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## Letters To The Editor

Mr. Paul Dickson  
Editor  
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Raeford, North Carolina

Dear Paul:

I hope you will include this letter in a future issue of The News-Journal as a Letter to the Editor. I write to express my dissatisfaction with the advertisement contained in the September 21st edition of The News-Journal, specifically, the ad entitled "Where Was Nick?" which was sponsored by a group called "Doctors Against Drug Abuse."

The advertisement appeared in the state-wide papers on Wednesday morning, September 20th, one day before the publication date of the Hoke News-Journal. On that same morning, a news story appeared in the Greensboro Daily News giving the information that the ad was in fact being paid for by the Helms for Senate Campaign, the information that the so-called "Doctors Against Drug Abuse" consisted of only three members, and further, the votes involved were not controversial and did not require the Congressman to fly back to Washington.

Further, one paper, the Winston-Salem Journal, before running the ad, required the Helms Senate Campaign Committee to accept responsibility for the ad within the body of the ad, showing readers it was a political advertisement.

I therefore take issue with The News-Journal for not including within the advertisement itself the information that it was a political ad sponsored by the Helms for Senate Campaign. I feel justified in this position in that The News-Journal knew in advance space for the ad was submitted by the Helms staff. Further, the staff of The News-Journal knew or should have known from other newspaper reports and radio news programs, to say nothing of news wire reports, that the ad was the product of the Helms staff, was politically motivated, contained misleading information, and constituted nothing more than a smear with the intent to anger the reading public without justification.

The truth of the matter is that Congressman Nick Galifianakis has spoken loud and clear on the problem of drug abuse. The Congressman has been involved in the passage of ten MAJOR drug abuse bills within the last two years. The drug bills cited in the ad were not controversial and were in no danger of failing. And, to quote the editorial staff of the Greensboro Daily News of September 21, 1972:

"Even if Mr. Galifianakis' presence and votes had been essential, his absence would not justify the implication that he is indifferent to the drug traffic, or friendly to 'junkies' who rob a bank, mug an old woman, ... maim a child. That implication, so clear in the ad is scurrilous in the extreme and not far short of blatant character assassination."

Even the Helms staff and the Doctors Against Drug Abuse do not now want to be credited with the misdeed. Bill Cheshire, press secretary for Helms, while admitting the Helms New York Ad Agency designed the ad, and the Helms Campaign paid for the ad, told the Raleigh News and Observer on Wednesday, September 20th that the committee (Doctors Against Drug Abuse) contacted the Helms organization. He further stated, "I had the impression that the ad was one of the things that the doctors were thinking about when they came to us."

Dr. Hubert Potat of Smithfield, signer of the ad and head of the Democrats for Helms of Johnston County, was

contacted by the News and Observer. The paper wrote, "Dr. Potat, however, said he didn't know where the idea for an ad came from, or where the information for the ad came from."

I would hope that in the future, when The News-Journal is presented with such questionable "public service" advertisements as this one, and when the paper and its staff have actual notice that the advertisement has an ulterior motive and is not what on its face it appears to be, the paper will at least follow the example of the Winston-Salem Journal and label the ad for what it is - pure politics.

Very truly yours,  
Philip A. Diehl

Editor's Note: This letter is self-explanatory.

Mr. D. M. Barrington  
Sheriff, Hoke County  
Sheriff's Department  
Raeford, N.C. 28376

Dear Sir:

The members of our chapter have noted with great disappointment the article in the September 21st edition of The News-Journal which announced the hiring of a new deputy sheriff. Our chapter represents the Indian population in this county, which makes up 15-20% of the total population. Yet even with this percentage there is not an Indian on the staff of the Sheriff's Department. There have been several new deputies hired this year, yet not one Indian has been considered for the position. We feel a grave injustice has been done to the Indian residents of this county and we feel it our duty to bring this oversight, or discriminatory practice, to both you and the public's attention. We hope and suggest that this oversight be corrected at the earliest possible time so that no portion of our County's population will be discriminated against.

Sincerely,  
Robert Taylor, President  
Hoke County Jaycees

Dear Sir:

I am being transferred effective September 25, 1972, to Cameron Morrison School in Hoffman, North Carolina, to assume the duties of Director of Cameron Morrison School.

I regret leaving Hoke County for no place have I found the citizens more neighborly, friendly and compassionate.

Hoke County has indeed been a home away from home for my family and I, and I will always cherish the fine relationships and friendships established with you over the years.

I appreciate the many courtesies afforded me and above all the interest and support you have consistently shown for Samuel Leonard School.

The English language is inadequate at a time like this to truly express my sincere and heartfelt feelings over the excellent relationships I have made and enjoyed with the fine citizens of Hoke County. May I very simply and profoundly say thank you for allowing me to live and share thirteen (13) years of my life with you. My life is richer and fuller because of having known and been associated with you and I will always cherish the fond memories I have for Hoke County and will hold in my heart a very special place for the Hoke County citizens.

Sincerely,  
William R. Windley

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 Years Ago

Thursday, September 25, 1947

Reis Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Association, was in Raeford yesterday in the interest of re-organizing the somewhat dried-up Hoke County Wildlife Club.

From Poole's Medley

A high school education of this day is equivalent to a college education fifty years ago.

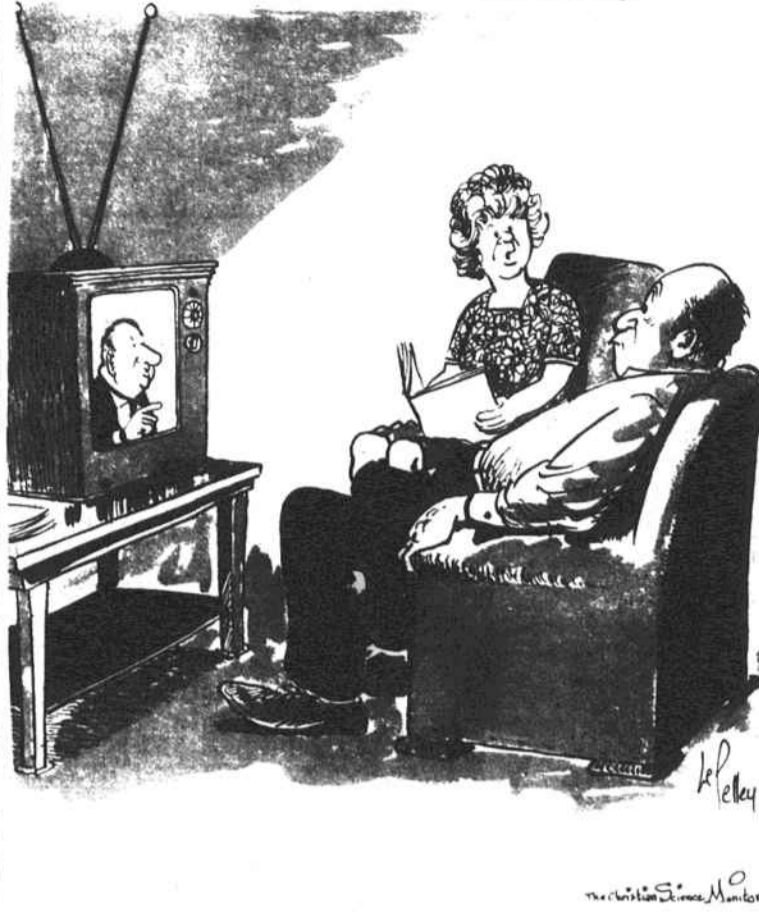
"The North Carolina Farm Bureau

campaign for 100,000 members should have the support of everyone for only through organization can agriculture hope to survive and contribute its share to the prosperity of our state and nation."

Richard Neeley, Hoke County Farm Bureau president, said this week in a prepared statement.

Dr. H.S. Willis, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatoria, who has recently returned from a trip to Europe where he represented the United States Tuberculosis Association at several conferences, was guest speaker at last Thursday night's meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

"It's my theory they got somebody else to play Agnew. Like they did for Nixon four years ago"



the Christian Science Monitor

## Passing Thoughts

By Elaine Symanski

### A Reporter's Memoirs

As I begin to write my memoirs of a reporter some 50 years from now, I'm sure two things will surface to the top of my head whenever I think of my days on The News-Journal.

They are: (1) the often traumatic experiences I've had as a novice photographer and (2) my even more trying times in navigating these country roads.

For the benefit of all who have expressed doubts about my camera abilities as well as for my own piece of mind, I would like to finally clear up some of the murky spots regarding my photography in this, my last N-J column.

It seems that for the past several months whenever I'm approaching while laden with camera gear, someone is sure to jokingly remark, "Here she comes again, out to ruin some more pictures."

Since I will undoubtedly be long gone by the time this gets into print, I will here admit that I have indeed, ruined at least one N-J photograph.

Shortly after beginning work, I was called to take a picture of a rather large bass caught by a former city policeman. Of course right after the picture was taken, the fish was cleared and eaten.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear Editor:

I don't know whether it'll work or not, but as I understand it the Democrats and the Republicans are trying to finance their campaigns by using each other.

First the Democrats sued the Republicans for a million dollars after the bugging incident at their headquarters, then the Republicans sued the Democrats for two and a half million for suing them, and at the last count the Democrats had sued them, suit and tipped their figure an extra two million.

As the campaign gets hotter and expenses mount, both parties ought to keep raising the ante so that when the race is over each will collect from the other enough to pay all the bills, less the lawyer's fees.

Some people think this doesn't make sense but that's because they aren't up on modern financing.

Like revenue sharing. As I understand it, the cities are all clamoring for Federal aid, saying they can't meet their bills and may go under without it. Washington is therefore considering dividing part of its revenue among them, when actually it hasn't got anything to divide, it's already operating in the red and running on borrowed money.

But that's beside the point in modern financing. The way you do it is simple: go ahead and write the checks, just so you don't exceed the statutory debt ceiling, and the way to stay within the ceiling is to keep raising it.

Understand, I'm not opposed to helping the cities, although I don't see much future in it. They may be in the same shape farmers were. Small, family-size farms were marginal, the experts used to say, and they ought to go under, let the big farms take over, they're more efficient. Small towns are marginal, they said, the future lies with the big cities. Well, some of the big farms, like the big cities, aren't doing so well.

Russia for example is just one big farm and you know where she's buying her wheat.

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.



leaving only a memory and (supposedly) an image captured on film.

However, that was not the case. Somehow the film was not properly winding inside the camera and the shot was spoiled. I later asked the fisherman if I could take a picture of him holding his hands apart at the proper dimensions and explain in print, exactly what happened. He would not, so nothing was ever written about the catch.

So I assure all of you who doubted, that E.B. Gresham did, indeed, catch that fish and my apologies go to him for my mistake.

However, the two rolls of film which were recently ruined and apologized for on page one of that week's paper were lost through no fault of my own. Whose fault it was, I won't divulge, just in case I should ever find my way back to these parts again.

And that brings me at least to chapter two of my memoirs--my terrible difficult times as a pathfinder in Hoke County.

If I were 100 per cent positive the boss would not see this column before it was in print, I would also reveal an undisclosed fact about my recent wanderings out at Five Points, but since he is very likely to read it before Thursday, I'd better not. I'd just like to say there was a bit more than I told behind the reasons I got so hopelessly lost that day.

But, truthfully, most of my troubles were through none other than my own incompetence in following directions and reading maps. In fact I rarely used maps because they are totally beyond my comprehension.

But I found my lengthy wanderings gave me many opportunities to see the beauty and charm typical of Hoke County and its people. Maybe that's why I never bothered learning how to read a map.

WASHINGTON - The Senate has opened another Pandora's box which is almost certain to accelerate the day when the Federal Government will have to choose between imposing confiscatory taxes or confessing national bankruptcy.

This time the occasion was the passage of S. 750, a bill to provide up to \$50,000 and certain other benefits for victims of violent crime. Only eight Senators voted against the bill. I was one of those who opposed its passage.

I have the utmost compassion for any individual who suffers from any criminal act. In recent years I have fought many legislative battles to protect society against criminals. My zeal in behalf of "law and order" has not diminished. I think that swift and speedy justice for the criminal would do much to deter crime and violence. But what we have in this bill is another effort to use an empty Federal Treasury to relieve the criminal of the consequences of his acts. I might add that the costs are bound to accelerate in the years ahead.

Advocates of the measure pointed to the need for such legislation and said that it will only cost millions of dollars annually at a time when the Federal Government is already spending billions of dollars for welfare, income security, and other programs. The trouble with this argument is that it is constantly used to

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



SCATTERED - It used to be back in the days when Tar Heel Democrats could unite and support the party's presidential candidate that the party's campaign for all candidates was run from one headquarters, but now the situation is quite different with most of the candidates feeling that it is unwise and dangerous to get too close to George McGovern.

The State Democratic Headquarters with Arthur Johnsey serving as Executive Director in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh is a far cry from the activity of the office in 1960 and 1964.

In 1968 Bob Scott had a separate office in the Sir Walter from the State Headquarters Office although there was a pretty close working relationship between the two. It will be remembered that Scott in 1968 conducted his campaign independent of Hubert Humphrey's campaign for president.

This year there appears to be little if any working relationship between the State Democratic Headquarters and the McGovern Headquarters.

Bowles' campaign for governor appears to be entirely separate from the State Headquarters as does the Galifianakis Headquarters. Nicks headquarters and Skipper's headquarters are both located in the Sir Walter Hotel and both operations are without doubt on cordial relations with the State headquarters. Jim Hunt, candidate for lieutenant governor has his campaign headquarters located on Fayetteville street between the Sir Walter and Memorial Auditorium.

At the Democratic rallies you hear an occasional call for all-out support of the ticket from the "courthouse to the white house" but few if any such calls for party unity come from Skipper Bowles or Nick Galifianakis.

DISTRICT RALLIES - It used to be that "District Rallies" were the big things promoted by the State Democratic Party with the gubernatorial, U.S. Senatorial, Congressional and Council of State candidates making the rounds to all the district rallies in the state but this type of thing appears to have gone the way of the "rumble seat for two." The candidates, particularly among the Democrats appear to be campaigning alone more than in groups.

It seems that on the Republican side the top candidates are seen together more

than among the Democrats. This is probably due to the unity of the Republican party on the national ticket as compared with the disunity among the Democrats over their presidential candidate.

McGOVERN - George McGovern has been low in the polls ever since his nomination in Miami in July. We would expect him to start moving up in support by October 1 but it appears that he has a great distance to go before catching up with Nixon on November 7.

His last weeks in his race for the nomination took him out of the underdog role and placed him out front. Now he has been back in the underdog role long enough to start generating a "sympathy" vote.

WATERGATE & GRAIN DEAL - The Watergate "bugging" issue and the grain deal with Russia which seems to have helped some of the big grain dealers at the expense of the little grain farmers may well hurt Nixon and help McGovern. A few more blunders of this nature and McGovern might catch hold of something that would boost his support considerably.

BOWLES - Skipper Bowles does not seem at all hesitant in opposing policies of the Scott Administration. A late example in Skipper's opposition to the proposed 15-story state government office building in downtown Raleigh which Scott is pushing.

WALLACE & THURMOND - At the recent Southern Governors Conference at Hilton Head Island, Gov. George Wallace of Alabama emphasized "at a press conference that U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond had been "very effective" in 1968 in keeping Wallace from winning the Carolinas and Florida in the presidential election. Last week while campaigning in Columbia, S.C., Thurmond said that the 1968 election would have gone into the House of Representatives had those states gone for Wallace and that Humphrey would have been elected president. "I wasn't against Gov. Wallace," Thurmond said. "It was to save our country from Mr. Humphrey."

It seems that between the influence of the two - Wallace and Thurmond, the presidential race in 1968 resulted in the election of Mr. Nixon over Mr. Humphrey.

## Just One Thing After Another

by Carl Goerch

Every school child knows that John Penn was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, but do you ever wonder what kind of man he was or even who he was?

We came across this little story about him recently in "Annals of Philadelphia," by John F. Watson, first issued in 1830 which gives this account about one of North Carolina's three signers of the Declaration.

John Penn, who was born in Virginia in 1774, moved to Granville County, North Carolina.

So public spirited was he and so forceful as a lawyer that one year after removing into North Carolina he was chosen to succeed Richard Caswell as a delegate to the Continental Congress, Philadelphia, and thus was enabled to sign his name to that immortal document giving the Thirteen United Colonies the right to be free and independent states.

In 1777-78 and again in 1779 John Penn was re-elected Member of Congress from North Carolina and it was during one of these sessions that, according to Watson, he received from the President of the Congress, Henry Laurens, a challenge to fight a duel.

Watson does not give the cause of the trouble between Laurens and Penn; he infers that the two men before the challenge were on the best of terms, seeing each other daily at the boarding house in which they lodged while in the City of Brotherly Love.

On the morning set aside for the duel, they breakfasted together and then, side by side, started out for the vacant lot some distance away where they were to engage in deadly, personal combat.

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN

justify about any kind of new Federal program. Only a few days ago the Senate overwhelmingly approved (without my vote) a so-called revenue sharing measure to give the States, counties, and cities \$33.5 billion. Little was said by its advocates about the fact that the Federal Government is expected to incur an estimated \$35 billion deficit for the current fiscal year. Instead, that bill was promoted on the grounds that the States do not have sufficient resources to perform obligations they have assumed.

As would be expected, the justification for revenue sharing was ignored when it came time to justify the crime compensation bill. Better that it was for its proponents now seek to encourage the States to embark upon new programs compensating crime victims notwithstanding the fact that Congress is aware of the inability of the States to finance the bill.

The irony of all of this is that Congress will be called upon in a few days to extend and increase the \$450 billion debt ceiling, a semi-annual ritual for this calendar year.

I recognize that in bringing these matters to public attention that I am performing an almost futile task. The American people have been convinced by Presidents and Members of Congress that there is nothing to worry about. The

Upon reaching a street crossing where there was a deep, side gully, the member from North Carolina, who was much younger than the President of the Congress, courteously extended his hand to aid his companion, and when it was accepted, ventured to say that the affair upon which they were engaged was a foolish affair and suggested that they call it off.

Promptly the older man agreed and, grasping the hand of his companion in token of friendship, closed the matter on the spot - once and forever.

There's a farm down in Beaufort County by the name of "Promised Land."

Once we asked the late Edmund Harding how come it received such a Biblical name and Edmund, who knew as much history as anyone else in Beaufort County, told us this story.

He said a generation or two ago the place was owned by Mr. Gurganus. He and his wife had a large family. As the children were born and grew up he promised each one, in turn, that he was going to leave that farm to him or her when he died. Each one of the children was sure he was to have the farm at the old gentleman's decease, "because he promised it to me."

The old man died and after he was gone it was found that he had left neither deed or will. From that time on the children called the farm "Promised Land," and the name has come down to the present.

President recently went so far as to promise that if he is reelected, he will not raise taxes during the next four years.

The situation reminds one of the story of the King who wore no clothes and all of the citizens of the kingdom who were reluctant to tell him so. Still anyone who cares to look will see that the Federal Government is not an eleemosynary institution. Inflation, uncontrolled spending, our inability to market our goods abroad, and taxes are related to Federal spending programs. We cannot ignore these economic facts as if they were some fantasy.

Every journey to an unwise end starts with a single step. The crime compensation bill is the first step toward governmental compensation of a whole new area of individual losses and injuries. If anyone doubts this, he should reflect that there is no more justification for compensating victims of violent crimes than there is for compensating victims of fraudulent crimes. One defrauded out of his property suffers just as much as one who is robbed of his earnings.

The message in this trend is clear. We cannot provide all things to all citizens free. The ultimate burden falls upon the American taxpayer. Unfortunately, little is ever said about this essential part of a new program when the advocates call attention to its need.