

Opinions



"Sure I'm nervous... If you'd been forced to change insurance from Lloyds of London to 'Fair Deal Freddie', you'd be nervous too."

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 The Hoke/Raeford Humane Society is doing its part -- what are you doing? We need more members. The cost is only \$10 per family per year and membership can be obtained by calling Sheryl McGinnis at 875-5746.
 The animals need help. They can only be helped by humans. Ask yourself "what can I do to help?"
 Sincerely,
 Jack Letzgus
 Hoke/Raeford
 Humane Society
 Member

State's surplus tax should be returned

To the Editor:
 North Carolina is one of the finest states in this country and is a wonderful place to live and work. We are blessed with good people, good climate and good government. We have good highways, good schools and are considered one of the most progressive states in this country.

We do, however, have one tax that is an unfair tax, capricious in its application, and probably the most disliked tax in our state.

I am, of course, referring to the Intangible Tax.

This tax was instituted in 1868 and was instituted at a time when capital was not as important and when the economy was more labor intensive.

It is a tax that discriminates against capital and is out of step in the computer age of the 20th century. It is a tax that discourages investments and savings.

Because of changing tax laws, tax shelters, thrift plans and other investment vehicles, as well as computerized transfers of money, it no longer efficiently collects what it was designed to do.

It's peculiar application hits very hard at retirees and new businesses and most of all

discourages people from moving to North Carolina.

Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and North Carolina have both Intangibles Tax and an Income Tax, and Ohio will eliminate their Intangible Tax on December 31, 1984. Indiana is phasing out its Intangible Tax. Georgia and Kentucky have a lower rate of Intangibles and a lower Income Tax than North Carolina.

The General Fund of the State of North Carolina has an estimated surplus of \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 this year. It is only fair that the taxpayers in North Carolina share in this excess revenue, particularly since their taxes were raised by \$219,000,000 in 1983.

When the Legislature meets June 7, they will have an opportunity to review again the tax program of the state and it is an ideal time for the Legislature to start directing some of the revenue back to the taxpayers and to make a progressive step forward for the State of North Carolina.

However, the Legislature needs to know how the citizens feel and I would encourage every taxpayer to contact their Legislators by personal conversation, telephone and letters to encourage them to repeal this most unpopular tax. It can only be done if the taxpayers let the Legislators know how they feel.

Let's take another step to make North Carolina the best state in the Union.

Very truly yours,
 James M. Culberson, Jr.
 Asheboro

Graduates like stones in Pyramids

To the Editor:
 Aren't the pyramids of Egypt amazing?

For centuries, they have stood, adding a certain mystic and beauty to Egyptian culture.

Surely, these structures were

made of good, solid stone blocks, constructed upon a solid foundation.

The Egyptians are very proud of these ancient monuments.

Our society is a type of "pyramid." For a better, stronger society, the solid foundations are the student graduates of today who become the "solid stones" of our religious, political, and Industrial (pyramidal) society.

Among the Hoke High School graduates this year, a promising "stone" for tomorrow is Kevin Edwards, of North Stewart Street.

Edwards is a good example of what the graduating student should be.

Affectionately called "John" because of his remarkable resemblance to John Lennon, Edwards' desire is to further his education for the benefit of helping other people, in life.

Edwards recognizes the important need for leaders in the field of psychology.

Kevin Edwards, you're a fine man and a very good example to others. The world needs more men like you. Truly, you're a "good solid stone" in the construction of a solid society.

As the Egyptians are proud of the great mass material gone into the building of their pyramids, we're proud of you. Congratulations! May God be with you and your fellow graduates.

Thank you sincerely
 Daniel Edwards

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are encouraged and welcomed. Writers should keep letters as short as possible. Names, addresses and telephone numbers should be included and all letters must be signed. Names will be printed, however, other information will be kept confidential. We reserve the right to edit letters for good taste and brevity. Letters should be received by *The News-Journal* by noon on the Monday of the publication week.

Mondale looks like favorite

By Cliff Blue
 The feeling among writers, politicians and most others is that Walter Mondale now has the nomination almost sewed up.

Despite the predictions of Gary Hart that he'd win on the first ballot, most pros think this is highly optimistic thinking, even for a candidate.

We understand that Hart is being talked about in Mondale circles for second place on the Democratic ticket. But lots of Democrats feel that a southerner must be on the Democrat ticket if the ticket is to win the November election. It used to be that the South was taken for granted on the Democrat tickets without a southerner, but that is a by-gone

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situation now. Days have changed since 1928 when Al Smith was the Democratic nominee when North Carolina and some other states voted for Herbert Hoover.

Take Texas, it's a big state, the biggest of the old Confederate States.

Can Mondale carry it without a Texan on the ticket? It's a big decision for the Democrats, and Reagan might still carry the state. Reagan carried Texas in 1980 with 915,018 with Carter receiving 875,635.

This means that North Carolina is not a safe state for Democrats or Republicans any longer.

EFFECTIVE... President Reagan showed how effective he is on TV in his recent speech on Central America. The next day the Democrat controlled House approved his Salvadorian aid request.

HOME OWNERSHIP... The share of Americans who own their own homes has declined for the first time in at least 20 years, the Census Bureau reported recently.

BAD DOCTORS... We read that more than 36 million Americans are being treated by incompetent doctors because physicians who have lost their licenses in one state are able to take advantage of loopholes in licensing rules and practice in another, a Senate committee was told recently.

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Public Notice for Budget Hearing
 A budget hearing will be held on June 18, 1984 for all interested citizens of Hoke County. The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1984-85.

Category	Total Of All Funds	Revenue Sharing Fund
General Government	\$ 909,980.	\$ 43,612.
Public Safety	824,458.	25,000.
Environmental Protection	248,062.	173,730.
Human Services	1,818,784.	18,096.
Cultural & Recreational	168,786.	20,000.
Economic & Physical Development	78,000.	8,500.
Schools	1,605,712.	\$145,300.

The meeting will be held at the Pratt Building, Commissioners' Room, 227 N. Main St. for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget at 7:30 p.m. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Pratt Building between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

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