

Ex-Hoke Couple's Boys Show Ambitions Early



Jason Donald King

Joel David King, 4, and Jason David King, 6, leave little doubt as to their career intentions. The E.M. Rollins School, Henderson, N.C., where Jason is a student, recently held "Week of the Young Child," and the students were asked to dress according to the jobs they wanted to hold when they grew up. Young King, son of N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper and Mrs. Donald G. King and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn B. Dees of

Rockfish, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lackey of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. King of Carolina Beach, made it clear that he wanted to be a trooper like his dad. Not to be out done, young Joel had to have an outfit like his brother's. So Mom had to keep her needle and thread going until she had finished two Patrol outfits. Trooper King is a former resident of Raeford, and Mrs. King the former Anna Dees, is a former resident of Rockfish.



Joel David King

Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture:
Haggai, Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8.
Devotional Reading:
Psalms 132:1-5

A habitual criminal was being interviewed on television. Looking at his career in crime, it appeared to the interviewer that the convict was constantly trying to get back into prison. All of his behaviour -- including the leaving of obvious and stupid clues -- seemed guaranteed to put him behind bars no matter how much he protested his desire for freedom. "But why would you continue to do that which was guaranteed to put you back in jail?" the interviewer wanted to know. "Because," said the convict in a moment of rare insight, "it was safe there. Inside, I know the

ropes. Outside, I have never learned."

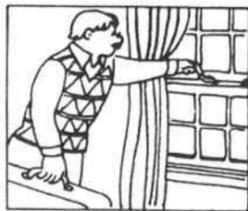
Many criminals are thus motivated. Unconsciously they prefer the security of their captivity to the frightening responsibilities of freedom. But this syndrome encompasses not just convicts, but many other types of people as well. Some people unconsciously prefer the special privileges of illness to the responsibilities of being well. Others who consciously bemoan their lack of advancement in their jobs unconsciously do all they can to prevent themselves from having to face the responsibilities of a better position. They may tell themselves that "the time isn't right," that later they will be ready, but for many the time never comes.

This was the situation which the prophet Haggai found in Jerusalem in the fifth century B.C. When Nebuchadnezzar had besieged the city, he had levelled it to the ground and carried off its most important people into captivity. Left behind were just a handful of lower class people to haunt the ruins of the once-holy city. Most of the people of Judah were carried into Babylonian captivity. But when Cyrus, the Persian, conquered the Babylonians in 538 B.C., he published a decree allowing the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild their temple. Some did, but many, having grown accustomed to their life in Babylon, despite years of yearning to return, remained there.

When the exiles returned to Jerusalem, they found a reluctance on the part of the local people to rebuild the city and its temple. So, "the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, 'Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?' (Haggai 1:4). The people continued to procrastinate, saying it wasn't yet time to rebuild, but through Haggai God was calling them to leave the security of their self-imprisoning attitudes and take upon themselves the responsibilities of free men, putting their trust, not in their sheltered, confining lives, but in God.

When we are afraid, it is because we have failed to put our trust in God. Until we do, we will continue to be afraid of freedom.

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Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

In this election year, it seems that both the Republicans and the Democrats are trying to outdo each other in promising tax cuts to the voters.

The only thing that strikes a sour note about this is that the people don't seem to be buying it and recognize it as an example of election year politics.

The Republicans started talk of a cut in income taxes at their recent convention in Detroit, when their nominee announced that he favors the Kemp-Roth plan to cut taxes ten percent each year for the next three years.

Democrats in Congress, getting this message, hurriedly announced that they would come up with a tax cut of their own, although they announced no details.

Shortly after these things happened, a national poll taken by the Associated Press and the National Broadcasting Company showed that voters, by a margin of over two to one, said they would rather have a balanced federal budget than a tax cut. They also said that the estimated \$250 a year the average family could expect from a tax reduction wouldn't help them all that much and that the proposal to cut taxes is just "election year politics."

Sixty-three percent said they would rather see the budget balanced than taxes reduced.

While I realize that people need tax relief and would like to see that happen, it is probable that a tax cut at this time, when the government is trying to make expenditures match its income, would add to inflation which is really the nation's number one problem. And this might cost the average family more than the money saved on the tax bill.

More than one-half of those polled do not believe that taxes can be cut and the budget balanced, and almost everyone agreed that deficit spending is a chief cause of inflation.

So I believe we had better go slow on this election-year tax cut proposal, and make sure that what is done doesn't start the inflation rate upward again.



Accent on Agriculture

BY JOHN SLEDGE
N.C. Farm Bureau Federation

Farmers Speak for Farmers

More and more "outsiders" are telling farmers how to run their business. Rules and regulations affecting farmers are being written and enforced by agencies and personnel that have no concept of how food gets to their table.

A frightening reality has food becoming a political tool. In the years to come, food will become a potent force in international politics. Countries will find substitutes for high priced and dwindling petroleum supplies.

But even with our technology and scientific know-how, no replacement can be found for food. It will be a common denominator which all nations will be seeking.

Reliable forecasters are predicting world food shortages during the next generation. American farmers' over-production will no longer create surpluses.

As populations grow, tragic consequences could result as countries where hunger and scarcity are accepted seek grain to stave off the unacceptable alternative of starvation.

If government must meddle in farming, when it should be in a constructive way. Rules, regulations, mandates, and "shoot from the hip" decisions that inhibit production and contribute to the decline of farm income cannot be tolerated.

Farmers are carrying a large and sometimes unappreciated burden on their shoulders. Food is produced by people for people. Americans have to realize that farmers are individuals that produce food. In order to supply it, there must be profit.

Farmers must never let themselves become a faceless or anonymous segment in a complex food production chain. In fact, farmers are the key element. Individual farmers must be visible and always seeking opportunities to explain their role in America's most important industry.

Farmers are proud individuals and are not prone to bragging about their accomplishments. However, no one can talk with more knowledge and authority about farming and agriculture than farmers or their supporting organizations.

Pride and willingness to explain agriculture on a one-to-one basis will help all agriculture.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, August 4, 1955

Acting Superintendent W.T. Gibson, Jr., of the Hoke County schools was preparing this week to make arrangements to open the colored elementary school in Little River Township and to transport other children from that township to schools at Ashmont and Raeford in the event the last proposal made by Hoke County for payment for these children attending Moore County schools is not accepted by the Moore County boards of commissioners and education.

Angus C. Keith retired on the last day of July after 42 years and three months as a rural mail carrier from Raeford post office, the last 36 on Route one.

The board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford instructed the police force to be even more strict on speeding within the town limits, and commented favorably on the use of the speedwatch, or "whammy" inside the town up to this time.

At a busy meeting of the Hoke County board of education last Friday night the board set the opening date for the schools of the county, and gave Superintendent K.A. MacDonald a two-months sick leave, named an acting superintendent and dealt with the Little River School problems.

Many friends and relatives from Raeford, Hoke County and else-

where came to call on Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Cox Sunday and wish them well on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Miss Flora Dunlap McQueen, 79-year old native of Blue Springs Township in Hoke County, was buried at Bethel Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon.

15 years ago

Thursday, August 5, 1965

The federal government this week threatened to withhold all financial aid to Hoke County schools unless the faculties of the Head Start classes here are not integrated immediately.

Hoke County Commissioners were told Monday that the county's tobacco crop may be as much as 50 per cent short and cotton yields may be down 20 to 25 per cent.

A compromise ordinance was passed by town council Monday night which, for all practical purposes, permits horsemen to stable their animals within the town limits.

A team of Raeford All-Stars, sponsored by The Bank of Raeford, advanced to the finals of the Southeastern Slow Pitch Softball Tournament here Tuesday night by downing Ralph's Mobile Homes of Fayetteville in a come-from-behind 3-2 thrills.

Mrs. Anne Poole took over Monday as emergency director of the Hoke County Welfare Department.

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