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As We See It..... By Kay Piotrkowski

Following Arab oil producers' announcement Tuesday that they will end production cuts to Europe and Japan, the stock market took a jump, and gasoline rationing in the United States appeared less likely than in recent weeks. The federal government has promised an answer on national gas rationing by the first of the year and this newest development could have an important impact on the decision makers in Washington.

With all the D.C. vacillating on solutions for the energy crunch, it seems not many of the makers have been decisioning a great deal lately. Some suggested an exorbitant tax, others wanted to combine rationing and taxation, and still others believed in indirect rationing by letting costs zoom thus pricing many Americans out of the market.

Energy Chief William E. Simon has asked service station owners to voluntarily limit sales to 10 gallons. He obviously hasn't received reports from Hoke County where most retailers have been even more stringently limiting sales for several months. He also asked Americans to reduce their average gasoline consumption from around 14 gallons a week to 10 gallons. There have been hints that the 10 gallon limit might be that allocated if rationing does go into effect. Perhaps Americans can attain the 10 gallon average but there are many whose livelihood will be lost if forced to use only 10 gallons of gas a week. Salesmen will be unable to cover their territories. People who reside moderate distances from place of employment will be unable to go to work five days a week.

If rationing does come, and it appears to be the only near equitable way to dole out limited fuel supplies, hopefully instead of passing out equal amounts to each driver additional gas will be allocated for driving to and from work and for on the job required driving. The administration has not favored rationing and attempted to downgrade the success and magnify the failures of World War II rationing. Certainly there were flaws in the World War II system. People took advantage of these flaws to cheat the system and turned to black market sources for additional gasoline. The administration today explains rationing would develop a black market. But the black market is already here.

Since there is a possibility that rationing may have to be instituted, it would appear the powers that be could benefit from an objective study of the World War II system. In what specific area did the old system break down? How? Why? What can be done to avoid these pitfalls in a new system? These are the questions that need serious attention.

While measures to limit, tax or ration may help alleviate the present situation, we sorely need other sources of power so our economy is not dependent on the whims of a handful of oil barons, be they domestic or foreign.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, December 23, 1948

Ryan McBryde, State Senator from the Twelfth district from this county since 1933, and elected for the 1949 term, sent his resignation to Governor Cherry yesterday.

Walter Lee Maultsby, farmer and merchant of Montrose, died suddenly at his home there at about four o'clock yesterday morning.

Harry Greene, Robert Gatlin, W.J. Coates and Colon Scarborough went to Lake Matamuskeet Sunday and hunted ducks Monday.

From Poole's Medley:

One thing this writer has learned, Hoke has done more in the way of defending Democracy than other like population. Hoke County sent into the ranks of defenders 1,461 men, seventy odd of these were commissioned officers.

Mrs. Hattie Hall Currie, native and long-time resident of this county passed away Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, Archie Currie, in Pinehurst.

R.B. Lewis, chief of the Raeford Fire Department, this week urged everyone to be especially careful to prevent the happiness of the Christmas season being marred by fire.

Battery "A" 677th anti-aircraft automatic weapons battalion, local National Guard unit and first live unit in the State to be Federally recognized after the war, has accepted an invitation from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts to attend the inauguration of W. Kerr Scott as Governor of North Carolina and to take part in the parade.

15 years ago

Thursday, December 25, 1958

Officials of the North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation explained details and routes of the 630 mile pipeline system to representatives of more than 30 eastern North Carolina towns Friday, and then followed the explanation with a ground-breaking ceremony at their equipment site eight miles south of Red Springs.

From Rockfish News:

The Nail Keg Club is still going strong although it was slighted by The News-Journal last week.

Raeford Jaycees in cooperation with Jack Latkowski of the Acme Advertising Company, are planning a setup near Jack's shop on the 401 by-pass north during the holidays in which free coffee will be offered to passing motorists.

A clothing project for children in Hoke County was discussed at the Raeford Kiwanis Club Thursday night and some items were shown by members of the Home Demonstration Club who made them.



The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

Only those with a constant memory block will appreciate that my husband prides himself on having a memory like an elephant's. He is even able to remember the year the Titanic sank.

He says he can remember anything with numbers in it, i.e. his driver license number, zip code, address for the past five years, and his parent's telephone number.

Not that it is particularly bothersome to me, but he also remembers the year his mother was born, and that bothers her. The part that bothers me is that he has an uncanny way of remembering what the bank balance was and compares that to what the bank balance is. He is even able, simply by looking at my check book which has a blank ledger, to discover how many checks I have written in a month and has a pretty good idea of how much money I spent. Now that is really bothersome.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

A man can get into trouble before he knows it these days. Last week, you may recall, I was suggesting in a yuletide spirit that the best Christmas present for the world would be a bigger bunch of honest politicians.

Now I've gotten this letter from a man in Washington asking "how much more honest do you think you and the rest of the voters are than most politicians."

It's an unsettling question and if there ever was a time for confidentiality, executive privilege, secrecy of the ballot, sanctity of the grand jury, incompetent secretaries, and probably a re-writing of the Constitution, now's the time, but I'll wriggle out of it some way, if I can get hold of the right lawyer and drag the thing out long enough.

This Washington man went on to report that a public opinion poll recently asked the question: Did you vote in the 1972 Presidential election? and 73 percent said yes, although actual voter turnout that year was just 55 percent. A lot of people, he said, were lying.

It's something to think about, although I've noticed most politicians will deride a public opinion poll unless it's in their favor.

I really don't know how many people are honest, that is, honest all the time. I suspect most people are honest most of the time, if it's not too inconvenient or April 15, some are more honest now than they were before they got what they've got now, and some will be less honest later than now, depending on what the opportunities are and how much cash is floating around or what they're elected to.

I guess the amount of honesty in the world is about like the stock market. It fluctuates up and down through stress and strain and nobody can tell you for sure which way it's going next week.

On the whole though I'd say that a wise politician today is one who gets the feeling that what the people want most of all right now is honesty in office. They may want also honesty everywhere else too, but you've got to remember that dishonesty out of office is a lot easier to get by with.

I don't know whether I've answered that Washington man's question or not, but at least I've tried to heap a lot of confusion around it.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Most of the time I do not try to fool him by telling him that I only paid \$12 for an item which actually cost \$12.98. But when the after Christmas sales roll around, I find myself resorting to the most extreme forms of self-preservation. I use the old I-forgot-the-exact-price routine or the but-dear-it-only-costs-us-gimmick.

I always get my share of gifts at Christmas. And it isn't that I plan to make the yearly sales, but after the holidays I realize that it will be a whole year before a really rip snorting sale season and I lose all my self discipline.

Just imagine the thrill of purchasing a purple scarf at one-half price to go with the rims of your glasses. Fantastic. Or how about finding a hairpiece for one-quarter off and discovering it may be the exact color of your mother's spit curl. I ask you, could you pass up a bargain like that? Me neither.

Cap isn't the least bit excited about the wrought iron birdcage that sits in the corner of our living room. I got it last year, but never got around to buying the bird for it. When you find the cage at a third off you're a real scrooge if you don't buy it.

The saddest part of the Christmas sale is having to take all the bargains home and try out the excuses for buying them on Cap. Somehow the excuses never really fit him. Last time I tried the what-a-bargain approach, he said, "Dear, you know I'm good with numbers, and even if I weren't, I would still be able to put two and two together. Let's see your checkbook."

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON - My current term as a United States Senator from North Carolina will expire at noon on January 3, 1975. I will not seek re-election to the office in 1974.

My decision to this effect has been made with much reluctance after much deliberation.

September 27, 1973 was my seventy-seventh birthday anniversary. Despite this fact, I still do as much work in the Senate as any Senator of any age, and still find the official tasks devolving upon me challenging and satisfying.

Experience is the most efficient teacher of all things, including legislating. I have been privileged to serve North Carolina in the United States Senate longer than any other North Carolinian except Matt W. Ransom, Furnifold M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman.

A case can be made for the proposition that my long service in the Senate, my familiarity with national issues, my friendship with my Senatorial colleagues, my chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, my seniority on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and my chairmanship of its Subcommittees on Constitutional Rights, Revision and Codification of the Laws, and Separation of Powers, and my seniority on the Senate Committee on the Armed Services would enable me to serve North Carolina and the nation with more effectiveness in the immediate future than at any time in the past.

Moreover, North Carolinians past numbering assure me of their approval of my course in the Senate, and urge me to seek re-election in 1974. To them, I am deeply grateful.

Notwithstanding these considerations, intellectual honesty compels me to confront this inescapable reality: If I should seek re-election in 1974, I would be asking North Carolinians to return me to the Senate for a term which would extend beyond the eighty-fourth anniversary of my

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



SENATOR ERVIN - While Senator Ervin has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the United States Senate, we do not expect his demise from the platform as has been the case with so many people when they leave public office.

Senator Sam will continue to be a much sought after speaker by the Democratic Party not only in North Carolina but nation-wide. Appointed to the United States Senate in June 1954 by Governor William B. Umstead, Senator Ervin was immediately given an assignment to speak on the Senate Resolution to censor the late U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy. In his nearly 20 years in the United States Senate, Ervin has been loved by both the conservatives and the liberals.

Step by step Senator Ervin opposed the desegregation laws which were enacted under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He has long been an ardent opponent of busing to achieve integration.

His chairmanship and leadership on the Watergate Investigation Committee endeared him to the liberals who have opposed President Nixon from the beginning. The young people have taken a great liking to him. Had he sought reelection he would have likely won.

As much as we admired him, we believe that he has taken the proper course. He will be retiring at the very height of his popularity which will give to him as long as health will permit more invitations to speak out on the issue of the day than he will care to accept.

With Ervin's decision having been made to retire, the embers will likely start burning in the hearts of many people who would not have dared oppose the mountain man from Burke County.

Henry Hall Wilson is already in the race. Having been away from the State for 12 years Henry Hall needs more time to renew friendships and build an organization than the other quotation willing to serve," to use a quotation from the late Governor Gregg Cherry.

OTHERS INTERESTED - Among other men interested in running would find Attorney General Robert Morgan

at the top of the list. While Morgan disappointed many of his friends two years ago when he decided against running for governor, few if any expect him not to be off and running hard for the Senate in early January.

On the Democratic side there are others interested in running, former Congressman Nick Galfianakis of Durham, for one. Nick defeated Senator Jordan in 1972 then lost big to Jesse Helms in the fall election.

Former Lt. Gov. H. Pat Taylor, Jr., who lost to Skipper Bowles in the primary is said to be interested in making the race. Congressman Rich Preyer who lost out for the Democratic nomination for governor to Dan Moore in 1964 might be interested in trying for the Senate, Bob Scott whose dad - the late W. Kerr Scott went on to win election to the U.S. Senate two years after leaving the governor's office, might well like to follow in his dad's footsteps.

REPUBLICANS - It now appears that Cong. Wilmer Mizell of Davidson County is a most likely early entry into the race from the Republican side. "Vinegar Bend" as Mizell was known in baseball circles where his pitching enabled the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the World Series in 1960, is regarded as one of the GOP's most formidable contenders.

Others receiving mention among the Republicans include Charles Ray Jonas, Jr., of Charlotte, son of the former Congressman Jonas. Cong. Jim Broynhill, is another top man in GOP circles who might become interested in running with Ervin out of the running.

It now appears that the primaries for both the Democrats and the Republicans may become a real "dobbybrook."

NEW YEAR'S WISH - For the New Year, I send the readers of this column this message, author of which is unknown:

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

When it comes to advertising the late Will Wynne of Raleigh had a system all his own.

His advertisements in the Raleigh paper were supposed to deal with his radio and radio-repair shop. As a matter of fact, they dealt with practically everything else, including international problems, care of children, curing dogs of mange, and the best way to cook spinach.

To our way of thinking, however, one of these advertisements is in a class by itself.

As you know, there are several other stores in Raleigh selling radios. This is the ad Mr. Wynne ran in his regular space:

HONESTY - ABILITY
WYNNE RADIO CO.
Nothing But Radio

The best in radio since radio began. Repairs cannot be done for less. Oldest in America.

We wish you a Merry Christmas. That part sounds all right, despite the fact that the advertisement appeared about ten days after Christmas. However, maybe Mr. Wynne was thinking of the next Christmas.

But just look at the rest of the copy which appeared in the same space:

In the Meantime, Get your Radio. Philco from Thompson-Lynch Zenith from Johnson-Lambe. General Electric from Jimmy Briggs.

Those are three stores that were competitors of Mr. Wynne in Raleigh. Never before have we seen anything like that.

Some years ago Mr. Wynne displayed some money in his show window. He advertised perfectly good ten-dollar bills for \$5.00; five-dollar bills for \$2.50, and one dollar bills for 25 cents.

Only one sale was made. A customer came in and paid \$2.50 for a five dollar bill. Mr. Wynne made prompt delivery. Other folks merely looked at the money and laughed.

Recently we were eating dinner in a local restaurant next to a party of four people. One man was doing most of the talking and to put it mildly, he was extremely loquacious. He possessed a voice which had unusual carrying power, and that meant that practically everyone in the dining room was able to hear him, whether they wanted to or not.

His specialty seemed to be telling jokes. We'll give you a sample of what we overheard: "A college professor asked his class to give him the Greek word for marriage. There was silence, which was finally broken by a voice which announced somewhat doubtfully: 'Professor, I believe the Greek word for marriage is 'monotony.'"

He laughed to beat the band over that. Then he branched off into this one:

"Another teacher asked her class: 'What is poetic license?' And a boy promptly responded: 'Poetic license is the license you get at the city hall before you can write poetry.'"

He just naturally went into stitches when he turned that one loose. The next one went like this:

"Two men were talking to each other. One of them said to the other: 'You need change and relaxation. Why don't you play golf?' To which the other one responded: 'Shuck, I can't play golf; I don't know one card from another.'"

We had finished our desert by that time, so we got up and left. Maybe it was just as well.

Stories Behind Words

By William S. Penfield

Silhouette

In 1759, Etienne de Silhouette was named French minister of finance. A war in which France was involved had just ended, and the government was financially exhausted.

In order to rebuild the country's finances De Silhouette adopted severe economic measures. Costs were cut as much as possible.

The money-saving program extended even to paintings. Instead of having portraits painted, it became the fashion to have outlines drawn of the profile and filled in with black. These outlines looked like shadows on a wall.

From the name of the man who popularized them, the shadowlike pictures are called "silhouettes."