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

If city fathers attempt to pass a leash law they'll probably find that messing with a man's dog gets more response from him than messing with his wife. There will be much growling, snapping and gnashing of teeth -- very little of it from the dogs. We'll hear great cries of leash laws being cruel to animals by restricting their exercise and natural tendency to romp and play.irate owners will scream, "My dogs never leave the yard. A leash law will infringe on my rights."

But without a leash law, running dogs infringe on everyone's rights. Almost 400 city residents signed a petition which was presented to the city council Monday evening asking enactment of a leash law.

Citizens have a right to walk the sidewalks and streets of their community without fear of being attacked or threatened by dogs. Parents have a right to demand their children be free to play in their own yards and public parks without danger of being bitten by dogs. Residents have a right to expect their lawns, shrubs, flowers and laundry be protected from damage incurred by other people's pets. All have a right to expect garbage placed in containers to remain there and not be strewn throughout the community by roaming pets.

Dogs have a right to expect masters to protect them from the dangers of running loose. A beloved pet should not be placed in jeopardy of being hit by a moving vehicle. A dog has a right to expect his master to protect him from teasing children. A dog has a right to expect his master to prevent him from eating poisonous materials in garbage cans. A dog has a right to expect his master to protect him from attack by other dogs.

We are not sure what type of leash law city fathers might consider but, seems to us, there is no undue hardship worked by ordinances which require dogs be tied, leashed, fenced or penned unless under voice control of owner. Such laws perform services for all members of the community including the pets.

Enforcement of such a law will probably call for additional city employees but costs can be offset by license fees, fines and boarding charges for dogs picked up while in violation of the leash law.

Residents of most housing areas on military installations have little trouble with roaming dogs because of strict enforcement of leash laws. At least one post charges a \$5 fine and boarding fees the first time a roaming dog is picked up. They charge \$10 fine and boarding fees the second time and so forth. In most of these housing areas, if a dog is seen running loose neighbors will notify the owner knowing the pet must have broken loose because the dog does not normally run loose.

If a leash law is passed, some pet owners' growling, snapping and gnashing of teeth will continue. But in time these owners, and yes even the pets, will adjust and the community will be a better and safer place for all -- including children and dogs.

## Browsing in the files

of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, June 2, 1949

The Rev. Judson Lennon, new pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, moved into the parsonage on Main Street this week with Mrs. Lennon and their young son.

Mrs. Neill McFadyen, president of the Hoke-Raeford PTA, said this week that enough money has been raised to assure the recreation program for the children here this summer.

The Methodist church of Raeford is opening a curb market Saturday, June 4, at seven a.m.

From Rockfish news:  
 There will be a moving picture shown at Rockfish Monday night even though there will be no school next week.

Hoke County Health Department is offering protection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Typhoid Fever and Smallpox.

Seven Lakes in the Sandhills Wildlife

Area in Richmond and Scotland counties will be opened to public fishing on June 1, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, dean of Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville will deliver the commencement address at Hoke High School and 46 seniors will receive diplomas.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, June 4, 1959

Sweeping postal service improvements designed to guarantee next day first class letter delivery for about 1,674,000 people in 31 counties of North Carolina and Virginia were announced last week by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield through D.C. Cox, Raeford postmaster.

A lot on Harris Avenue has been purchased by the Bank of Raeford and a drive-in tellers window will be built on it according to R.B. Lewis, executive vice-president.

Mrs. Jennie R. Holland died May 28 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D.H. Poythress on the Turnpike Road.



The Christian Science Monitor

## The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

The eighth graders of a Charlotte school recently held a make-believe impeachment trial for President Nixon. The teacher didn't allow the students to reach a verdict in the case because of the controversial nature of the proceedings.

Descriptions of the event included some lines like, "Sergretti wore a ponytail", "Ziegler wore jeans to Nixon's trial", "the senate giggled at the remark" etc. The class reportedly studies accounts of the events in the Watergate and related cases to date and seemingly put on a pretty good rendition of the proceedings.

Other groups might take the cue. Can you imagine?

The PTA voted last night to extend mock impeachment proceedings against the President one week to allow for a bake sale Monday evening to raise money for 32 copies of the watergate testimony, or,

In a recent portrayal of the

President's impeachment trial at a regular meeting of the local women's liberation union, Miss, oops, Ms. Wanta Lota portraying Rodina gave a splendid performance as she burned her bra in protest over the President's refusal to supply evidence to the impeachment committee. She said the action was taken to avoid a direct conflict with the president, or;

Saturday's 5 p.m. little league game between the West Side Democrats and the Hillary Heights Republicans was cancelled and instead the teams gave their version of an impeachment hearing. Zeigler was portrayed from behind the plate, Chief Justice Warren Burger stood in the umpire's spot, the catcher gamefully portrayed Nixon. Jaworski was relieved on the pitchers mound by Peter Rodino, and the little leaguer way out in left field played the part of Watergate Committee Chairman Sam Ervin.

Nixon got a couple of hits in on some subpeenas hurled at him from the mound, but a dispute over whether he got to first base or not went unresolved.

Or, how about this one? Residents at the city dog kennel recently gave a play depicting Watergate developments to date. The beagle took the legal role of Chief Justice Burger, a doberman pincher portrayed Haldeman, and the role of E. Howard Hunt was portrayed by a poodle who has always had a water problem.

The dog playing the part of the special prosecutor hounded the Presidential Cabinet until they were dog-tired and went out. He then bared his teeth toward getting the collar off Presidential tapes related to the incident.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

A desk, like Congress I guess, ought to be cleaned out every once in a while. Here are some notes I cleaned out of mine:

For weeks a neighbor of mine has been demanding to know what I think about Watergate. Well, I'll tell you, I have now read a good portion of the transcripts and I am firmly convinced that President Nixon had absolutely no fore-knowledge that the Watergate burglars were going to get caught.

Some politicians who have been straddling the fence for years are now finding out it was made of barbwire. Around here we call the T.V. show "Face The Nation," Two-Face The Nation, "Meet The Press," Dodge The Question. "Issues and Answers" is known as Confusing The Issues And Answers.

There's something to be said for a man who is smart enough to know he's not smart enough to be President. Probably need more of 'em.

The proof of the pudding no longer is in the eating, it's in the results of its scientific nutritional analysis and the effect it has on mice when they're fed nothing else for month.

The word Watergate will now go down in history as a new word with a lot of awful meanings and I was just thinking, what if that building in Washington had been named The Raeford Building? School children for years to come would be learning that Raeford was a word standing for burglary, unlawful bugging, moral decay, defiance of the Constitution, obstruction of justice, perjury, bribery, confessions of guilt, jail sentences and no telling what all before the year is out. Historians would refer to it as the dark days of the Raeford Era.

It's awful to contemplate and just goes to show how an innocent name can be turned into a word with terrible implications. Let's change the subject.

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Some years ago when E.L. White was mayor of Wilmington he was invited by one of the local radio stations to make a recording containing among other things an official invitation from the mayor for everybody to come to the annual azalea festival.

The machinery was set up. Mr. White took his place before the microphone. The signal was given and the mayor started expounding.

He got along splendidly. His subject-matter was excellent and his enunciation was beautiful. The folks in the radio station nodded their approval. And then he came to the concluding part of his remarks:

"So I say again to you, ladies and gentlemen, that the City of Wilmington extends you a most cordial, a most hearty welcome to attend this beautiful zestival failure."

Following which everyone in the studio, including Mr. White collapsed.

When Dr. Elisha Mitchell was endeavoring to substantiate his claim that the peak which is known as Mount Mitchell was the highest peak east of the Mississippi, he lost his life. On June 27, 1857 in the darkness of a sudden thunderstorm he slipped and fell over a precipice of 40 feet into a deep pool. When on July 8 his body was found he was holding in his hand a broken branch of laurel.

February had five Saturdays in 1812, 1840, 1896, 1928, and 1956. There will

also be five Saturdays in February in 1984!

Warehouses had to be built in all the counties of colonial North Carolina for the storing of the materials taken in payment of taxes -- tobacco, dressed skins, cotton, rice, beeswax, tallow, pork and beef.

There is a street in Washington, D.C. named Half Street and we would be willing to bet there isn't another street in the United States with that name.

Is your name Smith? And do you ever wish that it was something else just because there are so many Smiths? Maybe you would like the little poem Clinton Ross used to recite in school on Friday afternoons, the title of it, "Smith the Razor Strop Man." We can't recall it in its entirety, but it went something like this:

"Yes, Smith is my name! Smith Not any of your fancy spellings now, Not S-m-y-i-h, or S-m-i-t-h-e, but S-M-I-T-H! A good, plain honest American name"

Then the other day we came across this little poem, entitled, "Those Smith People."

"I like the name of Smith, but of course I would for I am one of them. There is not a name like it in the world. One dexterous rhymers has aptly put it

## CLIFF BLUE ...

## People & Issues



IN A DILEMMA -- Senator William Scott, R-Va., finds himself in a real dilemma. He has been called by a national magazine the "dumbest of them all."

This is enough to raise the hair of a United States Senator and a tag that none of the honorables would care to wear. But it's hard for the senator to fight the accusation. He threatens to sue the magazine, New Times, for libel. But this is a dangerous undertaking. He might lose the suit! Then, if he sued, it might be necessary to point out a fellow congressman who was "dumber." This would be quite an embarrassing and risky proposition. He is placed in the position of the man who was asked: "Have you quit beating your wife?"

We remember a similar incident in the North Carolina House of Representatives during the 1953 session when in the closing days of the session the new corps voted superlatives on a few of the outstanding legislators. Our recollection is that they designated the "Most Valuable", "Most Effective" and another superlative which mean "Least Effective" or something kindred to the superlative that Senator Scott has been tagged with.

Well, the morning the News and Observer appeared carrying the story and the by-line of the writer of the story, a considerable portion of the session was given to lambasting the writer of the article and the News and Observer for printing it.

The legislator who had been dubbed with the demeaning superlative was in near tears.

Anyway, the legislator in question from that day on grew in popularity and influence among his fellow legislators. He was later named chairman of the powerful House Finance Committee, later appointed by the governor as District Solicitor, and later still as a Superior Court Judge in which position he still serves. In all those capacities he has distinguished himself and served well.

Our thought is that Senator Scott, if he conducts himself well can use the demeaning tag to rise to greater heights

and service. People just don't like an honest citizen to be ridiculed!

HOUSE OF LORDS -- With the defeat of Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas for renomination on the Democratic ticket, again the voice is heard for something similar to the "House of Lords" in our system of government.

These congressmen and senators whose continued participation in some kind of a semi-official forum could be of great value and need not cost the taxpayers anything since they could draw only their retirement pay which is considerable. For a place to meet and voice their opinions, it seems that the old Senate chamber used back in the days of Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun would be a most appropriate place.

We said words to this effect when the late Senator B. Everett Jordan was defeated for renomination. Now Senator Fulbright's defeat makes the argument more poignant. Senator Ervin would be a valuable member of such a group.

KISSINGER -- It is wonderful how this man Kissinger can bring warring nations to the peace table. To our way of thinking this German-born man is probably the most outstanding Secretary of State in the history of the United States. Henry has rendered great service not only to his adopted nation but to the peace-loving people of the world as well.

DEBT CEILING -- The Federal government has debt ceiling but it means practically nothing. What Washington needs is a national Executive Budget Act patterned after the North Carolina Executive Budget Act, then it becomes mandatory that the Director of the Budget cut expenses across the board to bring expenditures in balance with the income. Such an Act would need an exemption for national emergencies like War, etc., voted by Congress.

Congress rather than the President is most to blame for inflation and our ever-increasing national debt. It's Congress that votes the expenditures, not the President.

## Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

For the past two years I have served as an assistant district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District, which includes Hoke County. My family and I are moving to Hendersonville, and I wish to make a few observations.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sheriff Barrington, Chief Wiggins, and the men of their departments. I have found these officers, whether deputies or policemen, to have the professional calm and concern for the community which is basic to good cops anywhere. Often, when undermanned, they worked twelve-hour shifts, and would be in court ready to testify in their cases, courteous and friendly to me, though often twenty hours without sleep and due soon to go back on duty.

These men are there when you, as a citizen, need them. Yet the pay they receive is not nearly sufficient. To attract and keep professional law officers, those who will stay year after year, a professional wage must be paid. It takes about three minutes to pin on a badge; at least as many years to learn what that badge means.

I especially want to thank the ladies in the clerk of court's office. In a friendly, efficient manner they keep the court functioning with an informality possible only from experience. They are fine christian ladies who make involvement in the court process easier for all, either witness, officer, or defendant.

The local members of Highway Patrol Troop B are examples of why the North Carolina Patrol is consistently rated among the top patrols in the nation.

Raeford should be especially proud of Judge Joe Dupree. A self-made man, he is the hardest working judge in the state, often closing court in Fayetteville hours after most people have finished supper.

His concern for his job has led him to study the law and become most proficient. Not all his fellow judges take their jobs as seriously as Judge Dupree and, although I have not always agreed with him, his basic common sense makes him one of the very best judges of men and their actions I have encountered. His portrait should be hung in the courthouse as one of Raeford's most distinguished sons.

In this time of dishonest lawyers in high places, Hoke is fortunate to have a fine, concerned honest bar.

Finally, I congratulate the people of Hoke County. With a thorough mixture of three races, there is a lack of racial tension which is only possible among mature, thoughtful people. No "leaders" can instill such an attitude; the people themselves are responsible for it.

So, to the people I have come to know in Hoke County, God bless you, you've got a friend in Hendersonville.

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## Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

### Names

The name Latimer is of Anglo-Saxon origin and means a teacher of Latin. It is a corruption of the obsolete "latiner" -- one versed in Latin.

Leland, which also is of Anglo-Saxon origin, means of or from the meadowland. The name's origin is more apparent in two of its variations -- Leeland and Leighland. "Lee" and "leigh" mean meadow.

The "ley" in Morley is another variation of "lee." The "mor" is a contraction of "moor." The name was coined to describe a person from the moor meadow.

### Lobbyist

A shelter made of foliage was called "laube" in Old High German. The name became "lobium" in Middle Latin and passed into English as "lobby," meaning a vine-covered walkway.

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