ice plant and are making necessary arrangement for the enlargement. The company this week purchased the vacant lot lying between the building occupied by McNeely's undertaking establishment and Cook & Rankin's stable, and will build there a large engine and boiler room, and use the building occupied by McNeely for the ice plant proper.

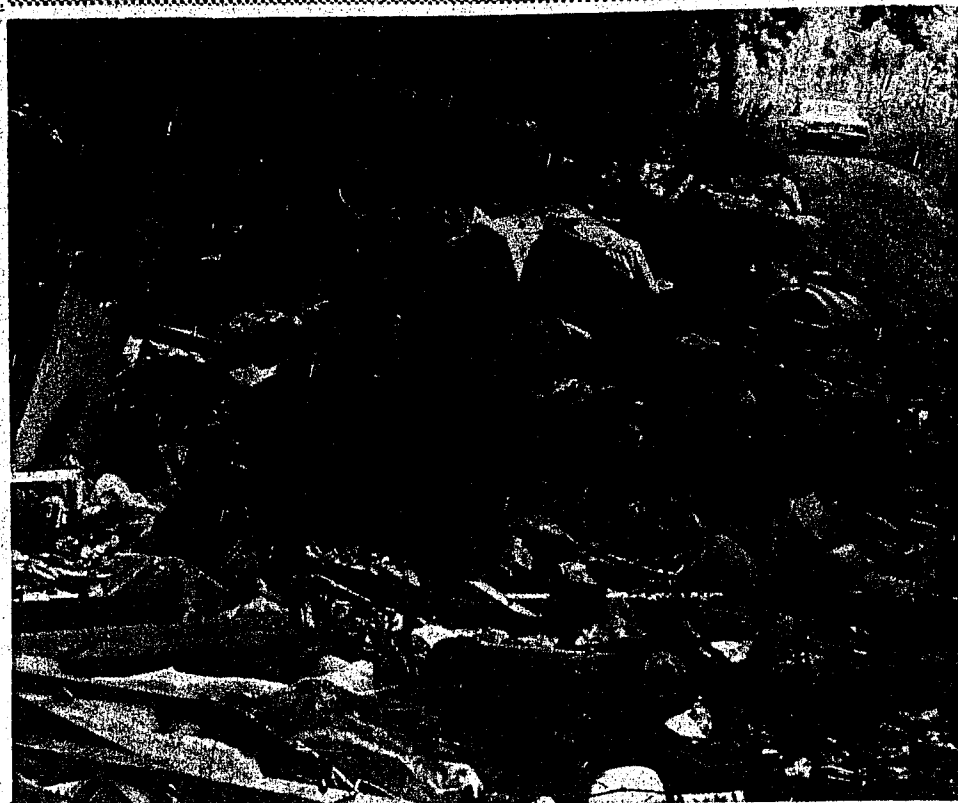
While breaking stubble ground preparatory to sowing wheat last November Mr. Clyde Deal lost a fine gold watch. The wheat was sown, rolled, and harvested and on last Thursday, while walking over the stubble, Mr. Deal found his watch, with the stem and a small portion of the watch sticking out of the ground. It was in good condition, being waterproof with screw case.

Mr. J. P. Lawson, a well-known Ireddell citizen of the Boll X Roads section, died at his home there last Friday after an illness and poor health for many months. Deceased was about 82 years of age and is survived by his wife and a large number of sons and daughters. The interment was made at Perth church last Saturday, the funeral exercises being conducted by Rev. J. M. White.

Parties who travel the highway between China Grove and Salisbury will learn with interest that on Tuesday of this week the Rowan county changing began work on improvements to that bad stretch just beyond China Grove.

Mr. Ira Kennerly has moved his family from Charlotte back to Mooreville and occupies the Turner house on Broad street. Mr. Kennerly's run will enable him to spend more time with his family at this point, as he will work between this point and Winston.

Mr. F. A. Cloaninger, for the past ten months a deputy sheriff for Coddle Creek township and South Ireddell, last Friday tendered his resignation to Sheriff Deaton, which was accepted forthwith. Sheriff Deaton was in town last Saturday and while here appointed Mr. C. L. Murdock as deputy and the new official was sworn in immediately.



How Would You Like This In Your Driveway?

Mrs. Matilda Brooks tried to accustom the positive: "Well, they haven't blocked the road yet. I can still get in and out in the car." To get in and out, Mrs. Brooks, a widow who lives alone, must drive three-quarters of a mile through woods to N. C. 115. She has a small frame home on five acres. Her driveway, however, cut through land owned by Thomas Templeton. She maintains the road that connects with the highway at the Catawba Timber Co. driveway.

On Mrs. Brooks' access road, halfway between the highway and her home, is the "Sherrilltown dump." There's no mistaking it. It covers 100 yards of her roadside. It is, perhaps, the largest of illegal dumps that dot rural South Ireddell. It contains everything people throw away. Raw, fresh garbage is there in green plastic bags. Engineless lawnmowers, gutted water heaters, crushed oil heaters are scattered about, and a wringer-type washing machine that looks in fair condition is within a yard of the driveway. A mountain of hauled-in tree limbs and stumps all but blocks the lane.

About two months ago, an exasperated Mrs. Brooks called for help. A county sanitarian came and posted signs warning that it is "unlawful to throw trash, garbage or other refuse here." The dumping declined not at all.

"What's so bad," Mrs. Brooks said, "is that there's a great big gully 20 feet from the road, but people won't even bother to throw stuff into the gully." County health department officials found sales receipts, cancelled checks and other evidence of ownership in the refuse, and these identified persons were contacted and asked to stop dumping there. Although the dumping is against the law, successful prosecution is extremely difficult.

So the "Sherrilltown dump" grows. Everybody has to get rid of his waste somehow. That's the point 1,000 area rural residents were making with the petition they presented to the county commissioners last week. They asked for a legal dump.

Beginning of the year TWO

How did we ever get into the habit of looking backwards? By-product of some shoddy mathematics, no doubt. If the day you are born is your birthday, then it's undoubtedly your first birthday. And when you are a year old you should celebrate your second birthday, and begin your second year.

Of course, we are not seriously advocating that everybody add one to his next birthday. That would be too confusing for certain friends of ours who are 30 and holding!

But you will agree, won't you, that on birthdays we ought to be looking ahead? The only year we can do anything about is the one we're about to live. Opportunities do a great deal more for human character than memories, no matter how fond the memories.

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Funeral Rites Thursday For Renn M'Neely

Funeral services for Ernest Renn McNeely, 79-year-old resident of the Amity Hill residence of Ireddell County, were conducted at 11 a. m. last Thursday at the Knox Chapel United Methodist Church, and burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Ireddell County, Mr. McNeely was born on September 13, 1893, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee McNeely.

He was a retired farmer and merchant.

Mr. McNeely died in the Golden Age Nursing Home in Lexington at 8:25 a. m. Tuesday, August 28, following a long period of declining health and a month's critical illness.

Survivors include: one son, Rowe R. McNeely of Salisbury; and four grandsons, Mrs. David Shook of Greensboro, Mrs. Ron Harding of Kinston, Miss Rowena Lee McNeely of Meredith College, Raleigh, and David Christopher McNeely of Salisbury.

Mr. McNeely was a life-long member of the Knox Chapel United Methodist Church.

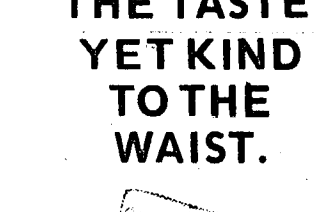
His wife, Mrs. Dora Murdock McNeely, died on March 2, 1970.

Judge Makes Calls To Conserve Gasoline

A circuit court judge in Titusville, Fla., has discovered a way to cut down on gasoline consumption. He holds pretrial conferences over the telephone instead of in his courtroom.

Attorneys argue over a multiple phone hookup, with Judge David Strawn ruling on points of law. Strawn sees his idea as a minor triumph in the fight against air pollution and a curb on overly talkative lawyers.

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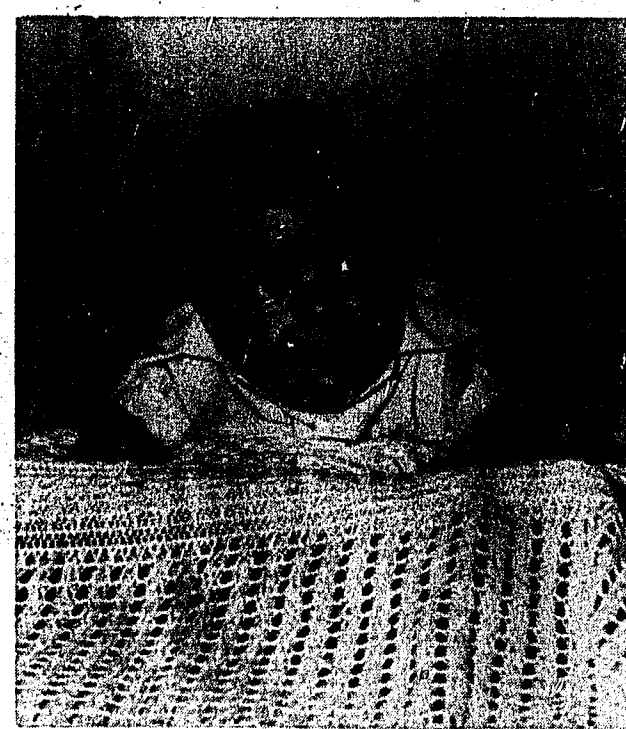
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Rev. Underwood Joins Staff At Barium Springs

The Rev. Ralph Underwood Jr., has joined the staff of the Barium Springs Home For Children at Barium Springs as associate consultant.

His major area of work will be in the Home's expanding programs in the prevention of family breakdown.

Mr. Underwood comes to Barium from Clemmons, where he served as pastor of the Clemmons Presbyterian Church.

"Today the greatest single problem facing society is the breakdown of family life," according to Dr. Nat K. Heiney, executive director of the child-care facility.

"The addition of Mr. Underwood to the staff is just another step in the direction of providing more services to our Presbyterian church families as well as to the people of the community," the executive director stated. "The board of regents has seen this great need and has authorized a stepped-up program in this phase of the agency's services. Much effort will be put into marriage

enrichments, helping parent-child relationships and in youth development and preparation for marriage."

A graduate of the College of Wooster, Mr. Underwood holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University. Before accepting the pastorate at Clemmons, he served churches in Fayetteville and Winston-Salem in North Carolina and in Williamsburg, West Virginia.

His wife, Dorie, is a social worker and both have been active in counseling and in parent-child relationships.

The Underwoods have five children—Kim, a junior at Yale University; Dawn, a freshman at Davidson College; Mark, a high school senior; Lisa, an eighth grader; and Robin, a sixth grader.

The Underwoods will reside on the campus of Barium Springs Home For Children at Barium Springs.

Salisbury's Yadkin Hotel Will Close

The Yadkin Hotel, a Salisbury landmark for more than 60 years, will be closed on Sunday, September 30.

Confirmation of the closing date was revealed Wednesday by an affiliate of the hotel.

Plans for the use, if any, of the hotel had not been determined today.

The hotel groundbreaking was held in October, 1912. At that time, 74 sleeping rooms were constructed. The hotel now has 160 rooms.

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