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## Red Springs at bat

Congratulations of an increasingly rare nature are in order for the Robeson County community of Red Springs in its successful effort to obtain a franchise in the Carolina Baseball League.

The Thursday announcement of the awarding of the franchise, and also of a working agreement with the major league Minnesota Twins for the team, climaxed a drive which began last summer. It was truly a community effort and involved a lot of hard work by governmental, business and civic leaders.

If any one person deserves the lion's share of the credit, however, it would have to be Tom Cope. Cope served as business manager of the old Red Springs team in the Tobacco State League in the 1950's and has kept baseball alive in the town since the time through his "Baseball For Boys" program.

Due to its size, also because baseball is no longer the national pastime, there is probably some skepticism about the chances of success of a professional baseball team in Red Springs.

But more important than its size is the fact that Red Springs is a baseball town, and these days, such communities are rare indeed. For instance, Raleigh

and Durham combine to field a team in the same league, and until a few days ago, there was considerable question as to whether the Raleigh - Durham club would operate next year.

Thus the return to organized baseball is a bold venture for Red Springs. The move will make the town the smallest municipality in the nation with a baseball team competing in a "Class A" minor league.

The enthusiasm which has already been exhibited, however, seems to assure support at the local level. And in addition, Red Springs should be able to draw baseball fans from surrounding communities, such as Fayetteville, Lumberton, Raeford and Laurinburg.

So come spring, when Minnesota's farm teams take to the field, they'll be throwing and batting at Denver, with its half-million people; Charlotte, with over a quarter-million; and Red Springs, which might make it to 4,000 on a day no one was allowed to leave town.

But it's a pretty good bet that Red Springs will fare substantially better when figures on 1969 game attendance are compared instead of population.

THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER

## For a cease-fire in Vietnam

We wrote a short while ago: "There is nothing sadder than the thought of a soldier or civilian killed or wounded while peace talks are underway." We then went on to express the hope that, now that peace talks have in fact begun, a way might be found to bring about a cease-fire in Vietnam or, if this were impossible, at least a further scaling down of the fighting.

We wish to repeat that plea. We do not see what substantial gain - either military or diplomatic - can be won from further fighting at this time. All of the four main combatants (the United States, the Saigon government, Hanoi, and the National Liberation Front) have directly or indirectly obligated themselves to seek a road to peace. We doubt if any one of these four, under present circumstances in Vietnam, is ready to jeopardize this search by a major escalation of the fighting. Thus, if little is to be won through more fighting, let us seek a further saving in lives and a further lessening of destruction.

Unless we are quite wrong, Hanoi

would be amenable to such an effort. Indeed, there has been a sizable scaling down already in the North Vietnamese battlefield effort. We hope that Hanoi could persuade the NLF that the Viet Cong, continuing to suffer heavy losses, would find it advantageous to agree to a standstill along present lines.

As for the United States, we can imagine few Christmas gifts which would be more welcome to the American people than word that steps towards battlefield peace were being made. Nor can we believe that the Saigon government would in the end do other than agree.

We do not underestimate the hurdles which would have to be cleared to effect such a development. Neither, on the other hand, do we believe that such hurdles are insurmountable. Regardless of one's views on the Vietnamese war, a strong argument could be made for a continuation of the fighting prior to the opening of the present phase of the Paris talks. We do not believe that such an argument now holds.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

## Enhancing demagoguery

Following a speech by Stokely Carmichael at A&T State University in Greensboro, Senator-elect Hargrove Bowles is seeking to draft legislation he hopes will curb Carmichael-style inflammatory speeches in North Carolina. It has to be hoped that Mr. Bowles - and those who quickly identify with his fears as well as his concern - will take a closer look into this matter.

Carmichael may have given a unique rendition of his spiel at A&T. The State does do black militants the unfortunate favor of maintaining what amounts to a captive black audience on such campuses. And, though news reports do not indicate it, Carmichael may have spoken there in substance and fashion different from his appearance at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill a few days earlier.

At Chapel Hill, however, Carmichael showed himself careful as well as demagogic, fearful of the law as well as antagonistic toward it. He did not advocate acts of violence. He made ugly and, he hoped, shocking allusions and inferences to violence - beating

rhetorically around the bush. His act - and it was a stage act at Chapel Hill - was accompanied by the cheap drama and silly theatrics of African-clad associates raising their clenched fists in the Black Power salute. He unquestionably was "guilty" of baiting civil authority and trying to stir racial ill will. That however is not a violation of law. And before any law is passed to proscribe such a performance, legislators ought to give the most careful possible attention to the detail of this kind of inflammatory speech. They could begin by listening to a tape of the Chapel Hill speech. And they certainly should seek some information on the way it was received. They will discover that Carmichael's rhetorical violence was either carefully qualified or hidden in humor; and they will find that it was received with as much silent skepticism, and almost as much youthful snickering, as applause. A new law intended to curb this kind of performance could enhance demagoguery instead of protect the students.

THE NEWS & OBSERVER

## Hope



## YOU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

By William Friday, President University of North Carolina



Before departing for their homes to join their families at Christmas this year, the 36,467 students on the four campuses of the University of North Carolina attended or presented scores of special Yuletide concerts, receptions, programs, food drives, and parties for underprivileged children.

The University campuses and surrounding areas in their home communities bear many signs of the spirit of peace and goodwill that characterize this special period of the Christian calendar.

During the week of December 1, North Carolina State students urged Raleigh grocery shoppers "to buy an extra can of food for the needy." The N. C. State Interfraternity Council conducted a city-wide drive to pick up cans of food from December 9 through December 14.

**CHRISTMAS DINNERS**  
Goal of the drive was to provide Christmas dinners for some 7,000 poverty-ridden people within the boundaries of Raleigh and Wake County.

Clement Huffman of Hickory, a senior majoring in industrial engineering, and leader of the food project, said members of the 17 N. C. State social fraternities and other student organizations made house-to-house canvasses in the Capital City to collect the food. Special pick-up points were set up in the Cameron Village and North Hills shopping centers.

The Class of 1972 at N. C. State presented a Christmas party on December 15 for 100 underprivileged children in Raleigh. There are about 2,000 in the class and the party was a class project. Students began working on it in October. Waldrop Community Center gathered the children and had them ready to be taken by bus to the Erdahl-Cloyd Union Ballroom for the party.

The annual Christmas Concert, featuring the N. C. State Band, was performed on December 10, with 4,000 to 5,000 persons in attendance.

**UNC-G ACTIVITIES**  
The University Choir at UNC-G presented its Christmas concert Sunday, December 15, in Aycock Auditorium, with Dr. Richard Cox, associate professor in the school of music, directing. On December 8, the University Glee Club gave its annual Christmas program, with William C. De-Veny directing.

The annual Christmas reception, given by Chancellor and Mrs. James S. Ferguson on December 18, was held in Alumni House for faculty and staff.

**The Chinqua-Penn Plantation** near Reidsville, operated by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was decorated for Christmas again this year.

The scenic 27-room mansion was bedecked for the Yuletide season last year for the first time since the plantation was given to the University in 1959. As a result, more than 1,300 visitors turned out for a Christmas visit during the 13 days it was open in December.

"Since Chinqua-Penn received such an enthusiastic reception last Christmas, we felt that many people, including those in garden clubs, home demonstration clubs and other groups, would like to see it decorated again this season," stated George W. Hamer, director of development at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Of special interest were the hundreds of poinsettias that are grown each year in the greenhouses at Chinqua-Penn. The poinsettias that are grown there on display in the Chinqua-Penn House, along with many other traditional Christmas decorations.

Christmas at Chinqua-Penn began December 1 and continued through December 15. After that date, it will remain closed until March 1.

Chinqua-Penn was completed just before Christmas in 1925 by the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Penn. On October 20, 1969, Mrs. Penn gave Chinqua-

Penn Plantation to the University of North Carolina. UNC-G has charge of the operation of the mansion and 36 acres of surrounding grounds and formal gardens. UNC-G opened Chinqua-Penn to the public in order that the beautiful gardens, art treasures, furnishings and decorations there may be enjoyed. The mansion was opened to the public on April 15, 1966.

The Yuletide decorations included a large Christmas tree with lights in front of a picture window in the front hall. Also featured was a large Christmas wreath on the main gate leading to the Chinqua-Penn House.

A figurine of the Holy Family was on display inside the mansion, along with several Madonnas.

**CHARLOTTE CONCERT**  
The Chorus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte staged its annual Christmas season concert in the University Union on Wednesday, December 18. Featured in the program of choral and solo pieces was a group of Christmas songs by Charlotte composers as a continuing University contribution to the Charlotte Bi-Centennial celebration.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 8, the University Union presented the Wake Forest University Madrigal Singers in concert and followed this with a tree decorating and lighting party for students and faculty in the University Union.

**PLANETARIUM PROGRAM**  
"Star of Bethlehem," the Morehead Planetarium's traditional Christmas program at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, was presented for the first time this season by Planetarium Narrator Richard S. Dodson, Jr., a former editor of This Week Magazine and a senior Planetarium narrator.

The program has been enlarged this year to include brief discussions of the origins of many traditions of the American Christmas.

## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

The late R. C. Lawrence, Lumberton attorney, sent us the following collection of tombstone inscriptions a number of years ago:

1. In a cemetery at Forestville a widower erected a monument bearing the following inscription:  
"Gone before me O my idol. To the promised land Vainly I look for another In thy place to stand."

2. At Ten Mile, in Robeson County, there is a monument with a mule sculptured thereon.  
3. At Aberdeen there is a tomb with this inscription: COLIN BETHUNE Born in Scotland OF NECESSITY But an American Citizen BY CHOICE

4. Near Rowland there is a flat stone with the following initials arranged around the circumference of a large circle: "F. N. O. D. O. I. T. R. L." It took the antiquarian, David Townsend of Rowland, two years to get the meaning which he finally succeeded in doing with the aid of a Presbyterian minister. The letters are the initials of a quotation from the book of Isaiah: "Fear not, O daughter of Israel; thy Redeemer liveth."  
Here's a sample of unusual coincidences sent us by Dr. R.

H. Speight, of Rocky Mount. It has to do with Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Womble and Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cooper.

Both couples lives in the same neighborhood near Nashville, N. C. They were married on the same day, Saturday, December 23, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Womble were married at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were married at 6 o'clock.

Both births were attended by the same doctor and the same nurse.

Both couples belong to the same church.  
Both Mrs. Womble and Mrs. Cooper chose the same name for their son, without knowing what the other was naming hers.

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Into the dining room of the Patrician Inn in Washington, N. C. a number of years ago came a couple of tourists, a man and his wife. The lady who ran the inn - anxious always to extend every courtesy - approached and spoke to them.

"We have an unusual name," said the gentleman, as he prepared to introduce himself, "our name is Fruit."

"You have nothing on me," replied the Lady of the Inn, smiling. "I am Mrs. Pickles."

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



**TERRY SANFORD** - Had President Johnson chosen Terry Sanford to chart the school desegregation guidelines and given the former Tarheel governor a free hand at it instead of permitting Harold Howe to have a free hand, our opinion is that Hubert Humphrey would now be picking his cabinet members instead of Dick Nixon. Howe not only turned the South against the Great Society but also millions of people in other states of the nation.

**WORM TURNS** - From headlines and news stories in the newspapers it appears that before long the Negro leaders may be fighting the Washington integration guidelines more than the white people. With Negroes in North Carolina constituting only about one-fourth of the state's population, in many instances they will be giving up their own schools to be swallowed up in the white schools. The recent turmoil in Hyde County would indicate that the Negroes are very much opposed to giving up their schools.

**NIXON** - Nixon appears to have named a cabinet that should be able to cope with the problems facing the new Administration.

But in his campaign Nixon decried the violence and turmoil in the country and particularly the nation's capital. But, last week he announced that he would keep on as the capital city's mayor-commissioner, Walter E. Washington under whose administration violence and lawlessness have stalked the streets of the nation's capital city.

Nixon's attempt to bring Senator Jackson into his administration as Secretary of Defense and his re-appointment of Mayor Washington, an LBJ Democrat, indicates that the president-elect is keenly aware that a majority of the nation's voters still consider themselves Democrats and that he already has an eye peeled towards 1972.

Nixon, like LBJ is an out - out - out politician - unlike Eisenhower, and will be doing everything possible to make the road as easy as possible in 1972.

**P.M. GENERAL** - Winton M. (Red) Blount, Nixon's new Postmaster General spoke in Raleigh before NCSU Foundations dinner at the Sheraton - Sir Walter on November 15. As we listened to the Alabamian speak we never dreamed that within less than a month he would be tapped for membership in Nixon's cabinet. One of his sons is a student at NCSU in Raleigh.

**BOB BROWN** - Robert J. (Bob) Brown, the High Point Negro who has been tapped by Nixon as one of his White

House assistants was active in the Democratic party before lining up with the Nixon candidacy this year.

**SKIPPER BOWLES** - When our state institutions of higher learning bring onto the campuses extremists like Stokely Carmichael it looks like poor and loose operation of our tax-supported colleges. Wherever he goes Carmichael tries to upset the people and is doing his best to promote riots and strife.

Most Tarheels will likely agree with State Senator - elect Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, a Greensboro businessman and former C&D Director when he calls for changes in our state laws "to protect the people of North Carolina from any extremist like Stokely Carmichael."

**MORMAX CLUB** - Recently it was my privilege to visit and speak before the Mormax Club in Maxton. This is a unique club - organized in 1922, its name is derived from the two words "more Maxton." Maxton is the trading center for one of the state's enterprising agricultural areas, which by the way was hard hit by the drought during the 1968 summer months.

**DISASTER AREAS** - We were talking with a farmer in one of the counties designated as a disaster county a few days ago. The farmer told me that designating a county proved of no help at all. After the county has been designated a disaster area then the job really begins when you start looking for low cost money!

**TOM MCKNIGHT** - Tom McKnight, one of North Carolina's outstanding country editors died last week. Tom was publisher of the award-winning Mooresville Tribune, and was noted for his hard-hitting editorials.

Probably the high-mark in his journalistic career was his discovery and promotion of Dorothy Brown, a pretty country girl of the Mooresville community who was tagged as "Long Sam" and who received nation-wide publicity.

A poor girl, "Long Sam" graduated from college, taught school and is now married.

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You may not be as young as you feel, medically speaking, says the North Carolina Heart Association. See your doctor before you play the game of touch football. You may not be in as good a shape as you think.

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Everyone can watch what they eat, states the North Carolina Heart Association. Reduce your risk of heart attack by reducing the amount of animal fats in your diet.

## Puppy Creek

Dear editor:

When an original idea comes along it makes a man sit up and take notice, and that's what I did - well I didn't actually sit up, I mostly changed positions in my easy chair to get more comfortable - when I read this article in a newspaper telling how some officials figured out how to solve the problem of speeding on a highway coming through their town.

When they found out that 80 per cent of the cars traveling that stretch of highway were breaking the speed limit, they decided something ought to be done about it.

## Philosopher

What they did was simple. They raised the speed limit. That took care of that.

This opens up vast opportunities in other fields. It'll work in either direction. For example, if schools notice a drop in the number of honor students, bring the educational attainment level back up by lowering failure to 40 and let 70 put you on the honor roll.

When some branch of government sees it's going to exceed its budget before the year is half over, head off a financial crisis by doubling the budget right then.

Is the crime rate increasing? Want to hold it at a constant level? Figure out the

percentage of increase, then throw out the same percentage of laws.

Are you over-weight? This one's easy. No diets needed. Make the doctors decide 150 pounds for a woman is skinny and 200 is normal.

Did the joke you told fall flat? You don't need better jokes, just people with a lower sense of humor.

Did that editorial you wrote fail to go deep enough? You don't need deeper thoughts, just - well, I better not go into that. I'm one of your subscribers myself.

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.