



# point of view

BY BILL NIXON

In an effort to make death more "humane", North Carolina's legislature is considering a bill to give convicted and condemned death row inmates a choice in their method of dying.

Should the bill pass, North Carolina will join nine other states using lethal injection as a form of execution and the sixth state to offer the condemned a choice.

who introduced the bill, says: "It's terrible to have an option, but it's terrible to die either way, and it is giving them the opportunity to avoid something I think is horrendous."

dividual for taking the life of another may not prevent someone else from committing murder, it will at least assure that the convicted will not have the opportunity to kill again. The rules of life, and an individual's right to live a full life without fear of being murdered, demands that society react to such disregard for human life. The death penalty provides society the means of settling that debt.

death. There was no concern shown for their suffering and pain. Should we be that concerned how that debt is repaid to society?

The use of lethal injection will allow the most humane way to administer the death penalty. The condemned's pain and suffering will be minimal, and the responsibility of society to carry out such

a system will be less demanding. Of the 38 states that have a death penalty law, most use either the gas chamber or the electric chair. A few use the

ing squad or the gallows. Many of these will probably follow the actions of the states already using lethal injections. Paying for taking the life of another will become easier. But should it be?

## Laura Litchfield Is Honor Graduate

Laura Allen Litchfield of Raleigh, who began her high school career at John A. Holmes in Edenton, has graduated from Jesse O. Sanderson High School in Raleigh. An honor graduate, she was one of a class of 472 seniors who received diplomas at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on May 31.

Laura will enter Meredith College in the fall. She is a recipient of one of 12 Julia Hamlet Harris scholarships offered to outstanding freshmen.

While in high school Miss Litchfield was in the Sanderson Marching Band, the Wind Ensemble, the French Club, and the National Honor Society. She also received the

award for outstanding level III French student.

Her church activities included the choir, handbells, and the youth program. She has been a delegate to the Annual Conference Session for youth at Methodist College, Fayetteville, and a participant at Senior High Workshop at Louisburg College.

This summer she will participate in her fourth Youth Music Workshop sponsored by the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. She has served as Youth Council Chairperson of Edenton Street United Methodist Church, where she is a member.

Laura's mother is Mrs. Doris A. Litchfield. Her father, Harry B. Litchfield

was executive vice president of Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Edenton, before his death in 1976.



The song, "America," written to the tune of "God Save the King," was first performed in Boston in 1943, continuing until 1950.

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Sunday School - 10:30 A.M.  
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Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.  
Youth Meeting - 6:30 P.M.  
Council at 11:00 A.M.  
1st Sunday at 7 P.M.

Any death is horrendous when it occurs by other than natural means. But these individuals are not on death row because death occurred naturally. They are there because they chose to take another human life, often in a manner that would have to be called "horrendous." By giving them a choice in the matter of their own death, society will have given them an option their victims never had.

Davis went on to note that "Gas is a terrible method. It takes six or seven minutes with the person fighting for breath." With a lethal injection of sodium pentothal, the individual would be unconscious in 15 seconds and dead within a few minutes. Some would argue that giving the condemned a choice in his or her death only makes the matter of capital punishment even more "cruel and unusual" punishment. They will argue that death as a means of punishment should be abolished, that most civilized nations have done so, and the death penalty has not proven to be a deterrent.

It's been pointed out by way of this column before that the issue is not necessarily whether or not the death penalty serves as a deterrent. What is really at issue is the intent of the law, not only the nation's, but society as well. While executing an in-

dividual for taking the life of another may not prevent someone else from committing murder, it will at least assure that the convicted will not have the opportunity to kill again. The rules of life, and an individual's right to live a full life without fear of being murdered, demands that society react to such disregard for human life. The death penalty provides society the means of settling that debt.

Organized death is certainly not a pleasing experience. For a man to know that he will die must be one of the hardest things to accept. To offer that individual an option in the manner in which he will die is even harsher. But again, it must be noted that he does have a choice . . . a choice probably not allowed the victim.

It has become a normal thing to read the headlines today and find a story of murder, rape, robbery, and general disregard for human life and property. Often, the details of such acts are hard to believe. Stories of victims being murdered, often slowly, in the most horrible fashions known to man are not uncommon. These victims had no choice in their manner of

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TO MAKE A LIVING - PICK UP STICKS!

AS IN EVERY PERIOD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD'S HISTORY, THE POOR AND NEEDY OUTNUMBERED THE WEALTHY AND MIDDLECLASS IN BIBLICAL TIMES—ESPECIALLY IN THE CITIES! THOSE WITHOUT A FAMILY BUSINESS, OR SOME SMALL PLOT OF LAND ON WHICH TO GROW FOOD WERE HARD PUT TO EKE OUT AN EXISTENCE! ONE MERE METHOD BY WHICH A POOR MAN COULD MANAGE TO SURVIVE, WAS GATHERING TWIGS FOR FIREWOOD. IN A PLACE LIKE JERUSALEM, IT WAS AT A PREMIUM FOR NONE COULD BE FOUND IN THE CITY AND THE OUTLYING AREAS BOASTED OF VERY LITTLE MORE! EVERY STICK AND TWIG THAT LAY ON THE FLOOR OF THE KIBRON VALLEY, EVERY FALLEN BRANCH FROM THE OLIVE TREES ON THE MOUNT ABOVE, WAS POINDED UPON. THE WOOD-GATHERERS SPENT LONG, BACK-BREAKING HOURS AT THIS TASK. FINALLY TO CARRY THEIR HEAVY BUNDLES IN A WEEGLY CLIMB UP THE HILL TO THE CITY, DURING THE DAY THOUGH AT THE END OF DAY—THERE, TO BARGAIN WITH SOME ANXIOUS HOUSEWIFE NEEDFULL OF WOOD TO COOK THE EVENING MEAL, OR TO WARM THE HOUSE AGAINST A CHILLY NIGHT!

PERHAPS THE OLIVE GROVES WERE THE BEST PLACES FOR WOOD GATHERING, ALTHOUGH IT DID MEAN A LONG TRUDGE DOWN INTO THE KIBRON VALLEY AND A HARD CLIMB UP THE MOUNTAIN OF OLIVES TO GET THERE! BUT, WHEN THE TREES WERE PRUNED ALL FALLEN TIMBER BELONGED TO THE WOOD-GATHERERS. FOR THIS CAME UNDER THE MOISAN LAW OF GLEANING. AS STATED IN DEUT. 24:19-21, LIFE WAS HARD FOR THE POOR BUT AT LEAST THESE LAWS GAVE THEM SOME HELP!

NEXT WEEK: THE KING WHO CAUSED AN EARTHQUAKE!

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