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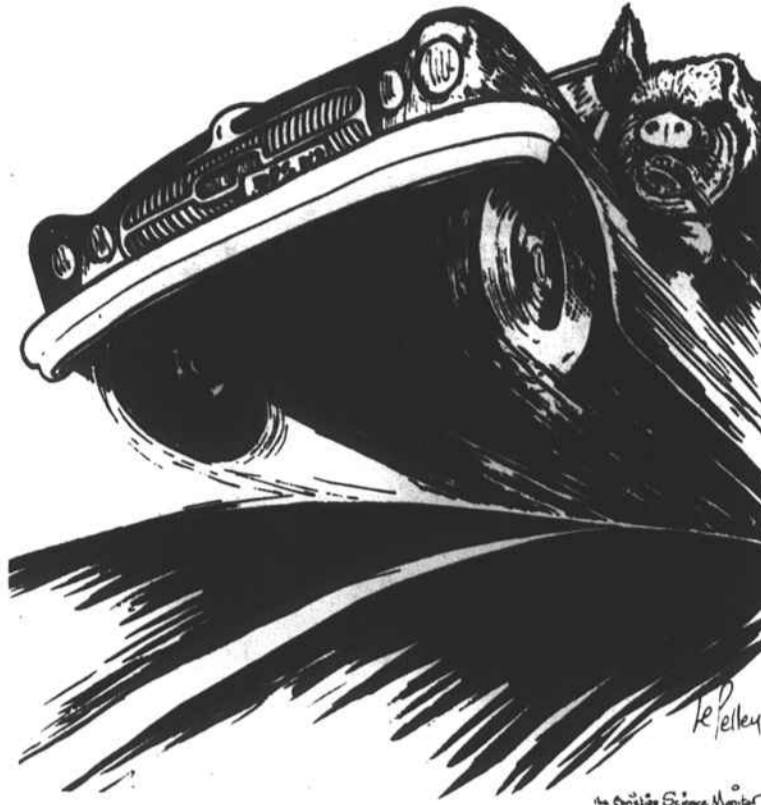
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Who's driving your car over the holidays?

## People & Issues

CLIFF BLUE ...



### Opinion and commentary

by Paul Dickson

As another year, which was so new and full of hope what seems like such a short time ago, is now about to take its place in history, what sort of label is it going to carry in our minds. What sort of year was 1971?

Of course, there are as many answers to such a question as there are those who would try to answer it, but there are also some general answers which more or less apply to us all.

For example, the economy of our country is in better shape than it was a year ago, and although some of us as individuals may not be better off, more of us are, and we are beginning to sense that the steady decline in the value of the dollars we work for may have slowed just a little. A feeling that things are going to be pretty good seems to be taking hold and spreading.

The thought occurs to me that 1971 was a year when our young people stayed out of the news to almost as great a degree as they had stayed in it for most of some previous years. It would appear that they have returned to the more usual and normal pursuits of young people and are satisfied to let someone else run the country while they occupy themselves getting better qualified to do it later. This is not too bad a situation, is it?

Another situation which seems to be showing great improvement as the year ends is the regard in which the American people hold their Army. It seems that we have finally decided to stop blaming the Army for the wars it gets in and to start realizing that the Army goes where it is sent and does what it is told by the civilian executive branch of this country, and nothing more, and that incidentally, it is financed by the civilian legislature. In spite of all this, and in spite of some legislators about what the Armed Services do.

Our Army is fast getting to be not such a bad place to be, it appears to me. A fellow who joined the Army when I was twenty years old started off at \$21 a month, "three seventy a day," the soldiers used to call it, and it was not too bad. Now a young man starts with three meals and the housing, medical care, clothing, entertainment, and so on, and two hundred and sixty - eight, that's \$268 in U.S. dollars a month. To this they add some choices about jobs and places of assignment, opportunities to get more education, and maybe more that I haven't heard of.

One thing has not really changed, though, although not much is being said of it these days. That is the fact that a soldier is in the Army to serve his country if and when he is needed and where and how he is told, and to the ultimate degree, that is, with his life if necessary.

To many Americans today as in the past two hundred years this is a privilege, and to me it is high time we got around to paying a wage for waiting around that is more in line with what he is really waiting around for. It doesn't matter if he never fights or gets shot at. When he puts that uniform on he makes himself available, and rarely does a man put it on without being sharply aware of this. To me this availability is what the country is trying to pay him for, this willingness and readiness to go so most of us can stay behind, and as I said before, it's high time we got his pay to a respectable level.

As 1971 was not a political year, it's for certain that 1972 will be one, all the way from the courthouse to the White House, as the party workers say, and the hopefuls who are getting afflicted by the political virus are figuring out new ways the people need serving on an almost daily basis.

Mayor John Lindsay of New York announced this week that he would seek the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. Lindsay has only been a Democrat three or four months, and as some commentators said, he is like a fellow getting converted one Sunday and running for chairman of the board of deacons the next. Well, if the party faithful elsewhere are anything like these parts, he will have a hard row to hoe, for around here the Democrats don't really trust a fellow if his father ever voted Republican.

That reminds me of one more thing that will happen in 1972, and then I'll have this column about full enough. In spite of everything, Hoke County will have a new Democratic chairman. The new law requires it, and Sam Morris will have to retire.

So for most of us 1971 was a better year than most and maybe not as good as some. We can be thankful for being here, among many other things, and resolve to do more to deserve our blessings. Whatever else it is, we can be certain that 1972 will be interesting, so Happy New Year!

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, January 2, 1947

The Raeford Fire Department at a meeting at the town hall Monday night elected officers for 1947. They are R. B. Lewis, chief, W. P. Baker, assistant chief, McNair Smith, secretary - treasurer; Robert Gatlin, Virgil Dark and J. M. Baker, trustees.

Raeford Drug Company here had its second change of ownership in about a year last week when Tom Cameron and William Howell bought the business from Mitchell Epstein.

North Carolina's first woman in

Congress, Representative Jane Pratt of the Eighth district, yesterday prepared to close a Capitol Hill career of 22 years and hand over to C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, who will be sworn in tomorrow.

W. Roy Breg, executive secretary of Allied Youth, Washington, D.C., is scheduled to speak to students and the public at Hoke County High School in the auditorium Saturday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Work on the Upchurch School building was resumed this week but has been held up again by bad weather.

by LAURIE TELFAIR

## Resolutions For New Year



Since this is the time for New Year's resolutions, I have a few. Not for myself, you understand, as I can never keep them. These are suggested resolutions for other folks.

For John Gaddy, Raeford city manager, whose last year or so has been spent in a search for water for the town. In 1972, I will do everything I can to encourage the citizens to drink more coals, beer and wine, thereby increasing tax revenue and cutting down on water usage. I further resolve to have Rockfish Creek dammed up on Ft. Bragg to keep people from asking why we don't use the creek for water.

For Raz Autry, hair - hating principal of Hoke High: I resolve to grow a beard and long hair this year just to see what it looks like.

For the county commissioners: We resolve to form a basketball team and enter a league in the Hoke County recreation program -- it there is enough money to have a program this year.

For T. B. Lester, county manager who has been the reluctant decorator for the courtroom renovations: I resolve to set up a part - time business as interior decorator, specializing in chair selections.

For Sheriff D.M. Barrington: I will finally get an 8x10 photo of me run on the front page of The News-Journal with the caption "Rest at ease, your local sheriff is on the job."

For Charles Dawkins, state highway commissioner for this district: I will turn the first shovel of earth for the widening of U.S. 401 to four lanes -- if they will let me leave the nursing home for the ceremony.

For Pat Taylor, candidate for governor: If elected, I will have 401 fourlaned.

For Skipper Bowles, candidate for governor: If elected, I will have 401

fourlaned. For Hugh Morton, candidate for governor: If elected, I will have 401 fourlaned.

For CPT George T. Reavell, Special Forces doctor at the health department: I resolve not to talk to any more reporters unless they guarantee they will listen. I further resolve to remember Hoke County after I leave here this summer.

For Highway Patrol Trooper K.W. Weston: I resolve to counsel motorists on their wrongdoings instead of giving them tickets.

For all the merchants who use the district criminal court as the Hoke County collection agency: We resolve to read the law on aiding and abetting issuing worthless checks.

For the magistrates who issue warrants for worthless checks: We resolve to reread the laws on aiding and abetting issuing worthless checks.

For Phil Diehl, local attorney who managed to lose an amazing amount of weight in 1971: I resolve to give copies of Dr. Stillman's high protein diet to all my friends and to stand sideways whenever possible to show off my slim profile.

For Ellen Willis, county home agent: I will have copies of the Women's Lib handbook around the office and send some to the state office.

For Jake Vinson, county FHA supervisor: I will schedule all ceremonies for the state director one hour earlier for him than for the rest of the participants.

For Miss Josephine Hall, retired home agent who has been tapped for a multitude of causes since retirement: I will finish reading "How to Have Fun in Your Spare Time", if I ever have any spare time.

For Judge Dupree: I resolve to hold my temper at all times this year, especially toward solicitors.

For all of us: I resolve to make 1972 the best year yet for my community and for my fellow man. Happy New Year.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor: It's that time of year again to look back over the past twelve months and ahead to the next twelve.

Personally, I'm about as good at telling what's going to happen as what did, like a state legislature waiting for the courts to tell it what the laws it just passed meant, and my prediction for 1972 is that most predictions will be about as reliable as the one made in 1910, by the man who said that when automobiles replace horses and buggies most flies will be eliminated.

Or the college professors in Italy who predicted Columbus would sail off the end of the earth.

Or any President in the last 25 years who predicted a balanced budget.

I know there are a lot of gloomy predictions for 1972 and the years ahead, one of which is that man will go up in smoke when a hydrogen bomb war breaks out or he'll suffocate in pollution, taking all living things with him.

I doubt this. I predict both man and alligator will be around for a long time to come, and that goes for flies and mosquitoes as well as China and Russia and the United States and all the continents and the seven seas with Raeford thrown in for good measure.

I have utmost confidence in the survival of man as long as he remembers the fundamental lesson of life: just keep dodging and don't look back.

Yours faithfully, J.A.

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON - Foreign policy, and particularly the "Mansfield Amendment" establishing a date for the withdrawal of American troops from Indochina, received major attention in the first session of the 92nd Congress.

In a see - saw battle that raged for many months, the issue was debated as to whether the President or the Congress should determine when American troops shall leave Indochina. The Mansfield Amendment, which I did not favor, was passed by the Senate on three occasions.

In June, the Amendment was adopted by the Senate as a part of the military draft extension bill. At that time, it called for a withdrawal of all American troops within nine months of the passage of that measure. A House - Senate conference then wrangled for weeks over whether to include the Amendment in the draft bill. In the end, the conferees substituted language which removed the deadline but did declare that it was the feeling of the Congress that our troops be withdrawn from Indochina at the earliest practicable date.

That battle was then renewed in September when the defense procurement authorization bill came up in the Senate. By then the Mansfield Amendment was modified to call for the withdrawal of American troops from Indochina within six months from the date of enactment of that bill, provided our prisoners of war had been released. Again, the Senate

YEAR'S END ... With this being the last column of "People & Issues" for the year 1971, we will take a glance backward and note some of the outstanding political happenings of the year.

PERSONALITIES ... The trio of public officials who sent the most waves over the state by political announcements were Attorney General Robert Morgan's announcement that he would not run for governor; Congressman Charles Jonas' announcement that he would not seek reelection in the Ninth District; and Congressman Alton Lennon's announcement that he was calling it quits in the Seventh district.

BARBOUR & SIMMONS ... When 1971 made its debut a year ago Gene Simmons was chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and C.D. (Chuck) Barbour was executive secretary in charge of the daily operation of the office.

Barbour, after leaving his party post to accept a position with the C&D came in for heavy criticism for having accepted for the party an envelope left in his mail box containing some \$500 given by a man serving a term in prison. Chuck in his Christmas cards this year has a mail box on it with a sign hanging below reading: "Leave No Gifts."

A few weeks ago Governor Scott named former Party Chairman Gene Simmons as C&D Director, a post many people thought had been abolished with the reorganization of State Government.

Scott came in for considerable criticism in both the Barbour and Simmons matters, but the governor stood by both men and refused to be moved by editorial or candidate criticism.

HIGHER EDUCATION ... Top issue in the North Carolina General Assembly had to do with restructuring higher education. Governor Scott was out front in the battle which required a special session of the General Assembly to settle but the man in the background who might well be called the father of the idea and who deserves much credit (or blame depending on how you view the results) is Dr. Cameron West, Director of the State Board of Higher Education.

DR. FRIDAY ... At one time in the higher education struggle it looked as if

Dr. William Friday, UNC resident was going to be squeezed and bruised pretty badly in the battle. But, as the struggle evolved into legislation and the smoke cleared away, Bill Friday appeared bigger, stronger and more firmly established than ever. Under his leadership you can rest assured that the same high standards will be the guiding goals in the new structure as has characterized his educational leadership in the past.

GUBERNATORIAL OUTLOOK ... With four candidates having already announced their candidacies for governor on the Democratic ticket, the campaign has gotten underway in an official way earlier than ever before. As 1971 comes to a close and 1972 dawns, Pat Taylor appears to be out front and the man to beat with Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles his closest challenger. However, Dr. Reginald Hawkins of Charlotte who polled 129,808 votes for the same office in 1968 can be expected to draw equally as large a vote.

Hugh Morton of Wilmington and Grandfather Mountain with ties in every county cannot be underestimated. Lots of things can happen in four months. A slip of the tongue like Romney's "brainwashing" statement four years ago can change the course of events.

More and more it appears that Jim Holshouser may become the GOP gubernatorial nominee without opposition, but should Jim Gardner decide he would like to make the race again he might well snatch it from the young Watauga man. Gardner is generally regarded among the Democrats as the Republican nominee who could make the strongest run. Gardner is expected to make his decision known in January.

A GUIDE FOR THE NEW YEAR ... As we approach the New Year there comes to mind a quotation from "The Gate of the Year" by M. Louise Haskins which I would like to recommend:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

"And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the Hand of God."

"That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a know way."

HAPPY NEW YEAR ... To one and all: "Happy New Year!"

## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Firm names out of the ordinary: A.V. Wray and 6 Sons, at Shelby, N.C. and Good and Bad Furniture Company, at Williamston, N.C.

Recently I met J.L. Friday of Gastonia and of course, all of us know Bill Friday, president of UNC. It reminded me that there was a Billy Sunday, that I knew a Mr. Munday, and have heard of a gentleman named Thursday, but I do not recall ever hearing of a person bearing the name Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday.

STORIES BEHIND WORDS  
By William Panfield

TO BADGER

The badger, which is related to the skunk and the weasel, is a short, thickest animal.

It has powerful forepaws with sharp claws. Its skin is so loose that, when seized, the badger can turn upon its attacker.

For centuries there was a sport in England called badger - baiting. A captive badger was put in an overturned barrel, then several dogs were set upon it. Though the badger gave a good account of itself in the ensuing fight, it was always overpowered by sheer numbers.

Badger - baiting was outlawed more than 100 years ago, but from it came the expression "to badger," meaning to harass or persistently annoy someone.

Incidentally, Mr. Friday tells me that in his town live Mr. Winter, Mr. Summer, Mr. Spring and Mr. Fall.

Someone handed me this thought - provoking item recently:

In the little world of an English factory, where a number of girls had the job of threading needles, an answer was found to the eternal question, "What does man seek most in life - great wealth or sufficient leisure?"

The girls employed in this plant averaged to thread 95 dozen needles a day all receiving an equal wage regardless of how many were threaded. It was felt that piecework would be a more equitable basis on which to work: the arrangement was tried, and the average fell off to 75 dozen per day.

Then a new basis was thought of. The rate of pay was returned to a flat basis, and the announcement that after a girl had threaded 100 dozen - four dozen more than on the original basis and twenty - five more than on piecework - she could go home, was made. All the girls completed their tasks and had left by 2:30 in the afternoon.

Leisure makes its appeal to most where dreams of wealth fail.

S.L. Jordan of Raleigh told us the following story about Claude Beard of Kernersville, who was a conductor for the Southern Railroad a number of years ago.

One day Claude fell from the top of a box car on his head while the train was running 30 miles an hour. He remained in the hospital for more than a year, during which time he became addicted to morphine. It can be verified that he took as much as 75 grains of morphine a day.

However, when he was restored to health, he quit the habit entirely and got another job with the Southern. His new job consisted of keeping up with all the empty box cars. They gave him this work because of his remarkable memory, and the usual feature about the whole business was that he developed this memory after his accident and hospital experience. Prior to that, his memory had really been very poor. He could stand on the platform of the freight depot, watch a train pass with as many as thirty cars, catch the number of each car as it passed him, and then - immediately after the entire train had gone by - write down all of the numbers correctly.

Some years the Women's Missionary Society in Lumberton determined to raise money toward brick - veneering the parsonage. Mrs. B. Sam Edwards decided to dedicate a tree to the Lord and use the money for the project. She never dreamed of the possibilities.

A short time after she dedicated the tree, Catawba worms crowded the tree to eat the heavy foliage. Fishermen heard of the presence of the worms and came by day and by night to purchase them. Selling them at 25 cents a dozen, Mrs. Edwards in two weeks time had realized more than enough to pay the \$10 she has pledged.

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