

Viewpoints

Hoke housing agencies need to work together

Forty new federally subsidized apartments planned for the Antioch area are needed, and construction of the units could be the beginning of improved housing for all Hoke County residents paying government supported rents.

Although the new units will be funded through the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority, plans are for the project to be managed by the Raeford Housing Authority. It will be the first marriage between the two autonomous agencies.

Because of a limited staff, the Indian Authority has not

developed a good managerial track record for the units under its jurisdiction in Hoke County.

Many tenants living in units overseen by the Indian Authority have endured broken windows, inadequate heat, poor ventilation, leaking roofs, dripping plumbing and bad sewage disposal and have gotten little help from the management agency.

As a result of abuse by tenants and poor upkeep by landlords, many of the Indian Authority units around Hoke County have become eyesores resembling public housing slums.

On the other hand, the Raeford Authority, which has been approved by both the city and Hoke County governmental bodies as the official housing agency, has been working hard to improve living conditions for all tenants in units under its management.

Housing projects managed by the Raeford Authority are a credit

to the county and a model for other agencies in the state.

By managing the units in the county, but not owning them, Raeford established a new system designed to insure dwellings are maintained by the owners and tenants who damage their apartments are evicted. The system is working.

If the \$2.25 million Antioch project is constructed, it will be the first cooperative effort between the Indian Authority and the Raeford Housing agency.

Hoke County needs only one housing authority, and if the Antioch arrangement is successful, it is hoped more of Indian Authority's management will be turned over to the Raeford agency.

This county still has residents living in squalid conditions. The Raeford Housing Authority has a proven record of making strides to improve dwelling standards and needs to manage all of Hoke County's taxpayer subsidized housing needs.



Soldiers of fall are ready to meet challenges of game

As the fall air begins to replace the steaming heat of summer, the tug of excitement which grips one's soul is caused by the approaching gridiron season. Football is an old and honored sport. No level of it is truer to its origin than the high school variety.

Broken plays, dropped passes, 60 yard runs and heroes are all a part of the fun-filled Friday nights. Those who make the headlines, get the girls and the glory are only a small part of it.

What about those who sweat and toil so the headlines will shine? Many young men have occupied those hard benches with visions of getting a chance of running one play, catching a pass or throwing a good block. Whether he gets the chance or not, he returns to the drudgery of practice on Monday. Why do they do it? Surely not for the glory, it is hard to be glorified on the bench. Those who have played the game and those who have spent a lot of time sitting and wishing are best qualified to answer the question.

Belonging may be an overworked phrase. It still fits the reason for a young man toiling in 90° heat three times a day.

Football is a game of hard knocks which teaches cooperation, working together and a sense of



Looking On
Raz Autry

being a part of the whole. No one part will be successful without the component parts. Those who sit on the bench for most of the game are as important as those who gather the headlines. If only they will remember when a part of the whole breaks, without a replacement the machinery is useless.

High school football players are a breed apart. This is not in any way to imply that all young men should play football. Some should not. They will excel in other ways. Even those who do not play or should not will admit the game requires a toughness not found in any other sport.

When the tough decisions have to be made later in life, the stage was set for those decisions on a playing field, practice field or in head to head combat.

Bands playing, girls prancing and grandstand quarterbacking is all part of the action. Nothing can take the place of the electrifying excitement as 40 or 50 young war-

riors dash on the playing field. Each in his young heart knows this night was made for him. Pop also knows his player is better than anyone on the field because he is a chip off the old block. Moms only want to hold him because he is still her baby. However she is willing to give him up, for moms can always see beyond the present. Trying to explain a play to her is a waste of time. She is not all that thrilled over the action. Concern for her son's personal worth and feelings consume her thoughts.

Being a part of the team, sharing the elation and disappointment with those who do their best is enough glory to last a life time.

A line from Willie Nelson's newest hit is "forgiving is easy, forgetting takes the longest kind of time."

Forgiving the mistakes of excited boys in an exciting game has long ago been minimized. Forgetting the thrill of belonging not only will take the longest kind of time, it will not disappear in a life time.

Suit up, it is time to excite the crowd, eat the popcorn and drink the hot soda pop. The unforgettable Friday night soldiers of fall are ready to meet the challenge.

Letters To The Editor

Summer library on top

To the Editor:
Take a bow, Hoke County Public Library! Betsy McNeill, children's librarian; Elizabeth Burgess, director; and staff worked many hours to give our children a wonderful summer reading program.

The well-attended programs each Tuesday morning during July attested to the fun and excitement these creative people provided.

My sincere thanks to all of you for giving me the opportunity to enjoy it with the children.

Joann H. Gaddis
Lower School
Librarian,
Fayetteville Academy

Citizen support urged for EAS phone service

To the Editor:
As a recent transplant from Cumberland County to Hoke County, I keep thinking how nice it would be to have direct phone service between the two counties.

My parents and most of my friends live in Cumberland County and sometimes when I dial I before their number I can't get an outside line. This is irritating, but liveable.

However, on a recent Sunday morning my father had to call me collect from a hospital emergency room in Fayetteville.

When I got the phone bill with this call on it, I was charged \$1.37 for one minute. This seems a little ridiculous to me when we could just pay a little larger flat phone rate and be able to call Fayetteville and Fayetteville can call us without the hassle of dialing one first, worrying about how many minutes we've talked, and how much money it's going to cost.

I urge the residents of Hoke County to keep up the push for direct phone service, we really need this convenience.

Thank you,
Mrs. Teresa Shaw McDougald

New county business not getting business

To the Editor:
Lumbee River Chemical and Janitorial Supply, Inc. is a new business located in the South Hoke area.

We have contacted the county of Hoke and the City of Raeford to do business with them. We offer at least 65% of the cleaning and chemical products the county and city use with no freight and lower prices.

Our products are good quality products and we stand behind them.

As of today we have not received any orders from the county or city. We have good response from the surrounding counties and city governments. We would like to know why we have not received any information on their request for bid quotations.

The county and city are always requesting citizens to shop in Hoke County, yet they go out of the county to buy their supplies. Shouldn't they spend the taxpayers dollars in Hoke County also?

They should be working with us and other businesses to keep the tax dollars in Hoke County. They should be encouraging small business instead of ignoring them. We have followed their procedure and have contacted the necessary people; including the County Manager, the finance officer and the City Manager. Their response to us has been none.

We would like to know why we have not been given the opportunity to do business with Hoke County and the City of Raeford.

We would like the taxpayers of Hoke County to look into where their tax dollars are being spent, and why they are not being spent with a locally owned and operated business.

We do appreciate the independent businesses who have done business with us. Thank you all very much.

We look forward to doing business with our local governments. We look forward to growing with Hoke Co. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sandra L. Byrd
President
Lumbee River Chemical

Help appreciated

To the Editor:
This letter is to say a few kind words about the people who were so kind, loving and caring for my mother Mrs. Maggie Baker.

EMS you were always here when we needed transportation to the hospital, and showed mom a little extra love. I appreciated it so much, thanks.

Home Health, Judy, Rhonda, Vickie, Helen, Jackie and Susan. They always shared love and care and did real good job and made mine so much easier. Thanks to you all too.

Reeta you are one in a million. The many times I needed a pal you always seemed to know what to do day or night. Thanks.

Mr. Beaver, Mr. Walters and Mr. Barwick your visits were special. Mom looked forward to your prayers and visits.

Hoke Rescue, Mr. Hasty and Mr. Wade you are appreciated too. Thanks.

Sincerely
Mrs. Margaret Wilson

Seat belts could have helped prevent injuries

To the Editor:

As the "oldest rat in the barn," I have learned many lessons from the school of hard knocks. Recently, it happened again. I hope that my fellow North Carolinians, no matter what their age, can pick up a pointer or two from my experience.

My wife, Minta, and I were headed toward our home here in the city and were in a serious automobile accident. The only reason I was badly banged up and my wife is still in the hospital with stitches and a broken leg is that we did not have on our seat belts. Like us, unfortunately, people do not think an accident will happen to them until it is too late.

Last year over 11,000 North Carolinians not wearing seat belts were either killed or seriously injured in automobile accidents.

So, whether you are eight or 85, take a few seconds to buckle up, and reduce this tragic loss of lives and talent to our great state.

Thad Eure
Secretary of State

Judicial review is required for a written constitution

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The noted English political thinker, Lord Bryce, is often quoted in his comment on the role of the Supreme Court:

No feature of the government of the United States has awakened so much curiosity ... caused so much discussion, received so much admiration, and been more frequently misunderstood, than the duties assigned to the Supreme Court and the functions which it discharges in guarding the Ark of the Constitution.

Lord Bryce, of course, referring to the doctrine of judicial review in the interpretation of constitutional terms and principles, articulated formally in 1803 in *Marbury v. Madison*.

It is helpful to an understanding of the issues surrounding the unique role of the judiciary in the American constitutional system to examine one particular case. The setting in which *Marbury v. Madison* was decided, with all its momentous consequences of our country, is important. That historic holding had its antecedents in our colonial experience and its taproots in the declarations of fundamental rights of Englishmen dating back to the Magna Carta.

It is often assumed that the doctrine of "judicial review" was the invention of Chief Justice John Marshall. It is true that Chief Justice Marshall first applied this keystone doctrine of our constitutional law in *Marbury*, but Marshall did not originate the concept, and never claimed to have announced a novel doctrine. He was well aware of the general acceptance of the idea that constitutional adjudication was inherent in the very nature of the separation of powers under our written Constitution.



New Federalist Papers
By Warren E. Burger

In the very year of the Declaration of Independence, and a quarter of a century before Marshall became chief justice, the people of the town of Concord, Massachusetts, held a town meeting and adopted a resolution that "a Constitution alterable by the Supreme Legislative is no security at all to the subject, against encroachment of the Governing Part on any or on all their rights and privileges."

Earlier, when the colony of Massachusetts Bay was under British colonial rule, the sturdy farm people of Berkshire County refused to let the colonial courts sit from 1775 to 1780 until the people of Massachusetts adopted a constitution with a bill of rights enforceable by judges.

The premise in these events, twenty-five years before *Marbury*, was that by its very nature as an organic document defining and delegating powers to three separate coequal branches of government, a written constitution would be a limit on the acts of the legislature and executive, as well as on judicial power, so as to protect fundamental liberties. Where else but in the judicial branch was the appropriate vehicle for providing that protection?

Long before *Marbury*, American political leaders, including many of the most distinguished lawyers and judges, accepted as fundamental that a written constitution was a restraint

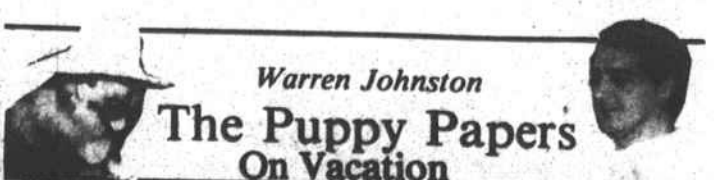
on every part of the federal government. John Marshall, in 1803, was doing little more than declaring what was widely accepted by so many of the best legal minds of his day.

As with so many great conceptions, the idea of judicial review of legislation now seems simple and inevitable in the perspective of history. The people of the United States delegated certain powers to the national government and placed limits on those powers by specific and general reservations. Once the states and the people declared and adopted certain guarantees relating to religious freedom, speech, searches, seizures, and arrests, would it be responsible to think that Congress and the executive could alter those rights?

The explicit procedures carefully providing for constitutional amendments negate the idea that a written constitution could be altered by legislative or executive action. The language of Article III vesting judicial power "in one Supreme Court" in "all cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties ..." would be sterile indeed if the Supreme Court could not exercise that judicial power by deciding cases involving conflicts between the Constitution, federal laws, the treaties on the one hand, and acts of Congress, the executive or states on the other.

Given the extraordinary power that judicial review vests in the judiciary, the question may be raised: Who will watch the watchmen?

It is true that in the tenure of office of all federal judges, so essential to their independence, there is a risk that power can be abused.



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