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CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



NCNU-It seems that the North Carolina State University at Raleigh may have come in for some unjust criticism for its research and experiment efforts which may have resulted in "corporation" farming moving ahead in some areas.

If research and experiment result in big rather than "little" farms, we still don't see where you can afford to hold back, for in many instances scientific modern-day farming makes food more economical to grow. We like "little" farms, having grown up on one, but who really wants to go back to one-horse farming today? People leaving the farms for better paying jobs necessitated research so that those continuing to till the soil could grow more per acre-otherwise we would have before now witnessed a food shortage.

TERRY SANFORD-Many people are taking Terry Sanford's interest in running for president in 1976 very lightly and more or less as a joke. Maybe he won't get the nomination in 1976 but we think he would be better than quite a few of those being mentioned for the Democratic nomination.

Some other men who met defeat in campaigns for important offices before winning the presidency include Abraham Lincoln who was defeated for the U.S. Senate in 1858, and Richard Nixon who was defeated for governor of California in 1962. A defeat such as Terry Sanford experienced in 1972 in North Carolina when George Wallace made one trip to Chadbourne and swept to victory over all the presidential candidates, can really defeat a good man, or it can be a stumbling block from which to climb to greater achievement. It's more or less up to the man. He is not "defeated" until he is defeated within his own heart and mind, and Terry is not.

HOLSHOUSER--Jim Holshouser came through the 1973 and 1974 General Assemblies without many deep scars. He didn't get involved very much in the ECU Med School battle. It was reported that he "officially" sided with the board of governors, but "personally" was in favor of an enlarged Med School for ECU.

GAGGING LEO-A few weeks ago we made mention in this column of an Associated Press report in the Charlotte Observer captioned in about 72 pt. type: "UNC Board Action May Gag Jenkins."

It was hard to believe that any higher education group would resort to "gagging" a senior university chancellor overseeing the schooling of more than 10,000 students and who has been giving of his time and energy in leading a crusade to bring about more doctors and better health care to the people-and especially to those outside the more "affluent" circles. The AP story seemed so strange for an enlightened and forward-moving state that our comments were on the light and jest side.

Now we hear by the grapevine that the Observer's Associated Press story may be more valid than we once thought. Word coming this way is that a "spokesman" for the Board of Governors has passed the word along to Leo that if he doesn't like what is going on to talk with the board authorities first.

ECU MED SCHOOL-We understand that some proponents of the 1974 Med School are unhappy with the attitude of Chairman Bill Dees, and maybe others who may be pouring cold water on the General Assembly's approval of ECU Med School funds. They feel that the green light should be given to the expansion of the ECU Med School without delay.

Evidently some members of the Board of Governors are still unaware of the strong sentiment, not only in the East, but across the State for the expanded medical school at East Carolina University.

Had the issue not had tremendous grassroots support, it would never have moved along as it did in the 1974 session of the General Assembly.

Leo Jenkins is not a man to be "gagged" or "muzzled" when it comes to advocating more doctors and better medical attention to the great masses of people, who, too often, find it hard to get a doctor when needed.

This could be a ready-made issue for Leo Jenkins or some other forward thinking leader to ride into the governor's mansion on in 1976.

As We See It..... By Kay Piotrkowski

By the time this edition hits the street, with the exception of any runoffs that may be called for, the primary election will be over. The voters will have spoken and we will have a respite until campaigning for the November general election gets underway. We failed last week, to caution voters against placing much credence in last minute campaign attacks and mud slinging. In light of a few events during the week it is obvious we should have discussed this all too common practice.

It is an old political practice to hit your opponent with the lowest blow of the campaign with such timing that your accusations receive broadest coverage but that his denial or defense will be too late to receive as thorough and far reaching coverage.

On May 2, the day the final pre-election edition of *The News-Journal* was published, some unseen characters slithered around Hoke County plastering automobile windshields with two-page reprints of an alleged signed letter attacking the morals of Congressman Charles Rose. It appears to us there were many good solid issues that needed to be aired in the Congressional race and had the culprits spent as much time, energy and ingenuity in confronting the Congressman on the issues as they did on much racking, the voters of the district would have been much better off.

If these phantom pamphleteers littered the other five counties in the district as heavily as Hoke County -- we wonder at the expense. Someone, someplace must have a mighty high printing bill. Yellow journalism uses cheaply sensational or unscrupulous methods in newspapers or printing to attract and influence readers. With this in mind, we think it quite appropriate the material attacking Rose's morals was printed on yellow sheets of paper.

Another story making the rounds at the end of the recent campaign erroneously reported that Clerk of Superior Court E.E. Smith was suppressing a traffic ticket received by a member of his family. Not so. The ticket is listed in the ledger exactly as it should be and in proper alphabetical and chronological order along with other citations handed out. The shuck (envelope) containing the ticket is filed properly along with other pending district court cases.

The case was scheduled for hearing March 29 and continued at the request of the defendant. It was rescheduled April 19 and again continued at the request of the defendant and set for May 10. This is not unusual. The ticket was given by a N.C. Highway Patrolman and could only be scheduled on the specific days when that patrolman is assigned to court. State troopers are not required to be in district court each session but only during periodically assigned sessions.

In addition, both times this case was set for trial it appeared on the typed docket which is available for attorneys, law enforcement officers, court officials and *The News-Journal* staff. Sure doesn't sound like a cover up to us.

We have no idea how many other last minute campaign smears were making the rounds about various candidates but these two instances should serve as renewed warning for voters to attempt to discover the truth and to remain extremely skeptical of last minute attacks on candidates.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

- 25 years ago**
- Thursday, May 5, 1949
- On next Sunday morning, May 8, at the regular morning worship hour the new educational building at Antioch Presbyterian Church will be dedicated.
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- A rate increase estimated at \$603,958 a year was granted the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company Tuesday by the utilities commission.
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- Mrs. D.K. Parker was bitten by a rattlesnake last Sunday afternoon in her strawberry patch near her home.
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- From Rockfish News:
A mouse got into the switchbox at Rockfish school causing trouble with the wires and resulting in the school being without water Monday and Tuesday of this week.
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- A native of Raeford, Charles O'Neal, now a screen writer of Hollywood, California, won a \$5,000 third prize in a national literary contest recently with
- his Irish novel, "Three Wishes."
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- 47 voters of Raeford elected the nominated ticket for mayor and town commissioners in the town election Tuesday.
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- Along with almost all the business section of Raeford the courthouse is also closing on Wednesday afternoons during the summer.
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- Mrs. W. R. Barrington, who operates the Red Cross office, is a justice of the peace, collector for the telephone company and a United States commissioner, has moved her office from the Bank building to the telephone building next to the town hall.
- 15 years ago**
- Thursday, May 7, 1959
- John G. Ormsby, manager of the J.C. Penney Co. store in Fayetteville and a director of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, is to be the speaker at the annual meeting and dinner of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce at the McClatchin School Monday night, Phil Rieg, Chamber manager, has announced.

The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

Every Once-in-awhile a trend catches the imagination of the reading public. Different writing techniques naturally appeal to different folks, but occasionally something about a new style will grab the attention of everyone.

We have seen this occur several times in the past. There was the narrative poem, the short story, and of course novels are forever popular. Some metric styles are more successful than others, but the latest craze among literature freaks is the "Watergate Tape Type."

The "Watergate Tape Type" refers to the style of writing recently introduced in the fast selling transcripts of white house conversations recently published and authored by dubious sources. No one is sure who first hit upon the new style of writing, but talk about it has been centered around interpretation of the words. Some folks think the writing is innocent enough, but others argue it may even be obscene. To contribute to the confusion, I offer:

The Three
(Expletive Deleted)
Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were (inaudible) goats. The goats wanted to go to the hillside and make themselves (unintelligible). The name of the goats was Gruff.

On the way to the hillside, they had to pass over a (expletive deleted) bridge. Under the river bridge there lived a great, ugly, (unintelligible) troll with eyes as big as saucers and ears as big as (inaudible).

First to go across the bridge was the youngest Billy Goat Gruff. Trip, trap! Trip, trap! went the (expletive deleted) bridge.

"Who's trip trapping over my (expletive deleted) bridge?" roared the (expletive deleted) troll.

"It is I!" said little Billy Goat Gruff. "I am going up to the hillside to make myself (inaudible)," he said in a meek little voice.

"I am going to (unintelligible)," said the (expletive deleted) troll.

"Don't take me," said (unintelligible). "I'm too (expletive deleted). Wait until a bigger Billy Goat Gruff comes."

(Enter second Billy Goat Gruff.)

"Who's tripping over my (unintelligible) roared the (expletive deleted) troll. "I'm going to gobble you up."

"Don't take me, wait til Big (inaudible) comes."

(Enter Big Billy Goat Gruff)

(Unintelligible) trap! trip, trap! went the (expletive deleted) bridge. "Who's tripping over my river bridge?" roared the ugly (inaudible). I'm going to gobble you up."

"Come on then" said Big Billy Goat (expletive deleted). "I've got two (inaudibles), and I'll poke your eyeballs (unintelligible) at your ears. I've got besides two (expletive deleted) and I'll crush you to (inaudible). And so he did.

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON -- President Nixon has asked Congress for another \$5.18 billion to give away to other nations. The request is almost certain to stir up a new storm over foreign aid. \$250 million of the money would go to Egypt and \$207 million to Jordan.

Another \$939 million would go to Southeast Asia with Vietnam receiving \$750 million, Cambodia obtaining \$110 million, and Laos getting \$55 million.

Apart from the fact that foreign aid has not been popular in the Congress in recent years, there is an added factor this time. American taxpayers, who are hard-pressed to pay for groceries and other necessities, are not likely to have much sympathy for a give-away program that is certain to stoke the fires of inflation. It is hardly necessary to mention that most individuals are trying to pinch pennies to balance their own budgets. Foreign aid and the billions of dollars we have poured out to other nations are directly involved in the tragic economic problems we face.

Consider the fact that since the end of World War II, our government has spent in excess of \$183 billion in aid to other nations. This does not include interest on the money we borrowed to furnish the aid or the cost of United States forces that have served overseas in that period. Nor does there appear to be any end in sight, although hopes to that effect have been expressed in recent years. For example, the latest statistics reveal that foreign aid for 1972, 1973, and 1974 totaled \$9.3 billion, \$9.5 billion, and \$8.6 billion respectively. According to Senator Inouye of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who compiled a report on this last December, these totals do not reflect Export-Import Bank expenditures. If these expenditures were added, the cost of foreign aid to the taxpayers for these fiscal years would be \$13 billion, \$13.9 billion, and \$16.3 billion.

All of this means that we cannot look for any real relief from inflation so long as our government is willing to give away billions of dollars to other nations for a multitude of programs, many of which are of doubtful value. We can be sure that so long as we are willing to give away money there will always be plenty of takers. The sad fact is that our generosity over the years has been forgotten when we needed it most.

Moreover, there seems to be no end to the ways we are called upon to aid other countries. In addition to the \$5.18 billion that President Nixon is asking Congress to donate to other countries, there was also a proposal last week that we join with other "rich nations" (to) spend \$4 billion to help the world's poorest people. The suggestion ignores the economic realities that are suddenly confronting us. The national debt now exceeds \$473 billion, an increase of \$18 billion in the last twelve months. Interest on the public debt will cost the American taxpayers about \$30 billion this year. If that does not shock our national conscience, inflation is running at an annual increase of about 11 percent. What this means to each individual is that his pay check buys less, and our economy is staggering from a weakening dollar.

I do not favor foreign aid, and think that the sooner we apply sound financial principles to our budget, the better off we will all be.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Looks as though there are as many different versions of the origin of "Dixie" as there are to "Who Killed Billy Patterson?" or "How old is Anne?"

We published two or three articles about "Dixie" some time ago. Bill Mordecai of Raleigh recently happened to be glancing through an old scrapbook kept by his father (the famous Dean Mordecai of Trinity and Duke) and found a yellowed clipping taken from the Chicago "Daily News." Seems that a reporter from that paper called on Dan Emmet, the generally accepted author of the song, and interviewed him about its origin. Here's what the clipping has to say:

"Dan Emmet, the once renowned and successful minstrel, is living in Chicago in poverty. An emissary of the News, who called on him a few days ago, found a silver-haired old gentleman whose face is lined with crows' feet, whose nose is becoming a bit pinched and whose hands have grown yellow and thin. He is 73 years old and he began the minstrel business nearly 60 years ago.

"Dan Emmet is the author of 'Dixie'" and here follows the account of the origin of that inspiration:

"The way I come to write that song was like this: Along in the forepart of the war; the minstrel business was at the top. Anybody who could sing a 'Negro song' was sure of good money. I was with Jere Bryant's Minstrels in New York in them days; on Forty-second and then on Forty-fourth Street. Well, one night Jere came to me and says: 'Dan, get me up a new song and make it catchy and noisy.' I told him I could do her, and after the show I moseyed home, thinking about what I'd write. The soldier boys were marching through the town on their way South then, and like a flash I ketched my muse. Most of the boys in blue were going to Dixie's land, and I just took the inspiration on the jump and wrote up my song about 'Way Down South in Dixie's Land.'

"Well, sir; she took from the start, and less'n a week everybody, and especially every soldier, was a singer' her.

"But the song I'm proudest of is 'Old Dan Tucker.' I got her from a Georgia Negro not exactly as he told it to me, but with the main ingredients, however.

"Money? No; never made a cent out of her. Not a red. But I had lots of fun. Lordy, how the boys -- most of 'em dead and gone now -- used to sing her in the 'walk-around' at the close of the show. Among the other songs I turned out was 'Old Joe,' 'Goin' Over the Mountains,' 'Old Mistah Brown,' and 'Dandy Jim.'"

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What is there in this quotation from Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick?

"If a thing can be done, experience and skill can do it. If a thing cannot be done, only faith can do it."

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"Quite a successful man!" says the world of one who has conducted a large business, made money, attained to some degree of prominence, gotten his name into the paper often.

"He was never much of a success," the world says of another who has merely been a good citizen, looked after his family, worked on a small salary or in small-time jobs, and had his name in the paper little or none.

I think the Almighty has little better off we will all be.

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