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## As We See It..... by Kay Piotrkowski

Since a \$300 million debt is not to be taken lightly, serious consideration is due the school bond issue to be decided at the polls in the next two and a half weeks. As is usually the case when it comes to the public pocketbook, forces on both sides of the issue have distributed much information and a goodly supply of misinformation. It is left up to the voter to sort one from the other and to make as well informed a decision as possible.

This is the largest, although certainly not the first, school bond issue ever presented to North Carolina voters. Three previous school bond issues approved by state voters were \$25 million in 1949, \$50 million in 1953 and \$100 million in 1964. Higher construction costs are certainly responsible for a large amount of increase in the total bond issue.

The General Assembly decided to present the bond issue to the voters based on a study conducted last fall by the 151 school superintendents and a follow-up study in which the State Board of Education cited school facilities needs throughout North Carolina. The General Assembly's actions limiting classroom size and creating state kindergartens have added to the present and future burdens on existing educational facilities. Study results indicate Hoke County needs 22 additional teaching stations for grades one through 12 and an additional 18 for kindergartens. By 1978 when the kindergarten program will be in full force the need for 22 more stations is forecast.

State officials maintain the bond issue may be floated while keeping the state debt within manageable proportions because other indebtedness, specifically highway bonds, is continually being reduced. The need for additional classrooms to meet needs of an expanding educational system are quite plain.

The biggest question for voters is "How shall we meet these needs?" If not through the \$300 million bond referendum, then through other means—perhaps locally. This could most probably mean an increase in property taxes. Not a very pleasant thought.

Citizens should understand the bonds will not be issued all at once but will be issued over a period of three to five years, according to Edwin Gill, N.C. treasurer. The needs exist and it appears the bond issue is the best way to finance our schools.

Last week we devoted a couple of paragraphs to attempts at presenting accurate news. It all sounded fine unless you tried to make sense out of the first few paragraphs devoted to opening of Edenborough center. Somewhere between idea and printed reality one paragraph became so mangled it made no sense at all. It should have read:

Edenborough has been a long time in the planning. And that blasted yankee winter we suffered through last season did little to help masons, carpenters, plumbers or contractors adhere to the original time table. So the center was also a long time in the building. But it is here now and a most welcome addition to our city. Sneak preview of the newest store indicates it was all worth waiting for. We welcomed the other new and expanded stores and have thoroughly enjoyed shopping in them.

As we said last week, "Almost everyone in town will see our mistakes."

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, October 14, 1948

The hearing before Judge Q. K. Nimocks of the ninth judicial district which was scheduled for last Friday (involving the issue of whether certain children in this county should go to school in Raeford or Rockfish) was postponed to a date to be set later because of inability of the judge to be present.

Seven Hoke County men received notices from the Selective Service board this week to report to Ft. Bragg tomorrow for pre-induction physical examinations under the 1948 draft law.

A. S. Knowles attended the Carolina District Kiwanis Convention in Asheville Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Next Wednesday night October 20, there will be a public meeting at the courthouse at 8:00 p.m. to take action on the maintenance of the Raeford Cemetery.

From Poole's Medley: About thirty years ago both Boston teams were on the bottom at midseason and both teams won their league championships.

Hannah Campbell, respected colored

woman of Allendale Township whose age was known to be at least 97, passed away at her home there on Saturday, October 2, 1948, after an illness of one week.

Enlistments are now being accepted by the Hoke County unit of the National Guard and eligible men between the ages of 17 and 35 may sign up for service at the Armory in Raeford, Captain Paul Dickson, commanding officer of Battery A, 677th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, said this week.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, October 16, 1958

Persons owing delinquent taxes on real or personal property to Hoke County have been advised in the past week that the county intends to collect these taxes, using collection methods provided by law.

Reports from all five firms in the Industrial Division pushed the total collected and pledged to more than 12,000 today, with reports still expected from parts of several divisions.

Carlton E. Niven, of Baucom Appliance Co., Frigidaire dealer in this locality, today announced that he is planning to participate in a \$150,000 nation-wide consumer sweepstakes sponsored by Frigidaire Division of General Motors.

'Somebody else has been down in this same hole'



## The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

Last weekend in our home was a football weekend. No, we didn't leave the living room and yes, we did watch the world series baseball game too. But, since we are Oklahoma University football fans, the OU vs Texas game took on major importance.

In attendance for the event were two additional OU graduates and one poor couple hailing from the longhorn state.

As the guests arrived it was obvious spirits were high for the game. My husband entered the room wearing a white tee shirt, and his red and white striped overalls topped by his OU beanie. Since I had on my red and white saddle shoes, red jeans and an OU sweat shirt, I didn't think he looked bad at all.

First to arrive was the couple who had attended OU. It was obvious that they had sat with their parents on the Alumni side of the stadium instead of in the student section as we had. Their cheering attire was a bit more sophisticated than ours. He wore a red and white pin striped suit with a red shirt and a white tie. Each of his white gloves sported a blazing OU applique at the wrist. His white patent shoes were topped with red patent spats and he wore a red derby atop a crop of bright carrot-colored locks.

She entered in a shimmering red satin

### Puppy Creek

### Philosopher

Dear editor:

According to an item I read in a newspaper last night a United States Senator -- I forget his name, he'd just been there one term and hadn't had time to get on Face the Nation or Meet the Press -- has announced he won't run for a second term because the job wasn't what he'd expected, too many hide-bound customs, too much power in the hands of people who's main assets are they've been there longer than the others.

But what interested me was what he's now going to do. Said he was going to farm.

I hope he knows what he's doing. You reckon this new Job's going to suit him? I mean, will he be happy when he pushes a button and nobody shows up to be told where to plow that day?

You know, there's a difference in looking out the window and seeing it rain when you're in a Senator's office in Washington and contemplating getting wet when you race to your car, and in looking out the window on a farm and seeing it rain when your hay should have been in two days ago.

On the other hand there may be a real possibility here for the whole nation. I mean, instead of electing a Senator for six years in Washington, elect him for four years there and two on a farm. I don't know what this would do to agriculture, but it certainly couldn't hurt government.

The trouble with a lot of politicians is they get such a firm hold on their jobs they can't remember who they're working for. Well, that's not quite right. They know who they're working for, but it's not you and me.

I'm not calling any names, but I can think of several Senators and Congressmen whom it might do good if they worked on a farm for a while.

I can't think of any farmers who ought to be Senators. Of course there're lots of editors.

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

halter top, each side appropriately labeled "O" and "U" with "Kid" in white satin at the waist. Her white satin tam had red stitching and her white satin Palazzo pants topped imported red leather wedges.

"Oh my!" I said taking his hat. Just as the OU Kid sat down the doorbell rang again.

Enter the opponents. Looking past his and hers bright Texas orange western hats, I saw they had tied their horses out front to the car door handles of the orange sports car belonging to the neighbors. "I knew we should have made special arrangements for these cowboys," I whispered to my husband.

As the pre-game show began I served up the hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad, which I had cleverly tinted bright red.

The Texas couple politely asked for Bar-B-Queed beef, settled for hot dogs and refused to even sample the red potato salad. They insisted on drinking orange juice while I served the rest of us strawberry soda.

As the game started, everyone was quiet. By half time, the Texans were kicking hot dog buns with their sharp toes boots and quietly consoling each other with glasses of fresh orange juice.

As the clock ticked off the last seconds of the game my husband stood, dropped the bib on his overalls in victory to display "Go Big Red" printed on his tee shirt much as Superman would have fluffed his cape. He drew quiet applause, shouts of "more, more" and a few tears from the Texans. I stopped the act there because I knew he was prepared to go further with the show of loyalty. He had asked me where his red underwear was that morning.

After the 52 to 13 win for OU, I served coffee and red cake with white icing. Everyone had a piece.

## Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON -- The nation's top energy advisor told Congress a few days ago that our country can expect a fuel shortage for the next three to five years and that some type of rationing or allocation may be necessary during that time. What Governor Love, Director of the Energy Policy Office, said was grim news to a nation that is not used to dealing with scarcities.

As serious as the energy situation is, problems of the marketplace do not end there. An odd combination of circumstances have led to dwindling supplies of wheat, feed grains, meat and even fertilizer. The Senate has been called upon to release large quantities of copper, zinc, aluminum, and silicon carbide from the national stockpile because of tight supplies of these basic materials. The chemical industry is experiencing a shortage of chlorine. In turn the chlorine suppliers are not able to produce at capacity because of the energy problem.

Wood and paper industries are having their problems too. Newsprint is in exceedingly short supply with U. S. mills operating at peak capacity and Canadian mills unable to fill demand.

In normal times, the law of supply and demand would take over and carry us through to an early solution. But, these are not normal times for our economy. Fuel and agriculture problems are entwined in national and international policies. Energy supplies are dependent on a multitude of factors, not the least of which are the availability of oil from the Middle East

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



TRAGIC -- The Agnew and Watergate episodes are tragic to say the least. Also, the crimes were somewhat paradoxical. Agnew fouled up because of his love or greed for money. Watergate, we have often thought was largely caused because the Nixon people had too much money. In I Timothy 6:10 in the Bible we are told: "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

In recent years it seems that we have had more than a reasonable number or people in high office who have failed to measure up to the standards which we have a right to expect.

In Illinois former Governor Otto Kerner, who while a Federal Judge, was indicted, convicted and sentenced because of his apparent "love of money."

And another thing, these men in public life who foul up over money do so while comfortably fixed and drawing good salaries and moving toward prized pensions in retirement.

SADNESS -- Regardless of a person's political leanings, there can be no joy, only sadness in a person's downfall. All of us have our weaknesses and Agnew's downfall should be a warning to all in both public and private life to redouble our efforts to be above reproach.

NON-PARTISAN -- One thing which can be said about the Agnew indictment and resignation, it cannot be charged against partisan politics. Agnew was a Republican and those who prosecuted him were Republicans including Attorney General Elliot Richardson and U.S. District Attorney George Beall.

Also in the Watergate trials, Judge John J. Sirica is a Republican appointed by the late President Eisenhower.

ECU MED SCHOOL -- With air clearing after the report of the out-of-state experts regarding the need for medical doctors and/or another four year medical school, support for a four-year med school at ECU seems to be holding. Former Governor Bob Scott has reiterated his previous endorsement of a four-year med school for ECU, going so far as to say that if the Higher Education Board of Governors can't make a good decision, the General

Assembly should over-rule them. EFFICIENCY STUDY REPORT -- The Governor's Efficiency Study Commission headed by Wachovia Bank Board Chairman Archie Davis has come up with its recommendations, which we hope don't gather dust following Governor Holshouser's lofty words of praise for the work of the committee.

We would like to see a real move made toward efficiency in State Government but as of yet in Jim Holshouser's administration during the past nine months we have seen very little evidence in the direction of more efficiency and economy. If anything, we suspect there are more people doing the same work now than were on the State's payroll on January 1, 1973.

If prompt attention is not paid to the recommendations of the Commission headed by Archie Davis you cannot expect the work of the 72 businessmen and corporate executives to be dusted off and put into effect a couple of years hence.

THAD EURE -- A tip of the hat to Secretary of State Thad Eure for his ruling saying that both the "wets" and the "drys" must report expenditures in the current liquor-by-the-drink campaign. However, to have a law of this nature on the books without anyone willing to assume the responsibility of enforcing it is nothing more than a farce.

VICE PRESIDENTS -- Speaking about vice presidential candidates, in retrospect, it is apparent that both President Nixon and George McGovern made recommendations which they came to regret in 1972 running mates. McGovern selected Senator Eagleton and within a few days came to regret it and finally requested him to resign his nomination, which he did. McGovern then, after several turned him down, selected Sargeant Shriver. Well, it took President Nixon longer to discover his error than it did McGovern, but Nixon's regrets are no doubt as deep if not deeper than those which McGovern had to swallow.

GERALD FORD -- We hope and believe that President Nixon made a pretty good selection in recommending GOP House Minority Leader Gerald Ford to the Congress for Vice President.

## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

When a native in Western North Carolina needs medicine, he needn't go to a drug store -- he can saunter into the woods and dig up a root or whittle a tree.

He doesn't have to search far, for in Western Carolina, there are more than 700 plants and roots with definite medicinal properties.

If a native herb doctor hangs up his shingle he can put on it, "I know my herbs and roots" and come close to living up to his statement. These doctors are born and reared in the shadows of the Great Smoky mountains and know intimately hundreds of simple home remedies, many of which are recognized by licenses chemists and physicians.

These doctors say the Indian maintained his health by knowledge and use of the curative and healing powers of the roots and herbs, the organic minerals and other properties they contain.

For instance, there is among the evergreens, the arbor vitae which cures warts. Life everlasting is an old remedy for sore throat and is said to produce a desire to sing. Mistletoe is recommended for spasmodic nervous troubles and lily

of the valley root in small doses is said to strengthen the heart.

The juniper berry, containing principles found in no other plant is a powerful remedy for some kidney troubles. Properties of white pine and balsam are used in cough syrup and the clear liquid which seeps from blisters of the balsam are considered excellent for curing cuts and sores.

Old settlers make a liver tea from the wahoo, turtlehead and others and dogwood also is valuable in this treatment. Sumach berries mixed with honey are a good cough syrup.

There are other remedies handed down from other days. Tea made from huckleberry leaves is a remedy for kidney trouble as is water cress. The wild columbine is diuretic, elderberries, bark, and root, also are excellent for the complaint.

Foxgloves is used for Bright's disease but it is poisonous to some extent. Trailing arbutus and queen-of-the-meadow also are used in these diseases.

Twenty pounds of witch hazel twigs will make a gallon of tea which is used for neuralgia, sunburn, muscular pains and other complaints. The wax myrtle makes a tea to cure headaches.

Fevers are treated with the Great Spirit Tea, a concoction made from Joe Pye weed, juniper berries, and wild ginger, elderberries and calamus.

There are others by the score all over the mountains for almost all ailments and the herb doctors know them all.

A reader who does not identify himself sends in this bit, "since you like to put in chestnuts," he says:

"Centenarian: A person who has lived to be 100 years old. He never smoked or he smoked all his life. He used whiskey for eighty years or he never used it. He was a vegetarian or he wasn't a vegetarian. Follow these rules carefully and you, too, can be a centenarian."

The only Tar Heel governor ever to have been impeached was William W. Holden. The famous trial took place in 1870. Governor Holden was found guilty by the court, was removed from the governor's chair and forbidden ever again to hold office under state government.

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