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

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The Burlington shuffle

It seems to a sad fact of life that very often moves by public entities or large organizations which are clearly in the best interests of the greater number result in hardships for a few. Persons who have the decisions to make in such cases have to make them in the knowledge that hardships and disruptions will result, and certainly their positions at such times are unenviable.

We refer, of course, to the announcement of some organizational changes in the Burlington Worst Division of Burlington Industries which will affect the lives of several dozen families of this community, among others, during the coming months.

The realignment of the activities and control structure in the plants involved and the conversion of the Lexington

plant to the production of knit fabrics is a move by Burlington to where the action is, and as such must be similar to many decisions in the past which have made and kept Burlington the world's leader in the production of fabrics.

The end result certainly and clearly holds out the promise to almost all involved of more work and more security along with greater payrolls in the future, and in a situation where jobs have been getting fewer and the work week shorter, this has to be the best for the most. If the company comes out stronger and the division more productive, stockholders, employees and communities stand to gain.

We certainly have sympathy for those who face the most disruption. The decision makers must not be having it too easy either.

The price of milk

We don't have a milk cow, but we have been following with interest the activities of the North Carolina Milk Commission for some years and particularly in the past few days when they have been looking into whether to attempt to set a minimum price which merchants can charge for milk.

The commission has had a food store operator before it who has been selling milk for 99 cents a gallon when others sell it for 25 or 30 cents more. He uses it as a "loss leader" to get customers in his store and says he had rather do this than give trading stamps or other things to promote traffic.

People in the milk business and their milk commission argue that price fixing is necessary to protect the public, of all things. They say that if milk prices get competitive farmers will get out of the milk business and the public will have to pay more for imported milk than it pays for milk on which the price is fixed.

This argument, of course, is directly contrary to the whole American competitive economic principle. Sure, when things get scarce prices go up, but when prices go up more producers are attracted and competition brings them back to reason. Competition in the milk business, like anything else, is the surest protection for the public, we believe, completely aside from the principle that if a store owner wants to give away milk, or beefsteak or turkeys, for that matter, he has the basic right to do so.

As we said, we don't have a cow, but we do have a printing press or two, and when a customer thinks he can get a better deal on quality, prices or service

down the road we have to read our own printing, or drink our own milk, you might say. Beauty of it is, though, if we can convince him our price, quality and service are better our press will roll merrily.

That's the challenge and the opportunity. We think it's great, and just hate to see commissions tampering with the principle.

We love our Bucks

We generally find ourselves among those who feel that winning at athletics gets too much interest and emphasis from student bodies, public, alumni and communities, frequently at the expense of academic emphasis. At this moment, however, we want to say we really don't feel that way about Hoke High School, the Bucks and the community.

The primary emphasis at Hoke High is on continuing the achievement of academic excellence where it belongs, and we commend those responsible.

There is something about a winner on the athletic field, though, which warms the hearts of most of us - for each other, for our school and our community, as well as for the team.

So, at this time when so many communities are finding things to disagree with each other about, we feel that we can sincerely thank Coach John Pecora and his squad, the student body, the faculty and the administration at Hoke High for giving their school and community an atmosphere of warmth, togetherness and common purpose which will have deep and lasting value to us all.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, November 22, 1945

The Reeves Drug store here has recently been purchased from the former owner, L.E. Reeves, Jr. by D.A. Hutchinson, of Elizabethtown.

Daniel J. Love, fifty-six year-old man of Blue Springs Township, died at seven o'clock last Saturday morning in the Scotland County hospital in Laurinburg from injuries sustained on U.S. Highway 15A Tuesday night.

The strong Rockingham High School football team defeated a fighting Hoke County High team here yesterday afternoon 19-14 before the largest crowd of the season at Armory Park.

From Poole's Medley:

Christmas Day, 1892 was as warm as summer. We had no fire in the house except in the cook stove to cook dinner. It was almost zero weather next

morning.

Capt. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. was separated from the army this week at Fort Bragg and is spending his terminal leave at home. He is a veteran of campaigns in Africa, Italy and Europe.

Technical Sergeant James Baker arrived at his home in Raeford yesterday after service in the ETO.

Staff Sgts. Harman Lindsey and James Holland and Sgts. Clarence Willis and Walter McDowell arrived last week from the ETO and have honorable discharges from the army.

2-C Lewis McNeill of Norfolk is spending a nine-day furlough here with his parents.

Murdock McDuffie arrived in the states last week after almost three and one-half years in the ETO.

15 years ago

Thursday, November 17, 1955

At a lively but lightly attended meeting of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post at Lake Alice near Timberland Monday night, further plans for the Legion's project for getting a swimming pool built here were discussed.

J.H. Austin, campaign chairman for the 1955 Hoke County United Fund drive, said today that the drive was moving very slowly, or that many workers had not reported.

From Rockfish News:

Forgot to mention last week that Fayetteville Street had been smoothed over again, thanks to the road force. All the houses over this way are adorned with TV antennas except two.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held on Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

Hope this model won't have to be recalled right away



By LAURIE TELFAIR

Life Is Exciting In Rockfish Lately

A couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Ethel Gibson had a weekend she hopes won't be repeated.

It began on a Saturday when she found two pre-school children walking down the road by her house. The kids were crying and were in danger of being run over on the street. Mrs. Gibson took them in, stopped the tears and fixed them a treat while she questioned the little girl, who was about five, as to how they happened to be walking alone on Rockfish road at dusk.

The sheriff's department was called and the youngsters' parents were located and then there was more visits by police officers from Hoke and Cumberland counties. The kids lived in Fayetteville and had been taken from their yard there and left in the woods near Davis' Bridge. Mrs. Gibson told the officers all she knew about the strange story. It was late that night when the excitement over the children ended.

But Mrs. Gibson's unusual weekend didn't stop there.

That was the same weekend that half her chicken flock disappeared. Sometime during the night, someone or something, apparently made off with eleven of the twenty-two hens in the Gibson henhouse.

Early Monday morning, Mrs. Gibson and her son who lives with her, again became involved in unusual events.

There was an auto accident near their home about 1 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Gibson said they didn't hear the wreck, however. Two of the passengers were trapped in the overturned car and the driver went for help.

Mrs. Gibson's house was the nearest to the scene. They were awakened in the night by the barking of their dog. Then Mrs. Gibson heard someone screaming outside in the front yard. A young man was lying on the front lawn calling for help. The officer who

investigated the accident said he had crawled with a broken leg from the wreck to the house.

Mrs. Gibson called the sheriff's department who notified the Highway Patrol and ambulances.

A woman died in the wreck and the two men were admitted to a nearby hospital. In addition to the emotional

wear and tear of the weekend, Mrs. Gibson lost out financially too. After the deputies from Hoke and Cumberland counties left her house Saturday night, she said she was so nervous that she dropped her dentures and broke them.

Weekends aren't usually that exciting in Rockfish. At least, Mrs. Gibson hopes they aren't.



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

Tally

In Medieval England a stick was used for recording transactions between a creditor and a debtor.

A debt was recorded by cutting a notch that extended all the way across the stick. The stick was split lengthwise, and the debtor took one half and the creditor the other.

When the time came for the debt to be paid, the two halves of the stick were put together to make sure the notches matched, insuring that there was no fraud. The stick was called a "tally," from "talea," the Latin word for "stick." The matching of the halves of the stick gave us the verb "to tally," meaning to match or correspond.

Academy

Long ago there was a public park about a mile northwest of the Greek city of Athens. The site of the park had once been the property of Academus, a local hero, hence the park was called the Grove of Academus.

Socrates, the philosopher, used to speak to crowds in the park. Plato, Aristotle's famous pupil who lived nearby, later conducted his school of philosophy there.

Plato's school was known as the Academia, from the name of the park. In time, when one of Plato's followers established a school it also was named Academia.

Academia became the English word "academy" - a school, or a body of learned men.

Paper

The Egyptians learned several thousand years ago that by using the fibers of a certain reed they could make a material that provided a good writing surface.

They split the stems and removed the thin inner fibers which they laid out side by side on a flat surface. They laid other strips on top of and at right angles to these. Then they pasted the two sheets together, forming a smooth writing surface.

The name of this product was called "papyrus," from the name of the plant from which it was made. The name passed through Greek, Latin and French and entered English as "paper."

Puppy Creek

Dear editor:

To get my mind off some bills needing to be paid last night I turned to a newspaper I'd been saving and found an article that made me feel better immediately.

According to it, 93 nations are in debt to the United States, have been for years, and very few are even keeping up with the interest. In fact, the last time the government figured up the interest was in 1965, when somebody did it apparently just to be doing, you know, busy work, and it amounted to \$20,691,809,517.10.

Nobody is quite sure what the total of interest and

principal is and nobody really wants to know, since most of it will never be paid.

Anyway, it runs into the billions of dollars and the reason it's not being re-paid is that all 93 nations are head over heels in debt to themselves, aren't taking in enough tax money to meet their own budgets.

In fact, there's not a country on earth that's not going further and further in debt, including the United States, and I got to wondering.

What happens when the whole world goes broke? Who forecloses and what does he do with it when he gets it? Auction it off?

I can see the ads now: "To be sold at public auction: 210 re-possessed nations, a few demonstrator models, all on an as-is, where-is basis. All terms cash. Seller makes no warranties as to the condition or working order of any of these items."

You can see this would be a holy mess and something ought to be done to head it off. We can't allow the whole world to lose its credit rating.

I'm going to give it some serious thought, just as soon as I get out from under my own debts and get some free time to think. Don't wait on me.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

A man was saying to me the other day that about the most boring type of person he knows is the type who knows everything and who is always absolutely positive that what he says is right, everybody else to the contrary notwithstanding. Just after that conversation I picked up an old publication and read the following by the late E.W. Howe, entitled, "The Nearly Right Man."

"In every town are a good many smart men. They are nearly right on the many questions that come up. Their business is in good condition; they work steadily; they are thrifty.

"Another good sign is, they are polite; still another is, they are reliable. In school matters, in church matters, community affairs - generally, they are somewhere near right.

"My advice is, discover those men and pay attention to what they say. If you have a difficult question, they can do more for you than your United States Senator or your Governor."

And as I think the thing over, I agree with Mr. Howe that that type of man makes a good deal pleasanter traveling companion than the type my friend and I were discussing. The latter type make you so uncomfortable that you feel that you want to shrivel up and blow away.

11. The time, 1677. Not only, says Mrs. Annabel Poalbie of Raleigh, is North Carolina the only one of these 48 states to have hanged a governor, but it hasn't hanged one since. The hanged governor was named Drummond. He was arrested in North Carolina, taken to Virginia and was executed by order of Governor Berkley of that state.

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Her name was Lucy Lucinda Marmaduke Henryetta See - much - pleasure - in - Carolina Adams.

Mr. Bergeron says that she was known to her friends as Carolina Adams.

"In my work while I was in the field service of the government," continues Mr. Bergeron, "I came across quite a number of rather unusual names of which I made a rather lengthy list. Here are some of them: B.A. Mann, Mary Waddles, Gentle Punch, Ruth B. Certain, Morning Love, Pink Snow and Finest Steel."

The other evening after supper we amused ourselves for a few minutes by trying to find out how many words we could think of ending in - logue. We found the following and are giving their definitions. See if you can figure out what the words are:

1. One person doing all the talking.
2. A book or pamphlet that gives an enumeration of items.
3. A talk descriptive of far-away places visited by the talker.
4. Something written on two tablets of stone.
5. A preface or introduction.
6. Concluding section of a novel or narrative poem.
7. Two people doing all the talking.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues

DR. HUMBER - With the passing of Dr. Robert Lee Humber on November 17 North Carolina loses one of its most brilliant statesmen.

The writer became acquainted with Dr. Humber during the 1947 session of the General Assembly when the Pitt County man was spearheading the crusade for the \$1,000,000 State appropriation for the North Carolina Art Museum.

Dr. Humber, when he became interested in a bill or a project was very persuasive and a hard man to turn down. Dr. Humber had persuaded the Kress Foundation to give the State \$1,000,000 on condition that it be matched by the State to establish an art museum in North Carolina.

Dr. Humber sold the late John H. Kerr, Jr. on leading the floor fight for the \$1,000,000 State appropriation on the basis that the money would be available over and above all other state appropriations. House Speaker Tom Pearsall strongly opposed the appropriation but John Kerr's oratory, like that of William Jennings Bryan at Chicago in 1896, carried the day and won the members of the House over the opposition of the "establishment."

Today, thanks to Dr. Humber, John H. Kerr and many others, North Carolina has an outstanding museum which attracts thousands of visitors yearly from far and near.

Following World War II Dr. Humber spearheaded the "World Government" or "World Foundation" movement which was endorsed by the North Carolina General Assembly and some 15 other state legislatures.

Dr. Humber served as a member of the North Carolina State Senate and was a leader in many organizations designed to bring about a better appreciation of the cultural arts in life.

BOWLES - Several people are being mentioned as possible candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1972 and the man who is today regarded as the most likely to make the race

regardless of what others do is State Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro. Last week Skipper made the news by calling upon Governor Scott to set up immediately a panel of experts to study the interest rate situation in North Carolina.

One thing we would like to add to Skipper's suggestion: Let's not have all the "experts" from the banking field. Interest rates concern the borrower as well as the lender and some of the "experts" should come from the borrowing side, the little borrowers as well as the big borrowers who get the "prime" rates.

1972 OUTLOOK - We would venture the opinion that the 1972 outlook for the Democrats appear brighter today than before the November 3 elections when Nixon and Agnew took such leading parts.

COFFINS - Some families spend a great amount of money to bury their dead in long-lasting coffins, but we note that General de Gaulle was buried in a wooden coffin which cost less than \$100, and if memory serves us well, General Eisenhower was laid to his final rest in an inexpensive wooden coffin.

QUINN - With Rep. Dwight Quinn's reelection to the N.C. House of Representatives he now appears to be the front runner for Speaker of the 1973 House. In recent years a House Speaker hardly gets his seat warm before his successor has been unofficially named to succeed him two years later.

DEGREES - Ewald B. Nyquist, New York State's new Commissioner of Education, and also President of the State University of New York has come out for something new in the way of degrees. Give a degree, comparable with the B.A. - not alone to the college student - but to anyone who has mastered worthwhile learning in an informal way, says the New York State educator.

Award this degree to a housewife who has worked to elevate her community. Give it to a man who has responsibility conducted his own business.