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"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"

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## Our success goes to Washington

The text of Supt. Donald Abernethy's report to a U.S. Senate committee this week on the experiences of the Hoke school system during the development and execution of plans for school desegregation is mostly reprinted in this issue, and makes interesting reading. Further, it is our strong opinion that its reading brings a feeling of pride to most citizens of Raeford and Hoke County who are honest with themselves.

All the citizens of the county can justifiably share pride in the achievement related to the committee by Abernethy, for as he says in his summary, a spirit of cooperation from the general public, along with other factors, notably the steadfast and courageous leadership of the county school board, has "combined to help eliminate the inequities in public education in a manner in which citizens of Hoke County are very proud."

Abernethy didn't name the members of the Hoke County Board of Education who provided the courage and leadership without which the relative smoothness and effectiveness of the accomplishment would have been impossible, because names would not have been of interest to the members of the Senate committee. These names are of interest to Raeford and Hoke County people, however, and as the voters of the county saluted them in the election, of May 2, we would like to publicly salute and thank them now for seeing the right way and having the courage to follow it. They are D.R. Huff, Jr., Riley M. Jordan, A.W. Wood, Jr., W.L. Howell, Jr., and Bobby Gibson.

The contribution of all involved has been, and is, certainly important to what has been achieved, but, as in all group endeavors, the leadership is what

sets the course and provides the drive. We feel comfort as well as pride in the leadership we have here.

**WILMOT, S.D. ENTERPRISE:** "The anatomy of any association or club includes four kinds of bones: (1) with bones - those who will go along with an idea but want someone else to do the work; (2) jaw bones - who talk a lot but do little else; (3) knuckle bones - who knock everything everyone else does; and (4) back bones - who get behind the wheel and do the work."

**CHETEK, WISC. ALERT:** "Teen-agers are upset these days because they're living in a world dominated by nuclear weapons - and adults are upset because they're living in a world dominated by teen-agers."

**HELFIN, ALA. NEWS:** "Believe it or not, but there are merchants who still do not believe in advertising. Advertising, Mr. Merchant, is not a fairy story, or a magic wand, to wave over incompetent business management and transform it into a whopping success. Back of the advertising that the merchant pays for must be an ability to serve the public efficiently and economically. These factors, plus wise and honest advertising, will make any business grow."

**BROCKTON, MASS. ENTERPRISE:** "One of the most promising signs on the college campuses is the change in protest from that of the Vietnam war to that of the pollution of our environment .... College students, fortunately, have finally fastened upon a crisis so grave that it needs their impatience and tendency toward direct action. More power to them!"

## Letter to the Editor

Students of Hoke High School  
Raeford, North Carolina

Instead of rebellion for your school, you should always feel very proud of it. Also, for your parents and teachers who try to raise and teach you as U.S. citizens should be.

There you have discipline and organization. All thanks to your principal, Mr. Autry. I live where there is NO organization of any kind in school (Anything goes) Have you ever seen a person on an L S D trip? A person in such pain that the only thing that could help was HEROIN? Ever see anyone so high on pot that they couldn't even tell you their name? Did you ever hear a girl cry out in pain because she was "eat up" with V.D.? I have! These are not very pretty things.

You Seniors, think about what

you've been taught as you leave home for college or whatever, this Fall. Many of you will be leaving mom and dad for good, many for the first time. A few to serve your country. It takes a lifetime to become somebody, one day to lose everything.

I didn't attend school under Mr. Autry, but I try to live by the morals and standards taught to me by Mr. Turlington and my teachers there at Raeford. I also thank heaven for old fashioned parents with old fashioned morals. And I'm not talking about the styles of clothes or hair.

My brother is under "Raz Autry" and thinks the world of him. I think the seniors of Hoke High should thank him as they go out into the world. (Don't forget your parents and teachers who deserve a lot of credit too.)

Sincerely yours,  
(Name withheld by request)

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

June 14, 1945  
At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Raeford held June 7, T.B. Upchurch was elected president, to succeed the late E.B. McNeill. H.L. Gatlin and F.B. Sexton were elected vice presidents.

Capt. Neill J. Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Blue of Raeford, has been awarded the Air Medal for service as a forward observer with the 540th Field Artillery Battalion, attached to the 66th Infantry Division, in France and Germany.

Clarence A. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Burns, has

been awarded the Bronze Star medal for service with an armored unit somewhere in the South Pacific.

V.R. White, principal of the Hoke High School for the past four years, has accepted a position as principal of the junior and senior schools of Fayetteville.

### 15 years ago

June 16, 1955  
Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville attorney, has been appointed solicitor of the Ninth Solicitorial District, composed of Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen and Robeson counties. He succeeds Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, who has been appointed resident Superior Court judge of the

16th Judicial District composed of Scotland and Robeson counties.

First cotton blossoms in the county were reported on June 11, about a week earlier than last year, when the first reports were on June 19. Bringing in blossoms were Ang McLauchlin on Lawrence McNeill's farm at Bowmore, G.C. Lytle of Antioch, and J.K. McNeill. A day later were Bonnie Kelly on the G.B. Bostic farm, Kelly Stubbs on R.J. Hasty's place, I.J. Holland, and Aaron Lloyd on the T.B. Upchurch farm.

John Duncan McNeill has been elected commander of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post, succeeding Truman B. Austin.

Sure 100,000 troops were withdrawn but they've been replaced by fact-finding committees'



## Modern Legal Customs Come From Ancient English Ones

By Laurie Telfair

Monday was the 755th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. Now this really didn't make too much of a splash on world attention but it is interesting to note the proximity of Flag Day on June 14 and the signing of the Magna Carta on June 15.

The two dates are entirely a coincidence and were of course separated by many years - the Magna Carta is a foundation document on which many of the legal rights and traditions of English-speaking nations are founded and which influenced the form of our Federal Constitution.

The early states wrote the language of the Magna Carta into their constitutions and, as late as the nineteenth century, it was used as a basis for the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

When I attended the opening session of Superior Court in Sanford last January, the presiding judge opened his instructions to the grand jury by asking how many people in the courtroom had heard of the Magna Carta. He got a fair show of hands. Then he asked how many people there had read the document. I may have missed it, but I didn't see anyone raise his hand. The judge went on to say that he had found a copy in only one county in which he had presided as judge. He explained that the Magna Carta was the basis of our legal system, and that such forms as the grand jury and the right of habeas corpus came from it.

This gave more meaning to me to a document that I had regarded heretofore only as a date to be learned in my few excursions into English history.

Most of the legal traditions in this country date back to English common law. One of the oldest public offices is that of the sheriff, which dates from the year 1066.

The title sheriff comes from the Saxon words "scyre" which means shire or county and "reve", which means

keeper. The words gradually were combined, but the original meaning as the keeper of the country remains.

The office of sheriff was provided for in the North Carolina Constitution of 1776 and much of the duties are outlined either by the state constitution or by statutes. However, many of the duties come down from the old English common law.

An example of this is the sheriff's function in the courtroom of the county. In the early English system, it was customary for the sheriffs of the counties within a judge's district to meet the judge at the borders and escort him into town to hold a term of court.

It was also the responsibility of the sheriff to provide all the necessary supplies and personnel - from ink, pen, and stationery to food and lodging for the judge and from the court reporter to the executioner.

While the modern sheriff doesn't have to escort the judge or provide him with room and board, he is still largely responsible for the operation of the courtroom.

An interesting sidelight on the eligibility for office is the fact that the constitution prohibits anyone from holding the office of sheriff who denies the being of Almighty God or who has taken part in a duel in any way.

According to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Manual there have never been any cases in which the office was denied for either reason.

A sheriff may be dismissed for, among other reasons, "being intoxicated or being convicted of being intoxicated; failing to use diligence in searching for and seizing illegal liquor distilleries within the county after having been informed of their existence or for allowing a prisoner to escape."

If a sheriff is suspended and the county commissioners don't appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy, the county coroner automatically takes over the duties of the sheriff.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington was kind enough to provide the information on the office of sheriff - including that portion on how sheriffs may be removed.



## STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

### VOCARE

The Latin word "vocare," which means to call, is the root, or foundation, of a number of English words. Several words can be built from it by adding prefixes.

The prefixes are: In (in, into or upon); ex or e (out of or away from); con (with or together); pro (before, on behalf of, forward or forth); and re (again or back).

Adding the prefixes results in the following words: Invoke (to call upon for aid, as in prayer); evoke (to call out of or summon, as from seclusion); convoke (to call together); provoke (to call forth, as from another person); and revoke (to call back, hence to repeal or annul).

## Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor:

Some people are saying the world was never in as bad a shape as it is now, but as I sit out here on this Bermuda grass farm and examine it through the newspapers I wonder about that.

For example, take the astronauts. No sooner do they get a good look at what's outside the world out there in forlorn space and get safely back than they take a desk job in Washington or run for some office, here on the good earth.

Things have a way of balancing out. Take the colleges. According to an article I read last night, over 300 college presidencies are vacant, just not enough capable men willing to take on the job,

even with combat pay. Yet what happens? College notes shut down about that many universities and so, what's the problem?

Or take government employees. For years they dreaded to see Washington's birthday for example fall on Saturday or Sunday, thus knocking them out of what otherwise would have been an extra holiday.

So what happens? They convince Congress it's the holiday, not the birthday, that counts, so now if the birthday falls on Saturday they get Friday off; if on Sunday, they get Monday off. I don't care what the problem is, if a man thinks long and hard enough, there's a solution, although I don't know what would have

happened if Washington and Lincoln had been born on the same day of the month, or if Columbus had arrived here on Christmas. I presume however that Washington has a commission drawing up emergency plans in the event some future holiday - worthy hero gets born on an established holiday

The problem wouldn't come up however if they'd put me in charge of declaring holidays. I declare one whenever I feel like it, having no patience with a man who waits till Congress tells him when to go fishing. What does Congress know about when the fish are biting?

Yours faithfully  
J.A.

## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

If you're a reader of the Li'l Abner comic strip, you know all about Sadie Hawkins.

But did you know that there really is a Sadie Hawkins? There most assuredly is, and she lives in Hurdle Mills, North Carolina. However, when she got married, her name was changed to Sadie Hawkins Davis. She admits that she has had to stand for a lot of joshing because of her maiden name, but she has enjoyed it.

Which leads us to wonder whether Mr. Davis had to run her down on November 9 (Sadie Hawkins Day) in order to get her to marry him.

A friend of ours in Marion was telling us the other day about an election that was held in McDowell County back in either 1918 or 1920. Anyway, two men - John Laughridge, Republican, and George Conley, Democrat - were running for sheriff. When the votes were tabulated, it was found that John had won out over George by one vote.

Wonder if any other county official ever was elected by such a small margin? And, while we're wondering, has it ever happened that two candidates for a county office received exactly the same number of votes?

Mrs. Jacqueline Prevost Jones, daughter of Jack Prevost of Raleigh, visited 43 states of the union, three provinces in Canada and took a trip down into Mexico without ever getting aboard a train. In fact, her first train ride occurred after all this traveling when she went up to Mars Hill a few years ago to attend summer school.

We publish the following announcement from a recent issue of the New Bern Sun-Journal without any comment whatsoever.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Kenneth Leo Landesk, of Washington, D.C. to Ada Naomi Whitford, of Vanceboro, N.C.

### PLANS FOR 10.

Headline in the Richmond County Journal, published in Rockingham:

### SHE PASSES AWAY AFTER 17 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

Advertisement in the St. Pauls Review:

"Whoever stole the accessories off my little girl's bicycle, if you will let me know, I will give you the rest of the bicycle. D.A. Roebuck."

Nobody has called for it as yet.

Mrs. Nelson P. Angell, Sr., Route 4, New Bern, calls our attention to a recent advertisement in The News and Observer:

The best bargains in plants we have ever had, including one hundred thousand screaming plants that will run from two to four feet that we are selling for 25c each, Dunn Evergreen Nursery, Dunn, N.C. No thank you; there's enough noise in our neighborhood already without our investing in a bunch of screaming plants. By the way, what are they screaming about?

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues

**FINCH** - Some people are saying that HEW Secretary Robert Finch's forced resignation from the Nixon Cabinet is the first concrete evidence of the influence which George Wallace's victory in Alabama will have on the Nixon Administration's determination to salvage the south's electoral votes for Nixon in 1972.

The look on the faces of Nixon and Finch as the two appeared together following the announcement that Finch was stepping down from his cabinet post told more than you could read in the accompanying story. Finch didn't want to be demoted but Nixon insisted. So far as Nixon making Finch a white house advisor, all cabinet members are available at the President's call 24 hours a day and Finch knew this as well as Nixon and this was the reason for Finch's foot-dragging on the change.

Also, the announcement last week that several Federal School suits in the South were being dropped may have been an aftermath of the Wallace victory.

Wallace's Alabama victory was regarded as far more damaging to Nixon and the Republicans than to the Democrats. Nixon's 1972 hopes depend right much on electoral votes he can muster in the South.

**HUMPHREY** - There were three serious presidential candidates in 1968, Dick Nixon who won and now resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, George Wallace who ran third but who recently chalked up a come-back victory by winning the Democratic nomination for Governor in Alabama. Now the third man in the 1968 presidential sweepstakes race - Hubert H. Humphrey has announced his candidacy for a comeback try for a seat in the United States Senate. If Wallace and Humphrey are successful in November, as it now appears that they will be, eight months hence will see the three 1968 presidential contenders again in top positions in American political life with each still interested in a rematch come campaigning time 1972.

While Nixon's renomination is taken for granted, it is much less sure as to whether Humphrey and Wallace will be in the 1972 presidential finals.

**HOLLERIN' CONTEST** - Spivey's Corner, a small cross-roads community in Sampson

County between Dunn and Clinton will be the scene of lots of grass roots and down to earth people Saturday, June 20 when the Second Annual National Hollerin' Contest is held. While Dewey Jackson who was named the hollerin' champ last year will not be eligible this year, his brother, O.B. Jackson and plenty of others will be on hand to give their voices a try-out.

A half century ago hollerin' was quite an art with many of the outdoor people who would be traveling by foot, and especially at night when alone and sometimes a little skiddish.

But, with modern methods of transportation, hollerin' like many other arts of fifty years ago have gone the way of the old gray mare and the one horse farm. We think it fine that the people of Spivey's Corner have seen fit to restore the hollerin' art - if just for a day each year.

**CENSUS** - Rumblings are that many communities throughout the state, and probably the nation, feel that a pretty poor job has been done in some areas in the census counting heads this year. In the Wadesboro area people were concerned lest they be short-changed in the population count. A recheck, according to reports added some 500 people in Wadesboro and adjoining area.

Most every community takes pride in having a growth in population and when the tally lags behind the people become concerned.

Many things depend on an accurate population count. Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives depends upon the census count as well as state representation in the General Assembly at Raleigh.

**GRADUATE SCHOOLS** - Governor Bob Scott who is also ex-officio chairman of the State Board of Higher Education sounds a timely warning when speaking in Houston, Texas last week he called for a close look at the South's proliferating graduate college programs. "The orderly development of graduate education calls for much closer scrutiny of existing programs than most states or institutions have been willing to give," said the Tar Heel governor.

Scott was on solid ground when he said close examination should be given some existing programs as well as the new ones being proposed.