

BY THE WAY

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STILL MAGIC?

The Kennedy name may still be magic in Massachusetts, but it is hard to believe that the majority of the nation's voters could be talked into electing to the presidency such a confused young man.

Whether or not anyone believes Ted Kennedy's story, which even he must admit is brilliant for its omissions and filled with almost unbelievable statements, he used the poorest possible judgment in time of a crisis.

It would be my thought that the drowning of the young lady and his delay in reporting it was not due to confusion caused by the accident itself, but confusion as to how to handle the situation and save his political hide.

And in this, I certainly believe he was confused; anyone who had sense enough to "dive repeatedly", if he did, and to swim 200 yards across a channel with a swift current, if he did, surely had the intelligence to pick up a phone and call the proper authorities.

Apparently the authorities in Massachusetts do not operate as ours. Had the drowning occurred in this county, an inquest would have been held and the driver of the car no doubt would have been held for Grand Jury investigation, to determine if the Senator should be indicted for manslaughter. It would be my bet that a Newberry County Grand Jury would have indicted him just as our juries indict negligent drivers of cars when persons are killed in automobile accidents.

The whole affair in Edgartown smells to high heaven. Had this thing happened to Wallace, Thurmond or Goldwater, they would have been immediately crucified by the national news media. Instead we have the crocodile tears of self-serving commentators who bemoan the tragic occurrences in the Kennedy family. There is little question but that this tragedy was brought on by Mr. Kennedy himself.

The American public is notorious for forgetting, and perhaps I will forget again in three years that this young man acted as he did.

His own admission of confusion in crisis is enough to warn the voter that he is not the proper person to occupy the White House.

HAD TO COME

While we were down in Mississippi for a few days last week on a "work vacation" news was breaking in Newberry that a shopping center would soon be under construction on 76 Bypass.

This had to come sooner or later. The only surprise that it would come.

I have never been an out-of-town shopper, but in the past year I have about come to the conclusion that it would be easier to drive to Columbia or to Greenville to shop rather than try to get into and out of especially out of a parking space or parking lot in Newberry.

Several years ago, the City Manager, wisely foreseeing the future, urged a one-way system of traffic downtown which surely would have eliminated some of the inconvenience and frustration experienced by drivers, trying to get through the narrow crowded streets and into parking lots.

There was so much opposition from some merchants that the plan was never even tried.

I don't want to see our Main

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2nd SHOPPING CENTER PLANNED

Improvement of city area talked

A larger than usual group of businessmen and merchants attended the meeting of the Association for a Greater Newberry Tuesday morning at Community Hall.

Purpose of the meeting was to review the downtown development plan which has been under preparation for several years and to discuss ways of implementing the plan.

J. K. Willingham, AGN President, and Bobby Summer, who is chairman of the AGN downtown development committee, were in charge of the meeting.

City Council's reluctance to take official action is delaying the development of a downtown plaza designed to help rejuvenate the central business district, Mr. Willingham said.

He stated that he has received no results on his requests to city council to designate the street area in front of Community Hall as a permanent plaza.

"We don't think we, the merchants, have received the cooperation from the city that we should get. City Council hasn't voted yet to make it a permanent plaza."

Mr. Willingham said that the Civic League and several businessmen have pledged substantial funds to develop the plaza, but "they don't want to spend a lot of money for a temporary thing."

"The traffic flow in the area is better with the plaza and presents less danger to pedestrians. We have plenty of people to support it."

The city fenced off the area earlier this year and placed playground equipment there for children as a temporary plaza, but the equipment has been removed and the area is now separated from the streets by a drain.

The plaza was recommended in a study conducted by Adley and Associates, planning and development engineers, of Atlanta, Ga. Terry Love, project engineer, reported Tuesday on the total plan for beautification of Main street, improvement of traffic flow and general improvements proposed for buildings.

The AGN financed the survey which was started in 1967 at a cost of \$12,500. Willingham said the plan now will have to be put into "a workable form".

He said the association will decide if the engineers will begin the third phase of the study for downtown redevelopment.

Willingham said a large shopping center will be constructed soon outside the city limits.

In discussing the plan Mr. Love emphasized the import-

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School surveys be explained in meetings

There will be three most important meetings to be held on August 14, 19 and 21 which will be of vital interest to all citizens of Newberry County, according to Ralph Watkins, director of county schools.

These meetings are being held to inform the citizens of the county of the recommendations made by a survey team from the State Department of Education concerning a school building program for the county, Mr. Watkins said. Members of the State Department of Education will be present at each meeting to discuss the survey recommendations.

These important meetings will all be held at 8 P.M. on the following schedule: Newberry High School, August 14; Whitmire High School, August 19, and Mid Carolina High School, August 21.

All interested citizens are urged to attend any or all of the meetings.

Prosperity to appeal verdict

An appeal to the State Supreme Court of an \$8,500 judgment by a circuit court jury against the town of Prosperity is being prepared, Mayor Walter J. Hamm said Tuesday.

The mayor said town attorneys have filed notice of appeal since no settlement between the town and the property owner involved has yet been reached.

Hamm said the case might be placed before the Supreme Court this fall, possibly in October.

The property owner was awarded \$8,500 by a state civil court jury earlier this year on his claim that drainage from a town sewerage lagoon damaged his five-acre fish pond on his property.

At a town meeting recently, Mayor Hamm told a group of citizens that the town does not have funds to pay the court judgment. He said taxes would have to be raised to finance payment.

Town council has voted to appeal the case if a settlement cannot be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Long announce the birth of a son John Norris, on July 28, 1969. The baby weighed seven pounds, 14½ ounces.

Plans for a two-department store shopping center in Newberry were revealed today. The shopping center is to be ready for a grand opening in August 1970 and is being developed by Independent Enterprises, Inc., of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The first of two planned department stores will be an Edwards Store of approximately 50,000 square feet. Edwards, the state's largest home-owned variety and junior department store chain, was founded in Charleston in 1936. Today there are 21 Edwards stores operating throughout the state of South Carolina. The chain has plans to open five units within the next year in addition to the Newberry store.

The Edwards store will be a complete, one-stop family department store, selling first class merchandise, on a "self-service" basis. Edwards will offer a well-rounded selection of goods and services, including 30 complete departments and an automotive supply department, also a snack bar will be installed for customer convenience at the new Newberry store. Edwards offers a revolving or budget credit plan to its customers.

Newberry Shopping Center is to be built on the Mrs. W. E. Matthews property. The site contains 900 feet of frontage on U. S. Highway 76 Bypass. South Carolina Highway 34 bounds the 22-acre site on the north and South Carolina Highway 219 bounds the property on the south. Both of these two South Carolina highways serve as connector roads from Interstate 26 into Newberry.

Independent Enterprises, Inc., a major shopping center development concern operating in South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, also announced that the initial phase of Newberry Shopping Center will contain approximately 110,000 square feet building area including a parking lot accommodating more than 500 automobiles and a total estimated 15 to 20 businesses. In addition to the large Edwards store, the shopping center will contain a 17,000 square foot national chain supermarket which will be announced in the immediate future, a national chain drug store and an auto accessory store, dry cleaners, etc.

Officials of Independent Enterprises expressed a desire to include many locally owned businesses in the shopping center. They stated that it was their intention to make available sufficient space for specialty shops and service type businesses, to offer an opportunity to area merchants to become a part of this modern retail complex.

The shopping center is being designed to provide for the enlargement of the center at a future date, as the Newberry trade area continues its rapid growth and demand for more stores is created.

Independent Enterprises officials indicated that in their opinion, the shopping center would serve as the "regional-type" retail complex for both Newberry as well as the entire Newberry trade area, and that its location was ideally situated so as to be easily accessible from all sections of Newberry, and also easy to reach from all highways coming into Newberry from the outlying area.

Architects for the Newberry Shopping Center will be the architectural firm of Cooper, Cary and Associates, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga. This firm served as architects for the Laurens Plaza shopping center in Laurens, developed by Independent Enterprises, Inc. and opened November 1968.

Independent Enterprises has developed and is the owner of over 12 major shopping centers. In addition, the company has shopping centers under construction in Dalton, Ga. and Johnson City, Tenn., and is scheduled to begin construction on an air-conditioned enclosed mall in Tupelo, Miss. within the next four weeks.

The Newberry Shopping Center will make available hundred of job opportunities for residents of Newberry and the general Newberry area, and will be considered a major new industry to the area. Also it will provide opportunity for construction work and the sale of building supplies and materials by local and area businesses.

Any parties interested in obtaining information on leasing space, as a part of the Newberry Shopping Center, have been asked to contact Mr. C. B. Lebovitz, Independent Enterprises, Inc., 205 MacLellan Bldg. Chattanooga, Tenn., or call 615-265-3689.

Urges visit to Bloodmobile

On Monday, August 4, between the hours of three and seven P. M., the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church. This will be the first visit of the new fiscal year. There are eight scheduled visits to Newberry County this year and the quota for each visit is 100 units of blood. Last year the County reached only 51 percent of this quota.

"If we do not improve on our record," said Lawrence Richardson, chairman of the Red Cross Blood program for this County, "There is a good probability that only those who have given blood and their immediate families will be allowed to receive blood through the Red Cross Program. If you are in good health, under 60 years of age, and have not given in eight weeks, you will be able to give on this visit. Remember August 4 between 3 and 7 p. m. at the Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church."