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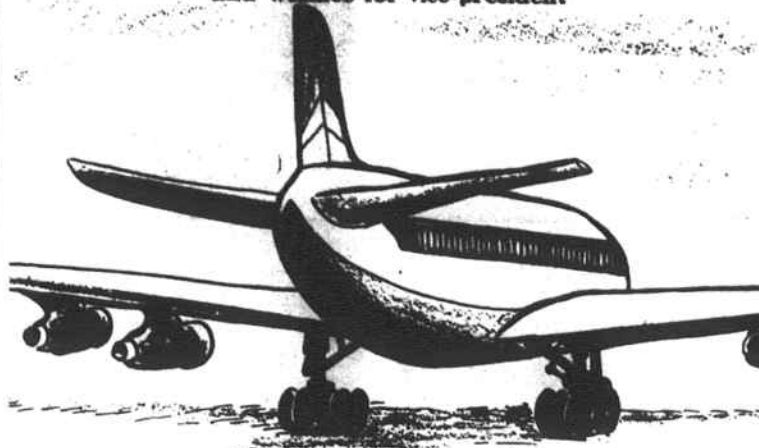
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The note says he wants a million dollars  
and Wallace for vice-president



## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



**SELECTING VICE PRESIDENTS** - The short-lived Eagleton candidacy for vice president brings into clear focus a matter which needs attention: The manner in which the Democrats and the Republicans select their vice presidential candidates.

It seems to us that this is a matter that the delegates should handle rather than the presidential nominees.

In only one convention in recent years - 1956, the presidential nominee of a major party left the matter entirely to the delegates.

In 1956 when Adlai Stevenson was nominated for the second time at Chicago, Stevenson left the matter entirely to the convention delegates. The writer was a delegate to that convention and in the close race between Senator Estes Kefauver, who won, and Senator John F. Kennedy, who lost, the writer's vote was cast for Kefauver who had made a strong run in the primaries for the presidential nomination against Stevenson.

In the roll - call for balloting several states passed the first go - around. One time in the roll - call it looked like Kennedy was on the verge of winning. Kennedy, who was in a nearby building, and watching the proceedings on television, was told that he was winning and to come, but when he arrived Kefauver had been nominated.

However, four years later Kennedy won the nomination for president over Stevenson and Lyndon Johnson. Kennedy tapped Johnson for his running mate and when elected named Stevenson as the United States Ambassador or Chief Delegate to the United Nations.

Coming down a notch, in the state races for governor, the gubernatorial candidates do not select the candidates for lieutenant governor to be their running - mates. Is there sound reason for the selection of the vice presidential candidates to be different?

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY** - Last week it was our pleasure to spend a couple of nights at Long Beach in Brunswick County. While there we dropped by the office of the State Port Pilot in Southport and had a nice chat with Jimmy Harper, editor and publisher.

For me, Southport is a very inviting community. Southport is an old town, with shaded streets, dating back 180

years. Located on the Cape Fear River, where in the olden days pirates discovered the value of the area as a base for their operations and in 1745, the settlers feeling the need for protection, the colony Assembly authorized the construction of nearby Fort Johnston which was not completed until 1764.

Southport was first called Smithville and chartered as a town in 1792 and named for Governor Benjamin Smith. The name of the town was changed to Southport in 1887.

The people of Southport have recently brought into its harbor a "Light House Ship" which may well become a real showplace in Southport. On the grounds just in front of the "Light House Ship" is a circle bench under a shade tree, called the "Whittler's Bench." For many years the "Whittler's Bench" has been a congenial gathering place where men go to discuss the topics of the day and to "whittle." The benches have had to be replaced many times because the men would run out of a stick to whittle on and just "whittle" on the bench.

Brunswick County is growing fast as a summer resort. Among the popular beaches in Brunswick are Sunset Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Yaupon Beach, Oak Island Beach and Southport.

In Brunswick County just a few miles out of Southport is the Carolina Power & Light Company's new nuclear power plant now under construction.

**BALD HEAD ISLAND** - While having lunch at a restaurant in Southport we ran into Bill Henderson, president of the Cape Fear Development Corporation which is developing Bald Head Island. Had a nice chat with Bill about the project. Bill and family are spending the summer in Southport where Cape Fear Development Corporation Offices are located. He said that the project was moving along well and when asked about the possibility of a bridge to the island, said that they did not want a bridge. When developed we believe that it will be a big asset to Brunswick County and North Carolina and we suspect that Bill and his Cape Fear Development Corp. will do a better job insofar as the environmental aspect is concerned than the State would do.

Yes, Brunswick County is moving ahead.

## Opinion and commentary

by Paul Dickson

### Press Needs No Special Protection

A couple of weeks ago Sen. Sam Ervin told a Charlotte audience that he planned legislation that would permit reporters sometimes to refuse to divulge news sources and other confidential information to grand juries. This week the mail brought a letter, evidently sent to newspapers throughout the country, explaining a bill introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston of California to provide absolute protection from jury prying into newsmen's confidential information.

Both Ervin and Cranston are responding to a June 30 U. S. Supreme Court ruling that says newsmen can indeed be subpoenaed by grand juries, and compelled to divulge even the most compromising information obtained in confidence in the course of reporting the news. The senators' concern about this threat to press freedom is commendable, but the high court majority probably was more right than wrong in the way it balanced values in the matter.

for a response decision almost certainly will curtail some investigative news reporting. News sources, often reluctant to cooperate on controversial stories anyway, now will have added reason to fear exposure, harassment, job loss or even prosecution for their cooperation. Furthermore, newspapers and broadcast outlets that genuinely try to provide the public with an information check on what is behind the facade of most government, business and social trends can well expect occasional harassment in the future from grand juries being led on "fishing expeditions" by politically motivated government lawyers. For the truth is that those who govern and approve of the status quo don't like embarrassing or troublesome news. In recent years they have shown an increasing penchant for getting together compliant grand juries to harass offending news media and dissident groups. Former U. S. Atty. Gen. John Mitchell and his successor have provided only the most notable examples.

This threat to freedom of the press is not nearly so great as the power of the press, however. And the basis for the press' power could be compromised by giving reporters special legal rights and protection. A newsman has no right that is not also a right of every other citizen. He is extended some privileges as a matter of custom and convenience, but his right to information is guaranteed because that is the right of every citizen.

Similarly, the right to publish and to broadcast free of government censorship is guaranteed the big, institutionalized media on the same basis that the smallest is protected. The New York Times has no constitutional freedom of the press that is not also shared by an individual citizen with a mimeograph machine. And, compared with the broadcast media, the citizen pamphleteer actually has more press freedom. For instance, he may leaflet his neighborhood or community with a wholly one-sided report about what he judges to be the nefarious and idiotic effects of a proposed zoning ordinance.

Exempting reporters and the institutionalized media from the usual citizen obligations before a grand jury could lead to reducing their rights as well. Generally speaking the press isn't helpless against witch-hunting government lawyers. It should be wary of special protection that could make its freedom and power seem special privilege. - The Raleigh "News and Observer"

The writer of the above editorial spoke a mouthful when he said "A newsman has no right that is not also the right of every other citizen ... his right to information is guaranteed because that is the right of every citizen."

I certainly agree with the above, very strongly, and maybe Mr. Langston will enjoy seeing me part company with Senator Sam, however briefly.

Another subject which came up in the field of freedom of information and speech was the ruling by the Federal Communications Commission in a Georgia case that a candidate could say what he pleased about any group he pleased in his political advertising.

Said the FCC: "If there is to be free speech, it must be free for speech we abhor and hate as well as for speech that we find tolerable or congenial."

Amen, and so long.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 Years Ago

Thursday, August 7, 1947

M.T. Poovey, superintendent of the White - Tex Mills, Incorporated, of Raeford, stated yesterday that he expected the plant here to begin at least partial operation next Monday and that the plant would go into full scale operation as soon as sufficient labor becomes available.

The annual gold rush starts in North and South Carolina tomorrow - the rush to sell the golden King of Weeds at opening of five cured tobacco markets on the border belt.

Mrs. Luke Bethune, librarian of the

Hoke County Public Library, has released a report of the financial and business status of the library for the year ending June 30, 1947.

District Wildlife Protector H. R. McLean this week released the seasons for hunting migratory game birds seasons and the bag limits on those birds.

From Poole's Medley: Government assistance in education will bring trouble. It is a wrong idea for the government to support the people.

Hoke County farmers will visit the Beltsville, Md., agricultural Experiment Station on September 22.



### Passing Thoughts

By Elaine Symanski

#### To Diet Or Not

I remember a time when you could open up any women's magazine or newspaper and find page upon page of recipes and food ideas - all scrumptious, rich and necessarily fattening.

Well, times seem to have changed all that - and for the worse, in my opinion. Now all the women's magazines and newspaper food sections are loaded with recipes that proclaim to be "low calorie specials" or "weight watcher's delights." I tend to side with Maxim's Louis Vaudable who once said "dieters are the worst enemy of the great cuisine; it is impossible to have low calories in excellent food."

Of course, having never met or even set eyes on the man, I can't say unequivocally that he is the ultimate expert on the subject of calories - he may, for all I know, be able to serve as a good double for Fat Albert.

But we can hardly deny that our fat-conscious society has taken matters a bit too far. People everywhere seem to diet unnecessarily because everything from television to fashion ads has made it seem like an unforgivable sin to cast a shadow. The wild, emaciated look appeals to some women, though not to many men it seems. After all, how many Vogue models have ever served as pin - ups in an Army barracks?

And it seems that more women diet needlessly than men, who usually wait for word from a doctor or until the buttons of a favorite shirt start to pop.

It stands to reason that when the woman of the household, who, in most cases also serves as cook, decides it's time to diet or start cutting a few calories here and there, it can become pretty hairy for the rest of the family.

Now most people tell me that I certainly have no need to diet, and that

### Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:  
There's one problem coming up in connection with airplane hijacking that the airlines and the government apparently are overlooking.

Here's the situation: the first hijacker several years ago, as I recall, demanded something like \$50,000 and got it. Then a little later another demanded \$100,000, and that too was produced.

Getting bolder, on account of inflation I guess, the next one demanded \$250,000 and got it. Recognizing a trend when he saw one, the next hijacker demanded \$500,000 and collected.

And just last week a group of hijackers asked for a cool million dollars, and that too was handed over.

Now here's the problem that's looming up: suppose the next hijacker demands 5 million dollars, the next one 10, and then finally somebody gets on board a plane loaded with say 300 passengers and demands ONE BILLION DOLLARS.

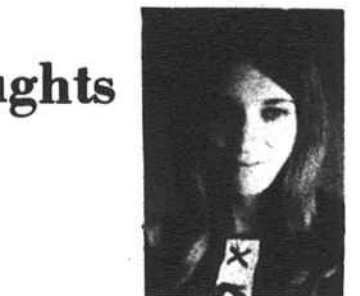
What is the airline going to do?  
It can't say, go ahead, blow up the plane. And yet how is it going to round up a billion dollars?

It might try borrowing it from Washington, but Washington is so far behind on its installment payments now it's in no shape to take on anything else. One more item added to its monthly payments and everything it's got might be repossessed.

The only solution I can figure out is for the airlines to post signs at airports in big letters saying: "Attention, Hijackers, Positively No Ransom Exceeding 1 Million Dollars Can Be Paid. Limit One To A Customer."

I don't think this will do any good, but then nothing else is working either.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.



Elaine Symanski

### Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

What's wrong with this sentence?  
"I do not misdoubt your statement."  
Answer: There's nothing wrong with it. "Misdoubt" is a perfectly good word.

A young Aberdeen couple recently had a son who arrived two and a half months ahead of schedule and had to be kept in an incubator for eight weeks.

The young couple have many friends in Aberdeen and all of them naturally wanted to see the new arrival. In the meantime the father was worried considerably about financial matters. This business of keeping a baby in an incubator costs money, in case you don't know. Then, too, there are lots of other expenses.

Unbeknownst to the young mother, Lee fixed up an attractive card which he attached to the incubator. The card read: "25c TO LOOK AT THIS BABY."

Contributions amounted to \$2.50 before the mother discovered the placard and hurriedly tore it down.

We've already told you of the Whitfields of Pender County. Mrs. Whitfield's first name is Vivian; Mr. Whitfield's, Vivian also.

Now through Mr. R. K. Merritt of Goldsboro, we learn of his daughter, Frances, who was married in 1949 to Francis Taylor. They live in Winston - Salem and the church wedding was attended by many friends. There were smiles all over the church when the preacher said: "Frances, do you take this man for your lawful wedded husband?" Frances said: "I do."

And then turning to Mr. Taylor, the preacher said: "Francis, do you take this woman for your lawful, wedded wife?" Francis said: "I do."

Now, however, in order to avoid as much confusion as possible, Francis has

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
In your editorial of August 3 which supported Senator McGovern's decision to replace Senator Eagleton as his running mate, you made the following statement:

"For the same reasons the Dallas Cowboys don't pick a person with deformed legs to play football, though, we cannot afford to consider people who have even slightly failed under pressure as possibilities for the land's highest-office."

I would like to point out that there is a very outstanding professional football player, by the name of Tom Dempsey, who does indeed have a leg deformity. To be more specific, he was born with half of his right foot missing. This, however, has not kept him from becoming one of the best place kickers in the game of football. In fact, Dempsey holds the current record for the longest field goal kicked in NFL competition.

Dempsey is not alone - many people have overcome physical handicaps, and many people have overcome mental or "nervous" disorders.

The fact that Senator Eagleton "failed under pressure" once, does not necessarily mean that he would do so again. He has already proven himself to be a capable senator. (Surely McGovern would not have chosen him otherwise?) I think Eagleton should be judged by his present capabilities rather than by his past record.

I cannot understand why McGovern is concerned about Eagleton's past records anyway. After all, his first choice for a running mate was Ted Kennedy! Now I think when the past records of Eagleton and Kennedy are examined and compared, Senator Eagleton comes out smelling like a rose.

Sincerely yours,  
Cheryl Walker

Dear Sir:

I was a patient in the hospital last week when the trial in which my son, David, the plaintiff was held. When the edition of The News - Journal was brought to me, I was distressed beyond words. It would seem by the account in your article that the incident was purely a racial thing. May I have the opportunity to tell you a few facts?

Our family has always had the very best of relationships with our black friends and neighbors. We love all people alike, not because of the color of their skin, but because we are all children of God. We have never believed nor do we condone racial prejudice of any sort. My husband is a law enforcement officer who deals with all races and treats them all with respect. I am on the staff at Moore Memorial Hospital and in that capacity, I have patients of all races, and it is my pleasure to minister to each of them with the same respect and feeling. We live in an all black community. Our nearest white neighbor lives a 1/2 mile away. Our neighbors are our friends and visit in our home regularly. Our black friends have been guests in our home for meals, parties, ect. Never has David or our other

children even thought of speaking to their friends of other races except as equals.

The trial failed to bring out the fact that David was the manager of the Hoke High Football team and the basketball team. As you and the other people of Hoke County, know, the majority of the team members were black. David received no honor from this except for showing school spirit and proving that he was willing to serve all the men on the team regardless of their race. He cooperated with the team members, cleaning up after their showers, mopping the floors for them and washing their clothes each day. These boys he served and worked with were all black except for a very few. Is this the actions of a person who is prejudiced?

David has been employed as a mechanic for two years. The man who employs him is black. Not only does David work for him, he loves him as a friend and brother.

David is a Christian who believes that God created us all in His image, and we are responsible to Him to love one another. I can honestly say that I have never heard him refer to a person of the Negro race as anything but his friend.

Perhaps we will never know what happened on that unfortunate day, only God can know for sure. But David was gravely injured physically and mentally. Our last thought when we found our son had been struck by a person of another race, was retaliation. David's hearing is permanently impaired. He suffered severe headaches for many months also. When he regained consciousness at the hospital and was told what happened, his reply was "Gene wouldn't hit me, he is my friend."

I wish I could find one redeeming reason for your reporting of the trial. Perhaps freedom of the press must be observed to the Nth degree. But since we cannot disprove the racial overtones, and since you gave each word that was said on the defendant's behalf, there will always be people in Hoke County both black and white who will accept this account as the whole truth. This is really unfair for if it causes one person to feel that because of the color of their skin that God gave them, my son or our family loves them any less, it causes us and them much pain and sorrow.

David must live with the physical pain and handicap for many years, but the mental and psychological pain he will suffer each time a member of another race looks at him and wonders if his feelings are less than friendly, will scar and hurt even more.

David lives in the hope that God and man will judge him by the way he treats his fellowman and not on one incident of which he has been accused.

We hold no ill feeling to the boy who struck David. We have forgiven him as we hope and feel that God has forgiven him. Thank you for letting our feelings be known.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Alex Norton