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As We See It..... by Kay Piotrzowski

Although all four of this district's elected state lawmakers live in Robeson County, we hope they will consider bills which affect Hoke Countians.

The board of health faces problems resulting from a bill passed by the 1973 General Assembly. The new law states board members may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. The law also stipulates the nine-member board must include one dentist, one physician, a pharmacist, one county commissioner and five persons appointed from the general public. Practicing in Hoke County are one dentist, two physicians and four pharmacists.

At this point, because of sketchy record keeping in the past, no one, including the dentist, Dr. Julius F. Jordan, seems sure how many consecutive years he has served on the board. It appears impossible for Hoke County to comply with this law if it is determined Dr. Jordan has served the maximum time. The old law provided for appointment of alternate members if specified professionals were unavailable for service. The new law contains no such provisions.

Under the 1973 statute "members (are) appointed by the board of county commissioners, upon consultation with the local health director." Hoke County does not have a health director but does have a chairman of the health board. This portion of the law has already caused confusion. At the county commissioners meeting Monday Chairman T.C. Jones submitted names of two women for appointment to the board of health and the commissioners approved them. This was done without consulting Health Board Chairman Walter Coley who had recommendations he wished to make.

We ask Sen. Luther J. Britt Jr., or Representatives Gus Speros, Joy J. Johnson and Henry Ward Oxendine to offer an amendment to the law providing for appointment of alternate members if a doctor, dentist or pharmacist is not available to serve on the board. We also feel the law should be changed to include an alternate when there is no health director for the commissioners to consult concerning appointments to the health board.

While on the subject of the legislature and our elected officials we should point out that many Hoke Countians bemoan the fact they have no representative from the county in Raleigh. Most say they feel Hoke County is overlooked and neglected - almost to the point of having no representation at all.

Area residents will have a chance to be heard Saturday. Representatives Johnson and Oxendine will be at the courthouse at 12:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming legislation and answer questions for local people. Oxendine said he hopes to visit Hoke County about every two weeks during the legislative session in order to keep in close touch with the average citizen.

The turn out Saturday will indicate if Hoke Countians are truly concerned citizens who want a voice in the governing of their state. A poor turn out Saturday could convince the legislators they are wasting their time. Now is the time for area residents to show up or shut up.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, January 6, 1949
 Paul Dickson, operator of The News-Journal who drives an airplane with about the same efficiency, drove one into the ground while attempting a landing at Lewis Upchurch's airport here shortly after eight o'clock last Friday morning.

The deer season ended on January 1, 1949, District Game Protector H.R. McLean reminded all hunters this week.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company announced this week through its district manager, W.W. Aycock of Fayetteville, that it had stationed a full time service man in Raeford.

On the Second Sunday in December members and friends of the Community Chapel Methodist Church, Raeford Route 2, held services for the first time in the new building, which was recently completed with the exception of painting.

A lone gunman, said to have been an Indian held up the Scottish Bank at

Pembroke at about noon Monday and made his escape with about \$9000 in cash.

The City of Fayetteville Tuesday legalized the sale of beer and wine.

Battery 'A' 677th Anti-aircraft artillery battalion, plans to go to Raleigh today to participate in the inaugural parade and review the inauguration of W. Kerr Scott as governor of North Carolina.

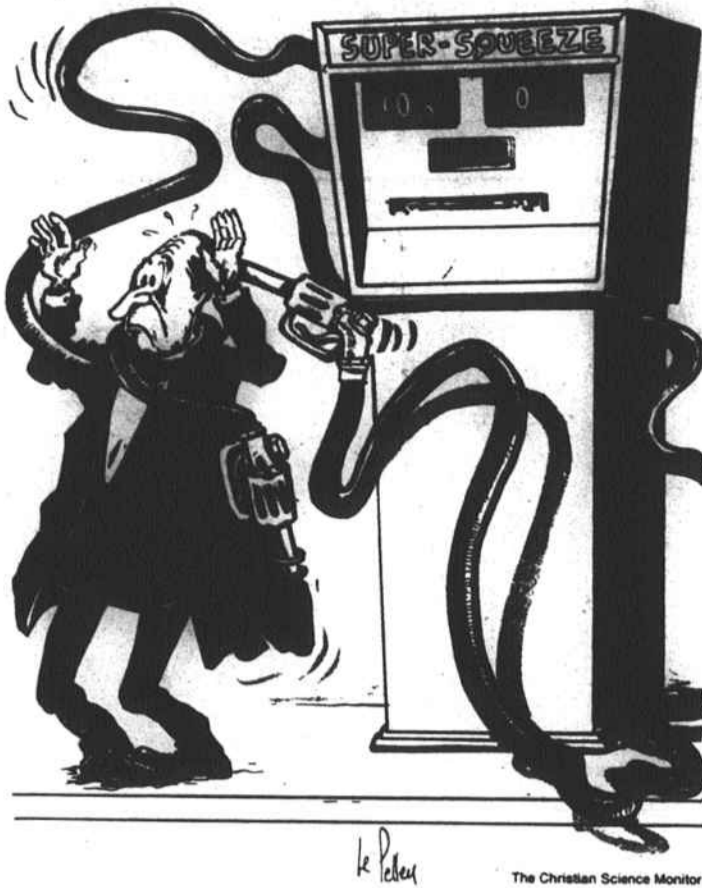
15 years ago

Thursday, January 8, 1959
 J.H. Austin was installed Thursday night as the 1959 president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

Charles Hostetler and Bobby Burns McNeill this week announced that they have formed a partnership for the general practice of law, effective January 1, under the firm name of Hostetler and McNeill.

Sheriff D.H. Hodgins was invested with full authority in the supervision of county law enforcement officers by the Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse Monday.

Mugged?



The Christian Science Monitor

The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

Not only is my husband unsympathetic his sense of humor, what there is of it, is warped.

The problem is that I am facing a birthday. Like any woman I had completely forgotten about it and hoped he would remember it, but not which one it is. But since I chose to laugh out loud and offer to purchase some gray hair coloring and a rocking chair on his last birthday, he has now threatened to give me a party and put the correct number of candles on the cake. That would be a high number of candles and a low thing to do.

Since Cap has been aware of my birthday for several days I am expecting a surprise at any time. For instance, at 8:30 a.m. on my day off the doorbell rang. It was a delivery man with a new clothes dryer. I threatened to call the law on the poor man because he would not take the machine away and I had not ordered it. I knew Cap hadn't ordered it because he does not know a permanent press from a soft soap.

"Slip the proof under the door," I demanded. "I wouldn't want to take the thing in and get attached to it only to have you pick it up because of making a wrong delivery."

Sure enough, the sales slip was signed by none other than someone I had never heard of before. The delivery man went quietly and delivered the dryer two doors down.

That afternoon, flowers were delivered to my house. They were for

my 18-year-old next door neighbor's first anniversary. Taking the bouquet next door I explained that I had thought they were for my birthday and was sorry I had opened the card. After I read that "Uggums" hoped our second year was as "far out" as our first I realized the flowers weren't for me.

On the way home I spotted a carpet delivery truck checking house numbers along the street. I thought Cap had picked out new carpet for the guest room as a surprise, but the truck pulled in four doors away.

Arriving home I discovered a package lodged between the screen and the front door. I didn't understand why Cap would buy my birthday present from a fashionable men's clothing store, but he usually had good taste. I opened it to find a man's suit, shirt and tie in my husband's size and a note reading "Happy Birthday! Since it is better to give than to receive, I used your checking account."

I am still facing a birthday and still expecting a surprise any time. I ordered my surprise from my favorite furniture store. It is my size.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

While it used to be, say two years ago, the world's main problem was trying to find a new source of tax revenue, everybody knows the problem now is finding a new source of energy. The Arabs may be on top now but some day when their wells run dry they may see the return of the camel and aid from Washington to buy hay.

I contend that man is going to find a new source of energy, but I contend also he's going to get caught with the same flaw present sources have. Somebody will figure out how to meter it.

Some experts are talking about harnessing the energy of the tides, and as sure as you're sitting there somebody is going to figure out a way to run it through a meter.

Take electricity Nobody knows for sure exactly what it is, you can't see it except when it shorts out, it travels down a wire which obviously is impossible since the wire isn't hollow, yet they've managed to run it through a meter.

You name it, water, electricity, gas, somebody has figured out how to run it through a meter.

People are talking also about harnessing the energy from the sun, heating their homes from its rays, and as sure as you're sitting there somebody is going to figure out how to run the rays through a meter that automatically bills you before the rays hit your roof. Fail to pay your bill and they'll turn off the sun over your house.

The more I think about this, selling energy that doesn't cost anything to produce, the more I'd like to find out who's working on it and if they have any stock to sell. I'd like to get in on the ground floor.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

One of our patrolmen friends told us the other day about an unusual arrest he made.

He stopped an automobile driver who appeared to be in an intoxicated condition. To make sure, he asked him the usual question: "Haven't you had something to drink?"

He expected the usual answer: "Yes, officer, I had a bottle of beer about half an hour ago."

But this time he didn't get it. When the patrolman asked the driver: "You've had something to drink, haven't you?" the man looked him squarely in the eye and said: "Yes, officer, I have. I had two bottles of beer and a pint of whiskey."

The patrolman said he almost felt tempted not to press the charge against the driver.

From Floyd Collier, of Whiteville, we received some notes which he has jotted down from time to time. Here are a few of them:

"Words are easier to swallow before they leave the tongue."

"It's noticeable how well narrow minds and wide mouths go together."

"I would rather have a man's smile than his pocketbook ... I know what's in a smile."

One of our Yankee friends was chatting with us in the lobby of the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh recently. He made mention of the fact that there were many expressions in use in North Carolina and other parts of the South which you don't hear as a rule in other parts of the country. "For instance," he said, "take the expression 'He lit a shuck.' It means to get away from a place in a hurry."

We didn't say anything, but upon reflection we came to the conclusion that we never heard that expression used in North Carolina, or

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



ATTORNEY GENERAL - Will the several "patriots willing to serve," to quote the late Gov. Cherry, as Attorney General in the event Robert Morgan is nominated for the U.S. Senate by the Democrats be pushing the Morgan candidacy? If Morgan is not nominated there will be no vacancy!

Will the incumbent members of the State Democratic Executive Committee make the selection? Since Morgan will not resign until after he is nominated, if nominated will Morgan wait until after the State Democratic Convention is held to submit his resignation? If he waits until after the convention the new State Executive Committee will make the selection rather than the incumbent committee.

These are questions that will be coming up pretty soon.

Among those being mentioned as possible candidates in the event Morgan is nominated for the U.S. Senate include, Rufus Edmisten, aide to Senator Ervin and Boone Democrat; Senator Phil Godwin, Senator Bill Staton, Senator Elton Edwards, Senator Zeb Alley, Rep. Willis Richard, Burlis Mitchell and no doubt others.

PRIMARY - Whether the Democrat and Republican primaries will be held in May, or later, will be determined by the upcoming General Assembly.

We hear some talk about the second primary. Some feel that if a candidate receives 45 percent of the vote in the first primary that there should not be a second primary. In some states there is only one primary but in most states second primaries are held. Eliminating a second primary when one candidate has 45 percent of the vote is worth considering but a less percentage would be straying pretty far from "majority rule."

Several people who have run second in the first primary have gone on to win in the second primary. Take 1964 for instance. Richardson Preyer led for Governor but in the second primary Dan Moore went on to win big. In the 1948 primary Charlie Johnson led in the first primary but in the run-off Kerr Scott led to become the Democratic

nominee for governor. In 1950 Dr. Frank P. Graham led for the U.S. Senate nomination but in the second primary Graham lost to Willis Smith. In many instances the second man in the first primary wins in the run off.

HELPING THE INJURED. We hear talk about helping the criminals who are convicted in an effort to lead them to useful lives. We have no quarrel with people who want to lead others to a more obedient and law abiding way of living. It's a high and worthy calling, and should be encouraged.

A few nights ago we were impressed by TV commentator Howard K. Smith who told about one of the European countries which had appropriated funds to help those who are attacked and injured by criminals. Such a program would cost some money, but we feel that there is some justification for it here in the good old USA. One way to raise the money to pay the bill might be to increase court costs and fines in criminal cases. A man or woman who is attacked and beaten up should have some recourse for aid when Uncle Sam is handing out "revenue sharing funds" and passing out taxpayers money for so many other less worthy causes.

HOLSHOUSER - Governor Holshouser will hardly get along as well with the 1974 session of the General Assembly as he did with the 1973 session. The honeymoon is over. There will be lots of "buncombe" talk and maneuvering going on as the candidates play to the people back home for primary votes.

ECU MED STUDY? - If anything has been studied enough it is the proposed ECU med school. One group has just made an extended study and submitted its report. Now the Board of Governors has included a \$50,000 item in its supplementary budget request to finance a study of the feasibility of expanding the ECU med school. The Board of Governors probably senses the tide for the ECU Med School and hope to divert it through another study.

CRISIS - In time of crisis outstanding leaders usually surface. With the energy crisis upon us who do you see surfacing?

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed rule to increase or terminate the national marketing quota and acreage allotment for flue-cured tobacco for the 1974-1975 marketing year has caused great consternation among North Carolina farmers.

I have advised Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz that I am unalterably opposed to any change in our tobacco program and believe that any suspension of flue-cured tobacco quotas would lead

to an economic disaster.

The changes being considered by the Department ignore the essential fact that the level of prices is based upon the quota system and is necessary in order for farmers to produce this commodity. Farmers are already suffering from skyrocketing costs for fuel and fertilizer, and have enough problems without the additional worry over the future of the acreage-poundage tobacco control program.

There is considerable speculation that the Department is threatening to terminate national marketing and acreage allotment for flue-cured tobacco in the hope of getting agreement to increase the quota. Some segments of the tobacco industry have been advocating an increase in the quota for 1974. Such action, however, would be a serious mistake and could have a far-reaching effect upon the entire tobacco industry.

The 1974 marketing quota for flue cured tobacco was set last July at 1,179 million pounds, the same as in 1973, and ten percent above 1972. It appears though there may be a carry over of about 50 million pounds from 1973 and that this would provide an effective

quota of about 10 percent of quotas to be marketed without penalty. So there is already the possibility of marketings of 1,347 million pounds in 1974 under the existing quota. If there is another ten percent increase in the quota, that would add the possibility of 118 million pounds of marketings for a grand total of 1,465 million pounds in 1974. It is this latter ten percent increase in the quota that could have severe consequences if it is approved by the Department.

Marketings of this amount would greatly depress tobacco prices. This comes at a time when interest rates, taxes, and wages are jumping to all-time highs. Furthermore, there is no indication that inflation will abate. Indeed, the prices of farming machinery, equipment, and supplies are increasing faster than farmers can finance them.

Farmers and other interested persons should transmit their views on this vital issue to the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, no later than January 10.

The tobacco program has meant much to North Carolina and the 115,000 quota and allotment holders in our State. The program in its present form has widespread support. I am of the opinion that it would be tragic if the Secretary of Agriculture seeks to implement any proposal which would weaken or destroy a program that has worked so well and has continuously strengthened rural America.

anywhere else for that matter.

From Con Lanier of Greenville: "In connection with the unusual names mentioned recently in your column, you might be interested to know that a number of years ago in our town Dr. Greene lived in one house, Mr. Brown lived in the next house and Mr. White lived next door to Mr. Brown."

A follow-up on our recent discussion here of the fact that Dan Emmett, who wrote the song, "Dixie," was a Yankee.

Dr. J.E. Pritchard wrote us that in May 1924 several people from North Carolina attended a church Youth Conference at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. When we arrived there, he says, some folks said to me: "Oh, so you're a Southerner? Well, then, I know you will want to go out to our cemetery and see the grave of Dan Emmett."

I must confess that at that time I did not recall who Dan Emmett was, but I did not tell them so. They took a delegation of us out to the cemetery to see the grave and I noted there some references to his being the author of "Dixie."

Then our new friends took us to an old house just out of town which they said was the home of the Emmett family. The story as I remember it, was that the family moved from Mississippi to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, before the Civil War and while the future song composer was still a young boy. When the war broke out, even though they had great sympathy for the southern cause, they remained in northern territory. It is possible that the reason he did not fulfill his wish of being in Dixie was that he could not cross the border while the war was in progress. My recollection is that the people of Mt. Vernon said that Dan Emmett was somewhat of a musician and belonged to an orchestra.