



# point of view

BY BILL NIXON

It was 1981, but the events are still very much worth remembering.

It was one of those tough, soul-disturbing decisions. The kind with prickly tentacles full of implications and repercussions. Six men and six women in Ebensburg, Pa. made the decision. They deliberated two hours and 10 minutes before finding William and Linda Barnhart guilty of involuntary manslaughter and endangering the life of a child.

The child was their two-year-old son Justin.

The Barnharts, fundamentalist Christians, were on trial for denying treatment for Justin, who died in September '81 of a 5-pound abdominal tumor. The Barnharts, members of the Faith Tabernacle Congregation, interpret the Bible as renouncing medical treatment in favor of divine healing.

Sentencing in the case has been delayed pending the filing of post-trial motions, but the couple could get up to seven years in prison and \$15,000 in fines. Justin had no choice in his destiny.

William Barnhart isn't concerned about the possibility of a long prison term. "That's up to God," he said after hearing the verdict. "If I'm sentenced to prison, I'm willing to go."

Want to exorcise demonic spirits in a child? Then beat him to death like the parents of a six-month-old baby in a West Coast city did. In New York, a 5-year-old boy was hospitalized with severe burns because his father put him in a hot oven in hopes of "burning the devil out" of him.

The common thread in these cases is fervent

## Homecoming

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located on stations in many U.S. cities.

As part of an ever-expanding television ministry to Italian speaking people around the world, the Graziosos regularly videotape programs in that language for Trinity Broadcasting Network in California, and also the PTL network in Charlotte. These programs are reaching a vast audience on dozens of stations all over the country and represent one of the most significant breakthroughs for mass evangelism in the history of Italy.

Mr. Grazioso is headquartered in Raleigh where he lives with his wife Gretchen, and his two children, Tommy and Valerie.

religious beliefs...the chain which pulls these assorted miseries into a tragic mosaic that, in one way or another, affects us all.

What is our responsibility as a society to intervene in such cases where the life of a child hangs in the balance? If we think none, then there is little hope for the future.

The jury in Ebensburg was correct in convicting the Barnharts, even though the action came too late to help young Justin. He was already dead before society did anything. Where were we when, in this period of so-called "civilized times", two-year-old Justin was dying because a tumor that could have been removed was not? Who was there to stick up for that little one? Who was supposed to be there?

Somehow, we must believe we all were. It's hard to determine exactly how, but Justin was the responsibility of each of us. We must never become so unaware of our responsibility that we let our respect for the rights of individual beliefs create such situations as described here. We can assure individual freedoms, and we must, but at the same time, there are certain responsibilities required of each of us. We can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines. It's time to get into the game...the game of accepting our part in making this society a society that continues to respect the rights of each individual to free expression, free thought, and the right to live.

The Barnharts may not pay for what happened to Justin in this life, but each of us must.

Some time ago, Ted Turner had some interesting thoughts on today's news media.

Says Ted: News is when you go out and try to find out what's happening and report it factually. The newsmen

should not be bigger than the news. And we have that in America today. I think it's a disgrace. If Walter Cronkite was going to get up after I'm through speaking and comment on my speech, I wouldn't be here. And yet that guy gets on after the President makes his speech and says, "What did the President really mean?"

We didn't elect Walter Cronkite President of the United States.

You're right, Ted, we didn't. But maybe we should. If not Walter, perhaps we could interest Dan Rather, David Brinkley, or one of the other seemingly experts to handle the job. Then, we wouldn't have to have some news person tell us what was said. In their total wisdom, any of these candidates or any other member of today's media could tell us all the facts without us needing an explanation.

## Mr. Lassiter Is Awarded

During the 194th Commencement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on May 15, Donald Tinkham Lassiter was awarded the Doctor of Education in Administration and Supervision.

His dissertation is titled "Inequality of Distribution of Educational Resources in North Carolina". This work was done under the supervision of Drs. Julio George and William Self (Retired).

Dr. Lassiter is Associate Superintendent of Instruction for the Nash County Schools. He and his wife Fran, formerly of Edenton, and their two sons, Donnie and Geoff, make their home in Rocky Mount.

A sudden drop in water pressure in the neighborhood can cause garden hoses and swimming pools to back up into a home's drinking water system.

# Farm Ponds — Overstocked Yet Under Fished

by Tony Short  
District Conservationist  
Farm ponds provide hundreds of hours of enjoyment to North Carolinians each year. Both young people and old take pleasure in an afternoon of fishing. While ponds can provide water for stock or for irrigation, fishing is their primary use.

There are over 67,000 ponds in our state. These are either embankment ponds (with dams) or the dug type. In eastern North Carolina there are mostly the dug pond kind, since the water table is usually high enough to fill the pond.

After a pond is constructed it should be stocked with fish. The usual stocking is of bass and bream. These two species provide a good balance. The bream are stocked in the fall and the bass are introduced the following summer.

Fish for stocking are provided at no charge to any pond owner. Although this program has a chance of being eliminated by government officials, applications for stocking are still being taken. These can be obtained at your local Soil Conservation Ser-

vice office. Stocking rates for the fish are 500 bream and 50 bass per surface acre of water. This 10 to 1 ratio keeps the fish population in the proper balance.

A yearly maintenance program is necessary for good fish production. Fertilizer can be applied from February to October at a rate of 100 pounds of 8-8-2 per acre. Repeat this application at a 7-10 day interval until the color of the water prevents the sight of a white object held 12 to 18 inches below the surface. Liming is also required. It is one of the most overlooked parts of a good pond management program. A water pH factor from 7.0 to 9.0 is best suited for fish. Most of our dug ponds are to acidic for fish production. Lime should be applied at a rate of at least one ton per acre per year or until correct pH levels are reached.

Fishery Biologists say the biggest problem with farm ponds is that they are under fished. Ponds can easily become overstocked with small bream if these fish are

not removed. Fishing them out is the best way to do this. The bass however, should not be removed until about a year's growth.

Areas around ponds should not be left bare. Spoil dirt from dug ponds should be spread and seeded to grass. This material is acidic and requires liming. It should not be allowed to wash back into the pond, where it can make the

water acidic and murky. Grassed areas around the pond's edge also act as filtering systems to remove sediment and chemicals. In addition, it makes the pond more attractive.

Many people will be around farm ponds when warm weather arrives. Safety cannot be over emphasized. There should be some type of life-saving devices located around

the pond. Long poles or floatation devices should be available to reach someone who gets into the water. Most pond owners discourage swimming, but someone could accidentally fall in and dug ponds, especially, can be very deep.

Ponds should be a source of enjoyment to their owners and by proper management they can be just that.



FARM PONDS—Farm ponds provide hours of enjoyment to North Carolinians. Uses include irrigation and water for stock but mainly they are used for recreational fishing.

## Student Council News

The yearly baccalaureate for graduating seniors along with their family and friends will take place on Sunday at 7:30 P.M., at the Edenton Baptist Church. The speaker of the night will be the Rev. Gerald Perry.

Two clubs at John A. Holmes, the library club and HOSA, had picnics this week to say good-bye to graduating members and to commend themselves for having had another great year. The library club has had several successful lunch brunches at Holmes and HOSA was partially responsible for a successful bloodmobile at John A. Holmes.

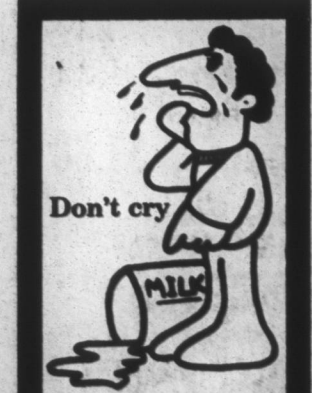
The Senior class at John A. Holmes will be taking a trip to Busch Gardens on Friday. We of the student council certainly want to commend the graduating seniors for having

made it through thirteen years of school.

DECA members visited Military Circle in Norfolk, Virginia on May 25. The members, who were conducted on a tour of the mall, were studying various window displays in the mall. Window displays help to sell the goods in a particular store which is very important to DECA students who study marketing and distribution.



The world is not round. It is an oblate spheroid, flattened at the poles and bulging at the equator.



Don't cry over spilled milk is one very common picture of speech.

Where'd it come from? Most of us know what it means... "milk or whatever, in the past, that has been spilled or lived, cannot be replaced or taken back to do all over again."

Many of us have cried over the past... only to discover that hasn't changed a thing.

But there is an answer to what has been "spilled" in your past! It's called "FORGIVENESS!" You might need to be forgiven or you may need to forgive.

Forgiveness is something that our church can help you with! Do not cry over the past... do something about it!

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