

A Cordial Invitation To Citizens-Stockholders

It was not by coincidence that Gov. Terry Sanford, Tarheel's champion of education, chose to conduct his first speaking tour in schools this year on the eve of American Education Week, November 10-18. In his talks to Mooreville students recently, the Governor drew an analogy between education and one's duty to one's country. Doubtless some of us feel it is considerably short of treason to quit school at 16, but none of us can deny that education and a strong democracy are inseparable.

"Education Strengthens the Nation" is the theme of the American Education Week observance this year. This theme is highly appropriate in light of the Governor's remarks here and in view of the world situation in general.

President Kennedy, in his message on education in January of this year, put it this way: "Education is both the foundation and the unifying force of our democratic way of life—it is the mainspring of our economic and social progress—it is the highest expression of achievement in our society, ennobling and enriching human life. In short, it is at the same time, the most profitable investment society can make and the richest reward it can confer."

American Education Week has been observed annually since 1921. It is sponsored by the National Education Association, the

American Legion, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the U. S. Office of Education. The week is set aside to spotlight what schools are doing and to remind citizens that good schools are their personal and collective responsibility.

This year, as in every year of American Education Week, school systems across the nation will open their doors to the real stockholders of American education—the public. These investors are welcomed at school anytime, and especially so during this week when educators make a special effort to hammer home their purpose for being. Nationally, some 30 million parents will make it a point to visit the institutions to which they entrust the care and feeding of their children. They will meet the people who, perhaps more than they, mold the minds of the nation's young.

Here in Mooreville, we are blessed with a school system that is the model for small-town school systems in North Carolina. Ours is a good school system, but it did not just happen to be a good one. The key to its quality lies in the 100 trained and dedicated individuals who make it go. Each member of the school staff extends a cordial welcome to Mooreville citizens-stockholders during special programs set at each school next week. By visiting your schools, you will give evidence you are interested in your children, your community, your teachers and the future of all of them.

Responsibility Key To Highway Safety

Gone is the day, thank heavens, when all you had to do to get your driver's license was reach your 16th birthday. All the world is complicated, and certainly this is true of motoring.

One sure sign of our complicated age is cars themselves. They have evolved into gigantic powerplants motivated by the push of a button and controlled by the touch of a finger. In the very simplicity of driving is the danger.

No longer is it a feat of coordination and dexterity to learn to drive. A three-year-old can watch his mom turn a switch, push a button and zoom out the driveway. He can observe this about twice and then, if he gets a chance, he can do it himself.

We have never been able to understand how anyone can convince himself that applying half a pound of foot pressure is heroic. Yet, to many drivers, today, car speed is somehow associated with adventure and personal power. There is absolutely no skill involved in this kind of deadly demonstration.

We are pleased the N. C. Department

of Motor Vehicles has instigated a traffic safety education course, just as we agreed with the General Assembly's demand that all youngsters complete a driver education course before they could be licensed to drive.

The key is individual responsibility on the highway. Anyone can drive a car, but to drive a car safely and sensibly involves a great deal more than starting, stopping and steering.

In driver education in the public schools, kids learn about this responsibility. Now we have a program for the 16-to-18 age group that does not have driver education courses available in schools. This service is aimed at the youngster who is not in school, or who attends a school without driver education.

In the final analysis, personal responsibility and basic good sense are the only ingredients that can make our highways safe. The Department of Motor Vehicles can't do much about basic good sense, but this new training course can do a great deal toward instilling responsibility.

Free Enterprise By Government Decree

The government is going into prices again. Murmurs of an administration campaign against rising prices are being heard at staff levels.

It seems that this time it's not Big Steel alone, although steel will be investigated by a New York grand jury to try and learn if prices are being rigged. This time the administration is shooting at the whole spectrum of price increases—the spiral we usually dismiss as the normal "cost of living." Government economists think most of these hikes are unjustified.

It seems price boosts don't conform to "government guidelines on price increases." In most lines that have increased prices, productivity has risen faster than in industry generally and profits are up substantially over 1962. Under these circumstances, "government guidelines" call for prices to go down.

So, what does the administration plan to do about prices? Well, the President's Consumer Advisory Council will make a "study"—which isn't exactly a novel idea—of the impact of the price increase trend at all levels of the economy. This report is

due in December, and there is every reason to assume the findings will conclude a "threat to price stability" in the increases.

The President will increase public awareness of prices by working comments into speeches, press conferences and the like. This force-of-personality method doesn't work too well, usually.

All of this brings us to these observations: We can be sure the White House now is measuring all moves by the political yardstick. When the administration cracked down on the steel industry last year, the whole crusade backfired. It caused a slump in the stock market, brought forth torrents of anger from large and small investors and business interests. A repeat of that performance would figure adversely in re-election plans.

Also, the government will look into higher prices "in the public interests." The millions of voters connected with industries to be looked into make up a sizable bloc of this public. To the management and labor that depends on profits for continued prosperity and job security, this kind of crusading is interpreted as meddling with a purely political motive.

What with "government guidelines," we are just one jump away from government-set prices, with companies forced to defend any increase in profits. To a great many voters, this kind of system will strike too strongly of another system in which all ambition and initiative is killed by government decree.

WORDS OF WISDOM

A man walked into a New York City man store and asked for a globe of the United States. When it comes to isolationism, that fellow outdistances Goldwater.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

There shore is a stink going on at one of our neighboring churches. (The Devil is letting our little flock rest this week) According to the town gossip, they caught Rev. Blowhard smoking a cigar. From what I can understand their congregation is about to go up in smoke . . . they're raking the hide off of ole Blowhard.

One of their members, ole lady Goodfathers, says the preacher is setting a bad example that's gonna lead a sile a people to Hell. She allowed that it wouldn't be long 'til he'd be drinking beer, cause once the Devil got a hold, a fella went to . . . in a hurry.

Well sir, since this most grievous sin has come to light against the dear brother of the cloth, a whole buncha things has been brought to light. That little congregation swung into action just like a government investigating committee, and they ain't leaving a single stone unturned. (I know a fella that was looking under a rock one time and got bit by a copperhead. Just thought I'd mention it while passing.)

One of the deacons reported that he had seen the preacher looking at a pretty girl on the street corner one day. He swore it was true cause he had seen 'em both. He told the committee exactly what the woman looked like.

One "saintly" sister swore she had seen the preacher moving the front yard in his bathing suit. Besides parading around in his naked legs, he didn't have no shoes on.

Another one of their members declared that Rev. Blowhard had been going to the movie downtown and taking in all a that "holi-wood trash." The committee was fair, cause they made everybody prove their charges. This fella said he knew Blowhard was there cause he set right behind him in the show. Mr. Publisher, that evidence right there was enough to cook the preacher's goose.

The thing that really threw the preacher though, was the report that one of the members had seen him in the pool room shooting pool. A fella they call Gigabite said he had stepped in the hall to have a beer when he glanced up and saw the preacher shooting pool. He said the site of it made him strangle on his beer.

I don't know what's gonna come outa this mess, Mr. Publisher. I reckon they'll try him to see if he's "holy" enough for their little church. Ain't funny, sir, that Church members has one set of rules for themselves and another for the preachers.

I never noticed in the Good Book where the 10 Commandments is for preachers only. I always thought there was one door to Heaven and everybody had to go through the same one. It looks to me like if a thing ain't right for the members it oughta be alright for the preachers. Why, if Parsons acted like most a their members, they'd tar and feather 'em and run 'em out town. Folks expect their preachers to be "little gods" and they're ready to give 'em the boot if they ain't. There ain't but one that can act like God and that's God. The rest of us is poor copies.

Mr. Publisher, I gotta go, I wanta see that hypnotizer over at the fair. They tell me that he hypnotized a cross-eyed cat the other night and made him think he was a mink. Bye now.

Yours Truly,

Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

1954

9 YEARS AGO

IN OTHER YEARS

The proposed municipal swimming pool will be ready to be built in two weeks—as far as plans are concerned.

Gene Johnston, chairman of the finance committee of "Operation Swimming Pool," said Tuesday that Sloan and Wheatley, Charlotte architects, will have the plans ready within two weeks.

The next step is calling in the considerable sums of money that have been pledged toward the building of the pool. Letters, signed by the swimming pool treasurer, were mailed Wednesday to everyone who had made a pledge, advising that plans were almost complete and requesting that pledges be sent in.

All checks are to be made out to the Civic Planning Council, Inc. The Mooreville Optimist Club, organized here January 1 with 30 members, will become a full-fledged member of the big family of Optimists International in charter-night ceremonies at the VFW Hut Saturday night at 7:30.

Speaker of the evening will be C. Leese Bussard, immediate past vice-president of Optimists International. Mr. Bussard, who is also past president of his home club in Frederick, Md., and past president of his home district, is well known among Optimists as a hard worker who, during the past year, has traveled thousands of miles for his club—more than any other Optimist.

He is Charles H. Davis, Jr., who holds a degree from the Yale University's Graduate School of Traffic and who is presently employed as traffic and planning engineer by the towns of Hickory and Newton.

Mrs. P. O. (Ted) Berry, resident of East Wilson avenue, has passed the State Board for a licensed practical nurse. She took the examination December 15, and received notification of having successfully passed the examination last Saturday. Mrs. Berry is one of the first persons in this area to be licensed as a practical nurse. Presently, she is working at the Lowrance Hospital.

A sneaky-cold wind, which at times reached an estimated velocity of 50 miles per hour, visited Mooreville Friday night, bringing with it sleet and a three-inch blanket of snow.

The storm followed on the heels of a night and day of rain squalls and dropping temperatures. Thunder and lightning were reported Thursday night, along with considerable precipitation, and rain squalls were frequent throughout Friday.

Charley "Choo-Choo" Justice and Art Welner, both All-American football players at the University of North Carolina in the late 1940's, were special guests at a banquet given by the Lions Club and the Touchdown Club Monday evening.

EDUCATION STRENGTHENS THE NATION

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 10-16



SPORTS SWITCH — After Mooreville's final football game of the season Friday, sports fans will switch their attention to basketball. Coach Harlan Bowman, right, already has started practice toward the season opener with Odell December 6. Among the dozen boys who are working for positions on the team are these seniors. From left are Eddie Barnette, Johnny Cane and Johnny Barrier. Bowman, who is beginning his fourth year as head of Senior High's cage sport, expects eight members of the football team to turn out for basketball following the final grid contest.

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Monroe Needs One Win For Unbeaten Mark

Monroe's Rebels, already assured of a spot in the Western North Carolina Activities Association play-offs, needs but a win over Troutman Friday night for an unbeaten season.

Monroe has won all nine of its games and sports a 5-0 North Piedmont Conference mark to lead the league. In their last outing, Monroe had to come from behind to whip a fine Charlotte Catholic team 12-6. The Rebels will combat Asheboro for the chance at the WNCSSAA championship.

Mooreville's Blue Devils, whose only conference loss was at Monroe, have a lock on second place with a 5-1 league mark and an overall record of 7-2. Third place is held by North Rowan with a league record of 3-2-1 and 3-4 overall. East Rowan at 3-3 in the league and a 2-5-1 overall rounds out the top four teams of the circuit.

Report of the East Rowan-Davie County game reached this corner too late to be entered in this week's standings and a complete rundown of the final standings will be released in the next issue.

Other than that game the league standings through games of last week are:

| TEAM | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Monroe | 5 | 0 |
| Mooreville | 6 | 1 |
| North Rowan | 3 | 2 |
| East Rowan | 3 | 3 |
| Davie County | 2 | 3 |
| Children's Home | 2 | 4 |
| West Rowan | 1 | 4 |
| Troutman | 0 | 5 |

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TAKE LAST FLING — Eight members of the 1963 edition of the Blue Devil football team will take the field for their last game tomorrow night against Children's Home. In recognition of the fine effort these boys have put forth for the

8 Seniors To Be Recognized Friday

Captain Boyles Has Designated Each An Honorary Co-Captain

Tomorrow night (Friday) eight senior members of the Blue Devil football team will take the field for their final game. In recognition of their efforts during the past three years, Coach Roy Boyles has set aside this night in their honor.

Boyles has designated each a co-captain for the Children's Home game. All eight will go on the field for the toss of the coin ceremonies prior to the opening kick-off.

Senior members of the team are David Oliphant, Gary Karriker, Larry Dyson, Tim Roach, Bobby Pope, Billy Watson, Dewitt Hinson and Mike Chester, all starters on this year's Devil eleven.

Coach Boyles and his assistants, Perry Pearson and Jack Loftin, are especially proud to have been associated with boys of such a high caliber.

These lads have been the nucleus of a fine football team for Mooreville. Their efforts can be only described in the gridiron record which they will have to talk about in the years to come.

Going into this final game the team is 7-2 for the season. Last year when each was a junior the squad compiled a mark of 7-3. Their first year on the team won the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association Championship and had an overall season mark of 10-2.

In their three years on the team they have been on the winning side on 25 times while losing only seven games.

Coach Boyles readily admits these boys deserve all the praise of the fans, the school and the town for the fine effort they have put forth in football.

The honors they have earned on the football field will be small compared to the real battle in the life ahead. The lessons learned during their experiences in games will make them better prepared to face the decisions in the life ahead.

In recognition of these boys in the final game, Coach Boyles named the eight co-captains for the final game. Coach Boyles named the eight co-captains for the final game. Coach Boyles named the eight co-captains for the final game.

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Junior High Gridders Feted At Supper

Thanks to the good graces and financial support of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keeter and Mr. and Mrs. John Beam, the Junior High football team hasn't been forgotten.

The young gridders, who didn't win a single game in their five attempts, were honored with a steak supper with all the trimmings by the above mentioned sponsors at the Elk's Lodge this past Monday night.

During the greater part of the season, Coach Dave Richardson's boys found the going tough. They lost some of their games by sizable margins, while others were close heart-breaking affairs for the Imps.

Even in losing, the team gave a good account of itself. The boys deserve the appreciation and support of all fans of the Mooreville area. Part of the reward for their efforts came at the supper Monday. More rewards will come from the knowledge that they will have learned many lessons which will help them in the future years playing the game.

Members of the team who were treated at the affair were Dave Bowles, Joe Lowrance, Tony Knott, John Goodman, Charles Pope, Randy McCombs, Ronnie Reading, Larry McNeill, Larry Sprinkle, Tommy Brown, Mike Fry and Tony Levan.

Also, Steve Brannon, Larry Thompson, Mike Deaton, Bill Keeter, Randy Oliphant, Milton Crowell, John Beam, Tommy Oliphant, Frank Radar, Junior Ervin, Jim Benfield, Michel Coggins, Johnny Verble and Jimmy Moore.

Imps Fall To Landis 6-0

The Junior High gridders dropped their fifth straight and final game of the year to Landis Saturday night by a 6-0 score. Coach Dave Richardson's charges played their best game of the season and they had a couple chances to pull the game out. The stout defense of the Jackets held the locals at crucial third down plays.

Injuries and missing boys played a big factor in the final outcome. Both first and second unit Imp quarterbacks missed the game due to injuries with a converted end, Johnny Verble, filling in at the fullback job in the next game.

The coach singled out Verble Frank Radar, John Beam, and Michel Coggins for a fine effort.

The remainder of the first half was spent by the teams in an attempt to find a dry spot on the field, not finding one the squads retired to the dressing room for a wash down prior to beginning the final two chapters.

Midway of the third period the local, old man river, just kept rolling along. They covered 94 yards for their final touchdown in the game. Again, behind the line blocking of Ray Brannon, Larry Dyson, Bill Watson, Karriker, Roy Thompson and, yes, Dewitt Hinson, the locals covered the distance in eight plays. Robinson and Chester were the major swimmers who along with Oliphant, moved the ball to the Kannapolis 35-yard line.

At that point, Robinson, on an end sweep behind the stout forward wall blocking cruised down the field. Again, behind the line blocking of Ray Brannon, Larry Dyson, Bill Watson, Karriker, Roy Thompson and, yes, Dewitt Hinson, the locals covered the distance in eight plays. Robinson and Chester were the major swimmers who along with Oliphant, moved the ball to the Kannapolis 35-yard line.

Following the score the Wonder defense was wise to the running desire of Karriker and nailed him at the line of scrimmage to kill the extra point attempt.

After that score it was time for Kannapolis to give its 35 fans something to cheer about. Cheer they did as the Wonders took the ball on their own 24-yard stripe and marched for the score. Quarterback Rocky Fisher was the big splasher for Kannapolis in guiding them to the score. Fisher completed two passes in the drive while Michel Arnette and Robert Little were the main ball carriers in toting the ball to the Mooreville 11. Here Little banged across tackle for the touchdown. Butch Hendricks booted the point for a 20-7 tally.

That was as far as the scoring went. The gridders rocked back and forth in the elements during the fourth period with neither being able to outclass the other's defense and the mud at the same time. Numerous fumbles and missed kicks kept the ball around mid-field in the final stages of the game. The locals picked up their seventh win in nine outings.

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CHILLED AND THRILLED — That was the case of the Senior High cheerleaders at the Kannapolis game Friday night. The young ladies had damp clothes, but the welcome rain dampened their school spirit-not one white-judy-Stevens, Terry Sprinkle and Mary Marks, left to right, huddle under makeshift shelter during a break in yelling the Blue Devils to a 20-7 win.

Letters to the Editor...

I feel I would be amiss to let the opportunity pass without commenting publicly on the Mooreville Midgert Football League.

Many individuals and groups have joined to make this new venture highly successful and surely a permanent part of Mooreville's future football activity—originally, the vision of Coach Roy Boyles; then, the financial support of local industry, particularly John V. Barger Construction Co., Chemspan-Templon, Drymore, and Mooreville Iron Works; the sponsorship of the Booster Club and support of the Recreation Commission; the hard work of the Committee, Clayton Dyson, chairman, Carl Baber, John Morrow and Ray Nesbit; the spirited participation of the Jaycee Club; and last but not least, the dedication and personal sacrifices of the coaches, Fred Rhinehardt, John

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