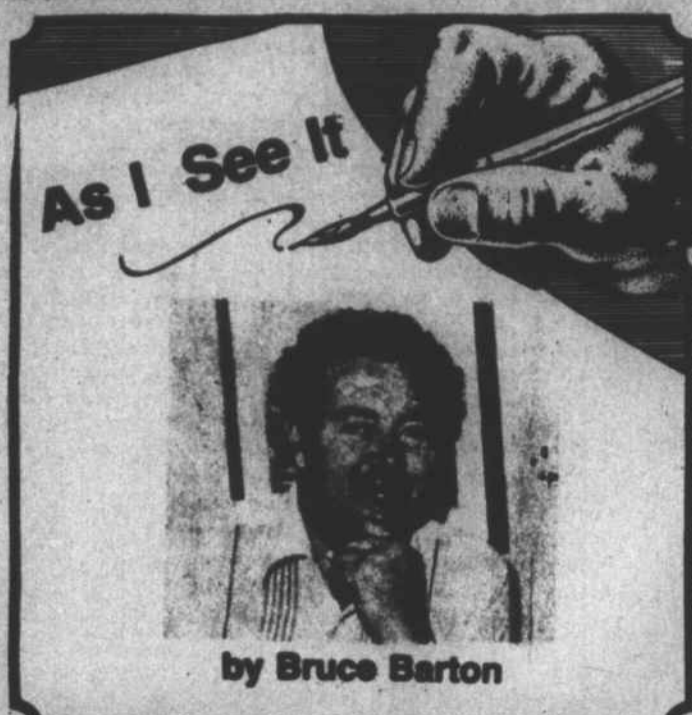


EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS, COMMISERATIONS TO THE LOSERS

It was an interesting election season, no doubt about it. The best thing about it now is that we'll get a respite until November when we crank up again for the general elections. We offer congratulations to the winners and, of course, commiserations to the losers. Like the old timer said, "Some'un has got to win and some'un has got to lose." That's the way it is in America, one of the last bastions of free expression at the polling place.

Surprises. One campaigner who really impressed me was Danny DeVane, the Hoke County Commissioner, who finished second in the balloting for the North Carolina House of Representatives. He proved anew that a man can still win a campaign without paying people to vote for him. He spent all day Tuesday at the Pembroke polls and went away with many, many friends and a mind boggling 1,025 votes. Noted a long time political observer, "DeVane was one of the most effective campaigners I have ever seen. If he ever got hold of your hand he had a good chance of convincing you to vote for him."

Pembroke also showed a bigness, a statesmanlike quality by helping return Sidney Locks, the Black candidate for the House, to a first place showing. I am proud of the place I live near by and work in for standing by Locks in spite of ill will caused by the June 29 Primary. Pembroke, as I see it, is one of the most democratic places in America. Indian folk will usually do the right thing if given the opportunity to do so. Locks also helped himself by coming to Pembroke and asking Indians to vote for him. People still like to be asked for their vote and, certainly, not be taken for granted. Seemingly Gary Locklear, the Indian who lost a close race for district judge, also did himself proud by publicly supporting Locks during an especially trying time. I suspect that the Black electorate will remember Locklear's magnanimous and courageous stand if he ever runs for public office in the future.

And, of course, Wyvis Oxendine heat incumbent

Herman Dial in the Pembroke-Maxton-Smiths Commissioner District race. The winner deserves our congratulations. He is a personable and articulate young man. I am sure he will make a fine county commissioner. But I must honestly confess that I voted for Dial although the newspaper I did edit maintain an air of neutrality throughout the campaign. I will never endorse one Indian candidate over another. I have never done so, and I did not propose to begin a dangerous precedent in this particular race. I try to be honest with my readers. That is my only reason for telling you (after the election is over) that I voted for Herman Dial. I hope to develop a good and honest relationship with Oxendine, especially if he overcomes the Republican opposition of Bob Brewington in November. That's just good sense. But I want my relationship with Oxendine and all men to be based on honesty.

So, congratulations to Wyvis Oxendine and all his hard working supporters. They ran one of the most organized campaigns I have ever seen in all my years of covering politics. They rightly should be proud of their monumental achievement.

So, congratulations to the winners and commiserations, of course, to the losers. The only consolation to the losers is that there is always another campaign.

Some people once believed that mountains were formed by an enormous underground serpent moving about.

Pug dogs were so prized by the nobility in ancient Spain that they were kept under the care of special women, and were never allowed to set foot out of doors.

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a man and his dog." Mark Twain

Local Students Attend

Approximately 100 North Carolina high school students attended the final session in a series of four week-long workshops conducted by North Carolina State University's School of Engineering.

The session, held July 11 through 16, brought to a close the engineering school's Student Introduction to Engineering (SITE) program. It was sponsored by the school's Undergraduate Student Services Division under the direction of Assistant Engineering Dean George F. Bland.

More than 400 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors were chosen to participate in the SITE program on the basis of their interest in and potential for engineering and science careers. They came to the campus for a week to attend demonstration classes and laboratory sessions. They interacted with engineering students and faculty and gained on-campus living and learning experiences.

The following area students attended the final SITE workshop. Listed as the student's name, high school, his or her parents' names and home address:

Robeson: Doris A. Locklear, Prospect High School, Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Locklear Jr., Route 3, Maxton; and Ann M. Woods, Prospect High School, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woods, Route 1, Pembroke.

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Senate stands firm on balanced budget

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday refused to weaken a proposed constitutional amendment requiring balanced budgets, rejecting efforts to allow red-ink spending in times of economic or other non-military crisis.

The chamber first defeated 61-34 a proposal to waive the balanced spending requirement in times of international turmoil or natural disasters. A similar revision, allowing deficit spending in economic emergencies, was defeated 67-30.

The constitutional measure before the Senate would permit an unbalanced budget only if the country went to war.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., a leader of the measure's opponents, said exceptions should be allowed for other reasons, including overseas crises, earthquakes, floods or famine.

"It is ridiculous to require that we have to declare war to spend what we need to spend on national defense," he said.

Under his proposed change, Cranston said, the president or Congress could decide to "spend what we need for the national emergency."

During a White House meeting with 12 senators Monday, President Reagan urged an exception permitting deficit spending both in wartime and if national security were threatened.

But chief Senate supporters of the amendment, including Republican Sens. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Orrin Hatch of Utah, were opposed to the exception.

Thurmond said the amendment already permits Congress to exempt federal programs from the

amendment with a three-fifths vote in the House and Senate.

A national emergency exception would make it too easy for Congress to find an excuse to spend more than the government takes in, Thurmond said, adding: "But if we have a war, that's another thing."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., another supporter of the amendment, said, "We are not going to have an open checkbook for anybody unless there is a declaration of war."

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., an opponent of the amendment, suggested in jest that a future president might declare war on a small country like Iceland to permit an unbalanced budget.

While there would be no actual fighting, Moynihan said, the United States might pay "modest reparations" to Iceland for allowing the United States to declare war.

More generally, he said, the balanced budget amendment has been found to be "phony as a three-dollar bill" by almost every economist who has considered it.

After considering a series of amendments by opponents, the Senate is scheduled to vote on the balanced budget amendment Wednesday.

In an interview, Hatch conceded that it will be tough to attract the 67 votes needed for passage of a constitutional amendment.

A two-thirds vote also is required in the House; then the amendment would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

"Any time you fight for a constitutional amendment, it is uphill," Hatch said.

INSIDE-OUT CREAMY CUPCAKES

- 1 package (14 oz.) gingerbread mix
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 container (8 oz.) Birds Eye Dover Farms whipped topping, thawed

Prepare gingerbread mix as directed on package, adding walnuts. Divide batter evenly into 12 paper baking cups set in muffin pans. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes, or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Remove from pan and cool on racks. Cut a 1-inch circle in center of each cupcake and remove. Gently scoop out center, reserving crumbs. Toast reserved crumbs at 350° for 10 minutes; cool. Fill each cupcake with about 1 tablespoon of the whipped topping. Replace tops. Frost tops of cupcakes with remaining whipped topping and sprinkle with toasted crumbs. Serve the day prepared or freeze 2 to 3 hours or overnight. Remove cupcakes from freezer 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Makes 12.

"A mountain and a river are good neighbors."
George Herbert



The vast Pacific Ocean washes the shores of five continents—North and South America, Asia, Australia and Antarctica.

'72 Prospect Class Reunites



The 1972 graduating class of Prospect High School held its second class reunion recently at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House. Each member gave a brief resume of himself or herself followed by a short program by the class leaders. Special guests were former teachers, along with their wives, and class sponsors, Mr. Johnny A. Locklear, Mr. William C. Chavis, Mrs. Flora Scott, Mrs. Mable Cummings, Mr. Nash Locklear, Mr. Leo Locklear, Mr. Marvin Lowry, and Mr. and Mrs. Hudell Harris. A steak dinner was served.

Pictured left to right are members who attended. Front row (seated): Wanda Locklear, Cindy Sanderson, Penelope Lowry, Delton Bullard, Keith Dial, Catherine Howell, Kenneth Clark, Benly Jacobs, Jeff Collins. Second row: Betty Dial, Janet Dial, Gail Locklear, Oriana Chavis, Mary Dial, Joan Worriax, Barbara Lowry, Helen Baber, Alva Scott, Kathy Chavis, Peggy Dial, Connie Boutelle, Tulsia Lowry, Jackie Locklear, Rebecca Lowry, Gemma Clark, Terrie Bullard, Carl Jackson. Third row: Lory Locklear, Cathy Jacobs, Lory Strickland, Garth Jacobs, Larry Delson Strickland, Jimmy Blue, James Bullard, Henry Locklear, Terrell Lowry, Glenn Locklear, Edward Locklear, Ariana Locklear, Dan Locklear and Gregory Chavis. (Bill Hunt photo)

REPORT FROM
U.S. Senator
JESSE ★★
HELMS

WASHINGTON—In December 1972, about a month after I was elected to the Senate, I had lunch one day in Raleigh with B. Everett Jordan, who had been defeated in his bid for renomination to the Senate the previous June. Thus he was leaving the Senate after many years of distinguished service. The Democratic Congressman who had defeated Senator Jordan in the 1972 primary was himself defeated in the November general election.

Senator Jordan and I had been friends for more than two decades. And as I look back on it, it never occurred to me that I would one day succeed him in the U. S. Senate.

LUNCH—At lunch that December day, Senator Jordan remarked that the Senate had undergone many changes since the early 1950s when I went to Washington as administrative assistant to Senator Willis Smith, a close friend of Mr. Jordan's. "For one thing," he said, "you're going to have a constant fight on your hands to preserve the tobacco program."

He mentioned that the smoking-and-health issue had become mistakenly confused with the tobacco program. The false notion was growing that the tobacco program had something to do with whether people smoke cigarettes, he said—when, in fact, there is no connection between the two. The only questions were (and are): Who will grow the tobacco? Will foreign farmers grow the tobacco and ship it into the United States? Or will American farmers continue to produce the highest-quality tobacco in the world, thereby earning their livelihoods?

Destruction of the tobacco program would mean economic chaos for hundreds of thousands of tobacco farm families, including 45,000 families in North Carolina.

JORDAN—Senator Jordan told me that day that he seriously doubted that the tobacco program would survive for even four more years. "Like it or not, Jesse, that'll be up to you and Herman Talmadge and a few other Members of Congress. I wish you luck—you're going to need it," he said.

Well, nearly ten years have passed, and we still have the tobacco program, and I believe its long-range prospects for survival are very good. But as Senator Jordan warned, it has been a constant fight.

A week or so ago, the program met one of its sternest tests in the Senate. Thanks to the support and understanding of our close friends in the Senate, efforts to destroy the tobacco program were defeated.

TROUBLE—The trouble began late last year in the House of Representatives. The Senate had passed a farm bill which had left the tobacco program unscathed. It wasn't easy, but when the bill left the Senate, the tobacco program was totally intact. The situation in the House of Representatives was vastly different. In order to avoid outright defeat of the tobacco program, Congressman Rose and other tobacco-state Representatives were forced to agree to an amendment which led to yet another piece of tobacco legislation that had to be approved by both the House and the Senate.

The House passed the bill in late June and sent it to the Senate. The papers arrived in the Senate after 5 p.m. on the day before the House of Representatives was scheduled to begin its Independence Day recess. When the papers arrived, most Senators had gone home for the day, and there was no possibility of acting upon it that day.

The next morning I called a meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee, of which I am chairman. Senators on the committee, knowing of the importance of the bill to me, were fully cooperative. A quorum was assembled, and the bill was unanimously approved by the Agriculture Committee and sent to the Senate for action.

But one Senator, Mr. Eagleton, Democrat of Missouri, exercising his rights as any Senator is entitled to do, served notice that he was prepared to filibuster the bill until after the House of Representatives had recessed, thus blocking consideration of it that day. So unanimous consent was reached to consider the bill when both the Senate and the House of Representatives had returned—on July 14.

Which is what happened, and I will discuss that in my next report.



I would like
to thank the Voters
and the many
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