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As We See It.... By Kay Piotrkowski

If any of the many civic minded groups are casting about for a worthwhile project there is one that is just screaming for a mentor - the courthouse doors. County fathers are planning renovation of entries at the Courthouse and it seems the beautiful old building will be cursed with modern all-glass doors. T.B. Lester, county manager, reports new doors in a style similar to the ones to be replaced are no longer available.

Somewhere in this county there must be a craftsman who could duplicate the original doors and preserve the aesthetic qualities of the structure. Won't some group please contact Lester, locate a craftsman and save the courthouse doors?

The Hoke County Board of Health jumped off dead center and took some positive action last week when members voted to implement Health Clinic reorganization recommended by Dr. Joseph Mark before his departure last month.

Appointment of Mrs. Susan McKenzie as administrative assistant to the director or chairman of the board should keep the facility operating on an even keel and insure continuation of services to the community. Mrs. McKenzie seems to be a capable individual who has managed to keep her fingers firmly on the pulse of the operation. She will need to draw on all her experience and receive the full support of the Health Center staff and members of the Board of Health to transform Dr. Mark's recommendations into workable reality.

Hoke Countians owe Dr. Mark a debt of gratitude for his observations and recommendation. He obviously had the best interests of the community at heart when he devoted so much time and effort in formulating his recommendations and writing a six-page report.

The Board of Health now faces totally different and distinct problems in light of a bill passed in the General Assembly's last session. Two of the three ex-office members of the board were removed last week and can not be replaced until January. The new law also states board members may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. This will prohibit many present members from continuing on the board.

By law the board must include one physician, one dentist and a pharmacist in addition to other members. Practicing in Hoke County are one dentist, two physicians and four pharmacists. The dentist, Dr. Julius Jordan, may be among those who will not be allowed to serve on the board after January. If this is the case, it appears impossible for Hoke County to comply with the new law. The boys in Raleigh had best get on the ball and come up with an exception to the new law.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, July 15, 1948

D.H. Hodgkin, chairman, Hoke County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, requests that all persons interested in Polio meet in the Court Room at the Court Room at the Courthouse at 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 16.

No beaches in this area are quarantined declared Dr. A.H. Elliott, public health officer, who added that he saw no necessity for such action in the future.

Since the old Baptist Church was torn down two and a half years ago the church services and Sunday School have been held in the Raeford Elementary School. Sunday, July 11, 1948 they moved back home and into a new building.

From Poole's Medley: People could be a great deal more help to each other than they usually are, but it's every man for himself, and the devil takes the hindmost.

Mrs. Younger Snead, president of the local Parent-Teacher Association, announces that the summer recreational program will not function anymore. Doctors advised that on account of the polio scare, (tho' no cases to date have been reported in Hoke) that it might be best.

15 years ago

Thursday, July 17, 1958

For the second year in a row, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has been judged the best in the nation.

From Rockfish News: The road force gave Fayetteville Street a good smoothing last week but the heavy rains are washing it out again.

Cadet Carson A. Clippard, Jr., 21, of Raeford, is attending a six-week summer camp at Fort Bragg under the Reserve Officer Training Corps program of North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

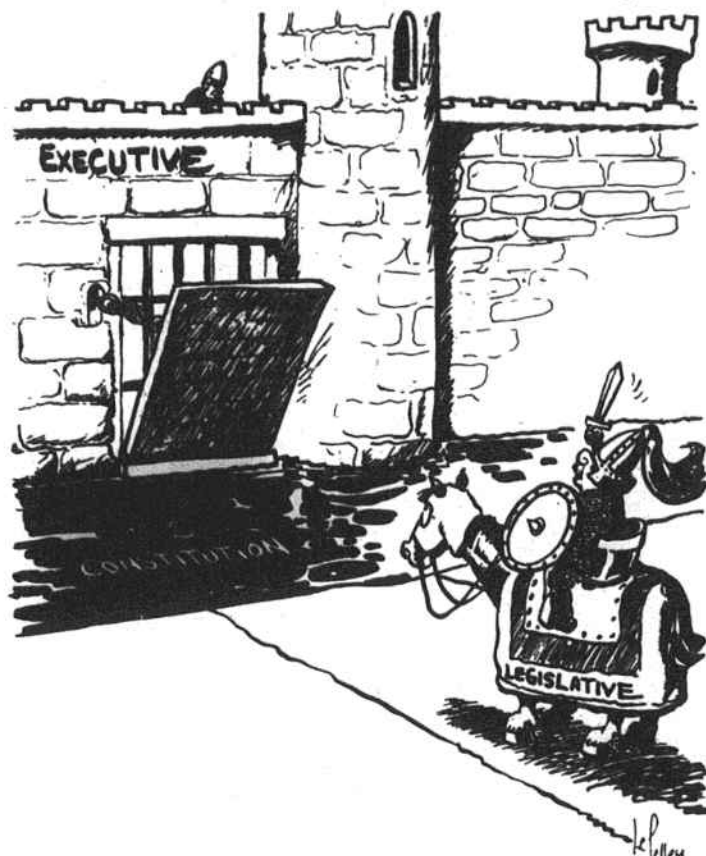
Younger Snead of Hoke Auto Company has been appointed an area chairman by the N.C. Automobile Dealers Association.

Hoke County has been classified as a military zone of the new civil defense plan set up at the request of Governor Luther Hodges.

An increase of 4 cents per bushel in the support rate for 1958 crop wheat was announced this week by D.R. Huff, Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees.

A soldier from Fort Bragg was injured Sunday afternoon when the car he was a passenger went off the road, skidded 200 yards, turned over and hit a tree.

'I dare you ... I double dare you ... I triple dare you ...'



The Christian Science Monitor

The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

For years all newspapers comic strip readers have snickered at the wild variations of door to door salesmen that knock on Dagwood's and Blondie's doors. Thinking it was impossible for such humorous incidents to actually take place, this reporter lived happily in the protection of the apartment complex. Then one day, she moved to town and bought a house.

All the expected vacuum cleaner salesmen, encyclopedia salesmen Avon ladies appeared within the first week. It was easy to politely accept as normal these prompt salesmen and be done with it, but some of the straggler salesmen that have shown up lately are harder to get along with.

I realize it is necessary for school-aged teens to be creative in their summer jobs. Many can make useful or artful objects and sell them. However, the teen who came to my door offering to custom make a bird nest eradicator for any type problem bird nest was too much.

First of all, my sparsely vegetated yard sports only one three foot scrub oak bush. Secondly, why would a bird

nest eradicator need to be custom made?

The apparatus was explained by the imaginative then as being up to 25 feet long when all extensions were used and as having different shaped nest holders available on special order. He did not have an example, nor did he quote any set price. To order one of these inventions, all I needed to do was give him money to purchase materials needed to make the thing and he guaranteed delivery within a week.

I suggested the boy go into a different line of business, like making bird houses. There seems to be a larger demand for birds than bird's nests.

Baby Daze

Tennessee's governor Winfield Dunn has recently said that governors and babies have a lot in common. During a recent speech, Dunn said a young man asked him how he liked being governor. He reportedly replied that he liked it. "When I go home at night, I sleep like a baby," he said, "that means I sleep for an hour and then wake up and cry for an hour." He didn't carry the comparison any further.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor: One thing about the Watergate hearings that keeps coming up every time a new witness shows up to tell a different story is the question, put by nearly all the Senators on the committee, is, How can the truth ever be discovered?

It's a problem. For example, four men say attended a meeting and none of the four can agree on what was said. One remembers it one way, another remembers it exactly the opposite, and the other two don't even remember being there.

Now I have given this problem considerable thought while the committee members have been out to vote and I believe I have the solution.

As I understand it, logs are kept of all meetings and telephone calls of all important people in Washington, but they just reflect who showed up or who called, not what was said.

The thing for Congress to do is pass a law requiring every conversation of everybody, in person or over the phone, to be taped. Like these new seat belts that won't let a car start till they're fastened around the passengers, what Washington needs is a telephone that won't work till the tape machine is started and office doors that work the same way. Make it a penitentiary offense to talk in the hall.

With everything everybody says taped, incidentally with all the microphones leading to a central recording machine kept under 24-hour guard so nobody can destroy any conversations, you have no idea how easy an investigating committee's job would be, or how little lying would be done, or how few glasses of water it'd take for sweating witnesses. I can't think of a single better thing that would so improve their memory.

Now I realize this would take immense amounts of recording tape, millions and millions of miles of it, and if you hear of any plan to put this idea into effect I wish you'd let me know as I'd sure like to invest in the company that produces the stuff.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



1974 CONTESTS - Top political contest in North Carolina next year will be the election of a United States Senator - or the reelection of Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr.

In the past little attention has been given to the nomination and election of Justices of the State Supreme Court. Now, in addition to the election of a Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court - the recently created State Court of Appeals will have openings for the people to fill in 1974.

In the 1972 election, the people approved a State Constitutional Amendment making it mandatory that State Supreme Court justices not seek reelection after they have reached the age of 72.

SUPREME COURT - In the State Supreme Court two of the Justices will not be seeking reelection. Associate Justice Susie M. Sharpe, now 66 and the only woman to ever serve as an Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court has let it be known that she expects to become candidate for Chief Justice to succeed Chief Justice Bobbitt. It is of course possible that Justice Sharpe will have opposition in the primary as well as the general election.

Whether the Republicans will field candidates for judge position in the Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Courts is not known at this time. Watergate may be dampening factor for Republicans in state races in 1974.

With Associate Justice Carlisle W. Higgins now nearing 84 years of age, he will not be seeking re-election.

We hear on good authority that Superior Court Judge J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro in Hertford County will likely be a candidate for the seat being vacated by Associate Justice Higgins.

Judge Copeland served in the State Senate and was a member of the Advisory Budget Commission before being named by Governor Terry Sanford to the Superior Court bench. He served as Governor Sanford's legislative liaison representative with the General Assembly during the 1961

session of the General Assembly before becoming a superior court judge some 12 years ago. His term expires July 1, 1975 and with Jim Holshouser in the governor's office will hardly expect reappointment. During his 12 years as judge Copeland has served in 80 of the state's 100 counties.

COURT OF APPEALS - Chief Judge Raymond B. Mallard of the State Court of Appeals has not been in good health in recent months and we understand will not seek reelection.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell's term on the State Court of Appeals will expire in 1974 and reports are that he will likely retire.

Jim Baley of Asheville, a Republican who was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W.E. Graham, Jr., on the State Court of Appeals will be running for the two unexpired years of the term of his office in 1974. Judge Baley is expected to seek reelection. Whether some Democrat will oppose him in the General Election is not known, although it is quite likely that at least one Democrat attorney will file.

We have not heard who may be interested in running for the Mallard and Campbell seats on the State Court of Appeals. Whether the Republicans will field candidates for these positions is not known.

There is some talk that Judge Earl Vaughn and Judge Robert A. Hedrick of the State Court of Appeals, whose terms do not expire until 1976, may decide to seek a position on the Supreme Court in 1974.

The terms of Judges W.E. Brock, David Britt, Frank M. Parker and Naomi Morris, all of whose terms expire in 1974, will seek reelection.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES - The mandatory retirement age of 70 for superior court judges is expected to provide openings for a number of lawyers to seek seats on the bench in 1974. Now many incumbent superior court judges will be effected by the mandatory retirement age, we do not know at this time.

Just One Thing After Another

by Carl Goerch

From J.J. Pitchford of Jensen Beach, Florida, come this little story:

Boys in a high school were busily engaged in making preparations for a track meet. A country youth wanted to get into one of the races but the coach discouraged him. Said the boy wouldn't make any kind of showing.

However, the youth was persistent and finally the coach relented and told him okay, he could get into the race.

At the start of the contest the boy immediately fell behind the others. The

coach smiled to himself. Then, all of a sudden, the young fellow began to gain ground. He passed one contestant after another until he was well in the lead and won the race.

The coach asked him "How come you started off so poorly and then displayed such a fine burst of speed?"

"I prayed," was the answer.

"You prayed!"

"That's right."

"What did you pray?"

"I prayed to the Lord and I said, 'Lord, if you'll pick 'em up, I'll put 'em down.'"

Here's something that doesn't happen very often. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Francis of Halifax County had three daughters. Nearby lived a family with three sons. The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Francis married the three sons in the neighbor's family.

The late Edmund Harding of Washington, North Carolina, one of the best friends I ever had, was probably the greatest story teller I ever knew also. Here are a sample or two of his tales:

A man down in my home town of Washington called on our preacher, Mr. Waterhouse, and said, "Preacher I'm in serious trouble."

"What's the matter?"

"I got a letter here from a guy who says if I don't quit fooling around with his wife, he's going to shoot me. I don't know what to do."

"Seems to me," said Mr. Waterhouse, "that the easiest way to get out of such a difficulty would be to quite fooling around with the man's wife."

"That's all well and good, but I don't know who he is. He didn't sign his name to the letter."

Cole Brothers Circus used to have a strong man who would take a lemon and squeeze every drop of juice out of it. Then the circus would offer \$100 to anybody who could squeeze another single drop out of the lemon.

Tobe Lewis, down in Washington, accepted the challenge and without too much effort, was able to squeeze another drop of juice out of the lemon.

The circus people offered him another \$100 if he could get another drop of juice.

He did.

"That marvelous!" exclaimed one of the circus officials. "Tell me, please sir, what do you do?"

"I'm chairman of the finance committee of the First Baptist Church here in Washington," said Tobe.

STORIES BEHIND WORDS

By WILLIAM S. PENFIELD

Lynch

In the late 1700s a band of criminals preyed on a frontier settlement in Virginia. Finally, the settlers organized to put an end to the crime wave.

The settlers chose as their leader William Lynch, a former soldier. Under Lynch's leadership the group caught many of the criminals and meted out what it considered appropriate punishment.

After a few years the area was rid of the criminals, and the settlers' organization was disbanded. But the group's disregard of legal procedure gave rise to the term "to lynch," meaning to punish a person for a real or alleged crime without due process of law.

Names

Distinctive personal characteristics were responsible in many cases for the names originally given to people.

The name Emmet, which means ant, is an example. Some man who was noted for his industriousness was given the name because he was compared to the ant, which is noted as a hard worker.

Emerson, which is of Old English origin, is just one of the many names that are the result of slurred pronunciation. The name originally was "Emory's son." This was contracted to Emoryson, which - through faulty pronunciation - emerged as Emerson.