

Public Parade

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And North Carolina's blacks aren't pleased with the newspaper coverage of issues important to them and to low-income people in general.

Those were among the findings of the fall 1982 Carolina Poll. The poll is a statewide public opinion survey conducted twice yearly by students in the School of Journalism of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The poll, first conducted in 1975, has become best known for its reports on political contests. But it asks a variety of other questions each year, and it gathers results like these:

Evolution

A Georgia judge blamed it for virtually all of society's ills, but some people see it as the foundation of all science. Less than one-quarter of the North Carolinians interviewed by the Carolina Poll, however, said they believed in evolution.

Just over half of all North Carolinians believe in biblical creation as opposed to the theory that grew out of Charles Darwin's 1859 book "Origin of the Species." More than a quarter of the 584 people polled said they did not know which theory came closest to their own views, and only one in five professed to believe in evolution.

Persons with less education were more likely to believe in creationism, and Baptists were more likely to reject evolution than other mainline Protestant denominations.

More than half the state's residents, according to the poll, believe both theories should be taught in public schools, and only 5 per cent said that the evolution alone should be taught.

Cigarette Tax

Nearly half the nation's cigarettes are manufactured in North Carolina, and four or five adults interviewed by the poll said they thought the increase in the federal tax on cigarettes would hurt the state's economy.

Democrats were more likely than Republicans to see the bigger tax as damaging. Two-thirds of those identifying with North Carolina's majority party said the tax would hurt, while only 53 per cent of the GOP members polled agreed.

The poll was taken only about three months after Sens. Jesse Helms and John East, both Republicans, had cast controversial votes in favor of the GOP-backed "fiscal responsibility bill" that included the cigarette tax hike.

Insanity Plea

Only a few months after John Hinckley was acquitted by reason of insanity of trying to assassinate President Reagan, 78 per cent of those polled said the insanity defense should be made more difficult to use, and only 1 per cent said it should be made easier.

There was, however, a marked difference in response by race, with 84 per cent of the whites polled favoring making insanity a more difficult defense to use, but only 53 per cent of the black respondents taking that view. Lower-income respondents also were less likely to favor stiffening the law than those with higher incomes. More of the black and low-income respondents were undecided on the issue.

Local attorneys said North Carolina's insanity defense could not be much more difficult to prove, though, one said Hinckley probably would have been convicted in the state.

Abortion

Only 27 per cent of the North Carolinians polled said they favored a constitutional ban on abortion. Most took a more moderate stance than that of Sen. Jesse Helms, one of the nation's

anti-abortion leaders.

When asked whether abortion should be legal under any, some or no circumstances, 64 per cent of those surveyed chose the middle ground. Another 13 per cent said abortions should always be legal, and 21 per cent took the other extreme and said never.

Whites and persons of higher incomes and education levels were most likely to support some sort of legalized abortion (98 per cent of the respondents with some postgraduate education favored this), and, surprisingly, Catholics were less likely to support a total ban than Protestants.

Herpes

Carolina poll respondents in the most sexually active and high-risk age groups were least concerned that fear of herpes would reduce pre-marital sexual activity.

Three-fourths of those between the ages of 18 and 29 said they thought herpes would not affect sexual permissiveness.

Those findings differed somewhat from an earlier Washington Post-ABC New poll that reported only 14 per cent of the nation's young, single population expressing little or no concern about the risk of herpes or the need to change sexual behavior.

Blacks and the Media

Blacks in North Carolina are not pleased with the newspaper coverage of issues important to them and to low-income people in general, the poll found.

Forty per cent of the blacks contacted rated coverage of issues important to them as poor, and even more were critical of coverage of issues important to the poor.

Only 10 per cent of the whites surveyed said coverage of issues important to blacks was poor, and 30 per cent took the same position with regard to issues important to the poor.

Program

It is rare to see such nonpartisan support as that which is developing in Congress for repeal of the problem to withhold federal income tax from interest and dividend payments.

Within just a few weeks of the opening of the new Congress, more than 340 members had either introduced or were co-sponsoring withholding repeal bills in the House and Senate. In fact two states - Mississippi and West Virginia - had 100 per cent of their Congressional delegations sponsoring or cosponsoring repeal bills.

It's also rare for the major financial trade associations, which have deep-seated differences, to agree so completely on any issue; but they are unanimous in their calls for repeal.

Congress is being flooded with mail from irate savers and investors who only now are beginning to understand how complicated withholding will be when it goes into effect on July 1 - and 10 per of their taxable interest and dividend income will be withheld at the source.

In view of all this, you'd think repeal of interest and dividend withholding would be a sure thing. Unfortunately, that's not so.

Withholding's backers are digging in for a fight - and because the plan's backers include the Administration and some powerful members of the Congressional committees that handle tax legislation, repeal will be difficult.

Even more disturbing is the heavy-handed response of some of withholding's friends. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and Senate Finance Chairman Robert Dole (R-Kans) implied that if withholding is repealed, financial institutions will be punished with higher taxes.

To this Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark.) properly responded in a letter to Mr. Regan that individuals and organizations have a right "to write to their elected representatives in Congress about matters that affect them without being threatened with legislative reprisals."

But after rushing this program through the last Congress before opposition had time to develop, withholding's backers apparently now are making every effort to stifle further discussion.

It's not surprising that they don't want people to understand how withholding will affect them until too late. Interest and dividend withholding is a bad idea which, in one form or another, Congress has

Renovation

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transmission equipment and a new tower. The only piece of equipment left from the old WCDJ is a thousand watt tube transmitter for AM, bought in 1955. WCDJ is not off the air however, but it is undergoing a conversion and will soon be WZBO AM.

The driving force behind WZBO is its station manager, Chuck Sherman, who began working here in Edenton on January 24. His name may be familiar to many radio listeners in the area as he was formerly employed at WCMS as program director. He began working in radio 20 years ago in Norfolk, Va. and has since been the general manager at four stations from Portsmouth to the piedmont of North Carolina.

Mr. Sherman when discussing WZBO's philosophy stated that the goal of the station was to provide this area with a radio station which would not only provide a public service but also to be of profit to the listeners.

"We wanted to bring to Northeastern North Carolina a major market radio sound," Mr. Sherman said.

When he left WCMS Mr. Sherman brought with him Doug Moreland to be the program director for both the FM and AM station. Mr. Moreland has also been associated with WCMS and 2WD before coming to Edenton.

Mr. Sherman also hired Maureen Boyle to be the areas first promotions manager. Ms. Boyle is responsible for the coordination of promotions of civic and business activities.

Flynn Surratt and Rita Basnight, both former employees of WCDJ, are still with the station.

Mr. Sherman also announced that he is "... extremely happy to have Anne Dale back, who had been off the air for several months."

In closing the interview Mr. Sherman stated, "We are excited about the response from the people of Edenton and the area... and we are really just beginning."

been rejecting ever since it was first proposed in 1942.

It is unnecessary because the Internal Revenue Service can catch tax cheaters with its information reporting system - and in fact even IRS statistics show a compliance rate of some 97 per cent when the 1099 information reporting system is used.

All withholding will do is drown honest taxpayers, many of whom have a number of sources of interest and dividend income, with new paperwork.

It will result in overwithholding for people who already have enough withheld at work, or who have little or no tax obligation - including retirees and the unemployed. In effect, they will be making interest-free loans to the government.

There is an exemption system for senior citizens and others with low incomes, but to get exemptions they must file with each interest and dividend payer. This forced disclosure of general information about age and income is a gross invasion of privacy.

In addition, withholding will discourage savings by reducing the return, and it will erode savings capital by taking money directly from savings accounts. Withholding will add to the cost of financial services and could not come at a worse time - just as the economy is trying to pull out of a recession.

Why are withholding's backers so insistent in trying to foist this program on American savers and investors, even though the public is clearly against it?

Primarily, just to speed up the collection of some taxes the government would get anyhow - and "dress up" current budget estimates.

That doesn't strike us as sufficient reason to unleash a blizzard of new paperwork which in many cases will involve just a few dollars - but which for many people will require a host of new calculations at income-tax time.

Fortunately, there's still time to repeal this bad law. Despite the formidable opposition, Congress will act if enough of us write our Representatives and Senators and let them know how we feel about interest and dividend withholding.

It's a bad plan which Congress should repeal.

Chowan District Court In Session

The Chowan County District Court was in session on March 29 with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding.

Lloyd Edward Privott was found guilty of improper parking. He had to pay the cost of court.

Isaac Taylor, Jr. was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$300, cost of court, surrender operators license and is not to violate any laws for 12 months. He has appealed.

Charles Black McIntyre, III was called and failed to show on the charge of driving 66 in a 55 zone.

Ernest Linwood McDaniel was found guilty of being intoxicated and disruptive. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$25 and cost of court.

Murray Wheeler was found guilty of driving under the influence two. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$300, cost of court, surrender operators license and is not to violate any laws for 12 months. He has appealed.

Graham Lee Overton, Jr. was found guilty of transport of alcoholic beverage with seal broken. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$75, cost of court and is not to violate any laws for 12 months.

Tony Levester Coffield was called and failed to show on the charge of making an unsafe move.

Robert Bass was found guilty on two counts of passing worthless checks. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$25, cost of court, pay restitution of \$41.33, not violate any law for 12 months and must not write a worthless check for two years.

Karen Denise Rose was found guilty of going 75 in a 55 zone. She was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$75 and cost of court.

Shelton Grey Nixon was found guilty of nonsupport of child and sentenced to six months active time.

Frederick Robert Rowe was called and failed to show on a charge of going 67 in a 55 zone.

Carl S. Williams was called and failed to show on the charge of passing a worthless check.

James Edward Brickhouse was found guilty of nonsupport of children and given six months active sentence. He has appealed.

Richard (NMN) Welch was found guilty of disposing of secured property. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$100, cost of court, pay restitution of \$690.85 to the benefit of Quinn Furniture and not to violate any laws for 12 months. He elected to serve an active sentence in lieu of the judgement.

ASCS Office Discusses Totals Of PIK Program

H. O. West, County Executive Director of the Chowan County ASCS Office said that 396 farmers in the county have enrolled in the 1983 Acreage Reduction and PIK Programs. A total of 993.4 acres will be left idle. This represents about 25 per cent of the crop-land in the county.

49,501 North Carolina farmers have enrolled 836,888 acres which is 30.1 per cent of the total base acreage in North Carolina.

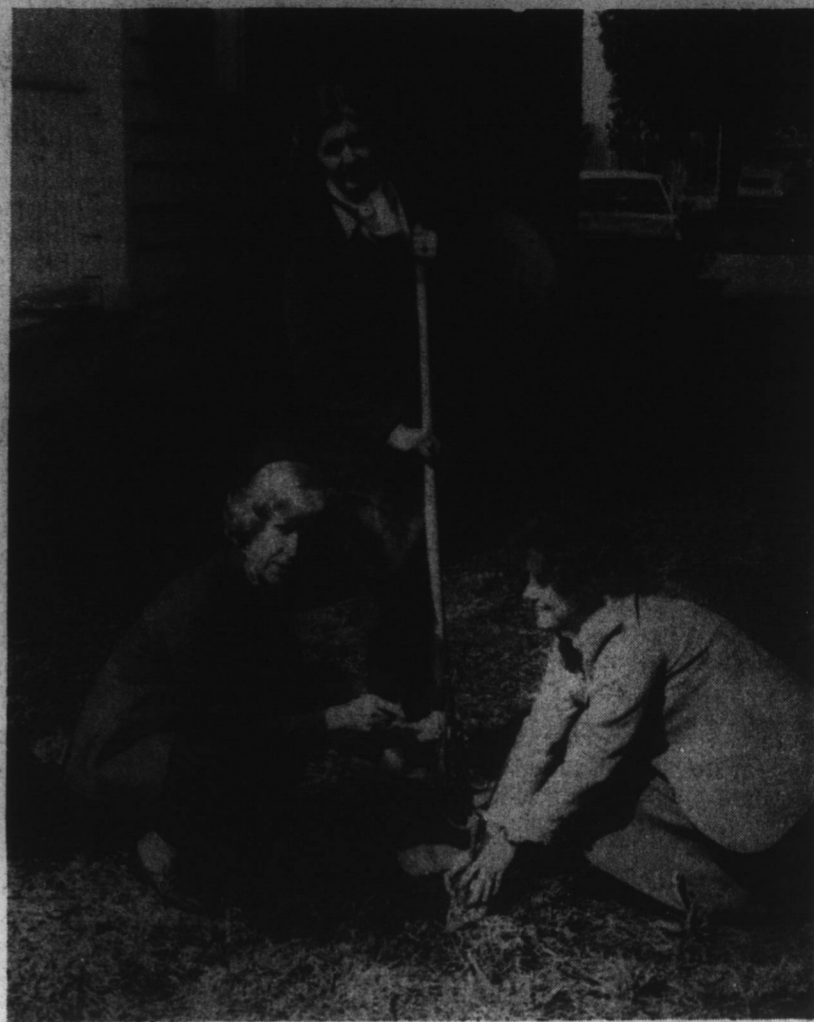
Nationally farmers have signed up in the Acreage Reduction and PIK Programs 187 million acres of feed grain, wheat, rice and upland cotton base acreage. This represents 81.2 per cent of the 230 million acres of total base acreage. The total idle land will be 82 million acres.

The sign-up was necessary to determine producer eligibility for program benefits such as Commodity Credit Corporation loans and purchases, PIK, target price protection and - for wheat and feed grain participants - eligibility for grain reserve.

The acreage taken out of production will be devoted to a conservation use.

Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber, if he has common sense on the ground floor.

-O.W. Holmes



ROSE PLANTED IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARINES - The Edenton Historical Commission was given a "Lady Marine Rose" by the Women Marines Association. Ruth Rose, Business representative, Marguerite McCall, educational coordinator and tour guide, and Rosa Davenport are shown planting the rose to honor all Marines, especially those who served here in Edenton.

The Edenton Historic Commission Receives "The Lady Marine Rose"

In October of 1981, the Women Marines Association held a four-day reunion in Edenton. These were the ladies who had been stationed at the Edenton Marine Air Base during the 1940's. They spent a great deal of the four days here in Edenton in nostalgic reminiscence.

Shortly after their visit, the Association President, Mrs. Shirley Emery, of Kittery, Maine, informed the Edenton Historical Commission that the group wanted to give

and have planted at the Barker House "The Lady Marine Rose". This rose is a hybrid, fragrant tea rose, Montazuma Red.

The Women Marine's Association's desire is that a "Lady Marine Rose" be planted in every corner of our continent in honor of all Marines.

It is with appreciation of the Rose, and with gratitude to those who have served this country, that the Edenton Historical Commission accepts this living token of remembrance.

Edmisten Break-Ins

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day night when Bobby Owens of Nags Head, chairman of Dare County Board of Commissioners contributed that amount and pledged his full support to Edmisten.

Life would be much simpler if we didn't try to make people think we're what we're not.

The Emmaus Road

By Preston Cayton, Minister

On the same day of the resurrection two of the followers of Christ were walking out of Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles away. While they were talking over the strange happenings of the day, they saw that a stranger was walking beside them. It was Jesus, their risen Lord. But they were held back from knowing him. Jesus said to them, "What words make you feel and look so sad?"

One of them named Cleopas, answered, "Are you a stranger in Jerusalem and have not heard of what things have taken place there in the last few days?" Jesus said, "What things?" And they said, "The things with regard to Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in his acts and his words before God and all the people; how the chief priest and our rulers caused him to be sentenced to death and how he died on the cross. But we hoped that he was the promised one, who was to save Israel. And now it is the third day since he was put to death. And today some women of our company who were early at the tomb surprised us with the news that the tomb was empty, and his body was not there; and they had seen the angels, who said that Jesus was alive. Then some of us went to the tomb and found it just as the woman had said; but they did not see him."

The Jesus said to them, "O-foolish men, and slow of heart to believe what the prophets have said. Was it not needful for Christ to suffer these things and then to enter in his glory?"

Then he began with the books of Moses, and went through the prophets and showed them in the scriptures the meaning of all that was told about the Christ. And as they went on, they came to the village to which they were going, and he made though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And he went in to tarry with them. And he went in with them and sat down with them to a supper.

As they were about to eat, he took the loaf of bread into his hands, and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. And at that moment their eyes were opened and they knew that he was the Lord, and he passed out of their sight. They said to each other, "Was not our heart burning within us while he talked to us on the way and while he opened to us the words of the scriptures?" The two men hastened to Jerusalem that night to tell what they had seen. They rejoiced to the fact that they had seen the risen Lord, not dead but living.

When Paul talked about the resurrection of Christ, he applies it to our lives by saying it implies walking in a newness of life, and serving in newness of spirit. What a beautiful application of the central Easter fact. Just as nature is blossoming with new leaves and flowers after winter death so Christians are to demonstrate that the resurrected Christ makes their lives new.

Spring is setting the stage in beautiful symbolic language for Easter. A time of year when everything says: Hope, life and power. Worn hearts are revitalized. Broken hearts are mended. Empty hearts are filled. All of which spells Resurrection. Resurrection of meaning, Optimism and Purpose. Because he lives I can face tomorrow. May this Easter bring hope to this troubled world of ours.

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