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

City fathers have not yet heard much howling and growling over a requested dog leash law but a muted uproar on another subject was heard last week from other quarters. Oddly enough we have always thought of cemeteries as quiet, peaceful places evoking little or no controversy - just shows how wrong we can be.

Two weeks ago, based on recommendations of state Highway Department, Raeford Police Department and City Manager John Gaddy, the council voted unanimously to close Raeford Cemetery entrance at U.S. 401 business. Gaddy said the action was taken because heavy employee traffic at Raeford Turkey Farms, angle of the intersection and infrequent use of the cemetery entrance combined to make the area a dangerous spot.

Then last week based on a 216-signature petition and citizens' arguments for and against closing the cemetery entrance, councilmen reversed their position and reopened the cemetery's 401 gate. Seems a bit out of whack that council should act so quickly on a mere 216 signatures from city and county residents when they took a much more measured approach on the leash law requested by almost 400 city residents. The city fathers' handling of the leash law appears to be a sound, fair and well thought out approach. We hope a public hearing will be held to give residents time to familiarize themselves with the proposed ordinance and time to air their opinions, personally or by petition. We think much the same approach to the cemetery entrance closing would have been fairer to all Hoke Countians than the now - it's - closed - now - it's - open policy making we have just witnessed.

Short of that, there comes to mind two alternatives for our governing body. They can either stonewall it and resist acting on objections to their policy, or they can install a swinging gate at the cemetery entrance so it can be opened or closed periodically depending on which side is tightening the screws at the moment.

In other matters city fathers are taking steps which hopefully will alleviate a problem which has been a thorn in the council's side for some time. In the offing is a proposed ordinance designed to help regulate future airport expansion. Problems at the airport apparently concern leasing arrangements and runway access for business firms at the facility. A recently drawn airport map shows existing boundaries encompass more acreage than city fathers' originally thought existed. This could solve problem of sufficient space for existing and future businesses.

It is likely other airport problems will continue to crop up until the city provides a salaried airport manager to serve all patrons. During the recent high growth years Gene Thacker, Raeford Aviation owner, has been serving as acting airport manager. City fathers can be thankful Thacker was willing to accept these duties without pay. But it strikes us the airport has grown to the point it should be managed by someone who does not have a vested interest in a business leasing airport property from the city. The airport needs at least a part-time employee to manage the facility under guidance of the airport committee and the city council.



The Midnight Oil

by Jama Chesser

The first day of summer is Friday. Things are going to change. It says so in both the dictionary and the encyclopedia under summer and seasons respectively.

Summer in the dictionary is the warmest season of the year, follows spring, and is a period regarded as a time of growth, fulfillment, etc. That about covers the encyclopedia's version of summer too, except for the weather maps and the explanation of how the world turns.

In other words, coming up is the time to step outdoors and take a look at the world around you, to see if you can't get it together with nature and your fellow man a little better.

That doesn't mean you have to let the weeds grow where they will, but you might try giving a little extra attention to a favorite wild flower.

There is a family on my block that can't seem to get much to grow. They seeded a yard three years in a row and mowed only weeds each week. They planted row after row of flower bulbs and shrubs only to find wild daisies and dead limbs in the flower beds at the peak of growing season. They finally learned a lesson.

This year they put together a rock and wild flower garden to challenge nature itself. Only trouble is, snakes and other vermin like it too, and that's bad. However, the creatures keep the salesmen away, and that's good. But

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
 It makes you stop and think. Twenty-eight Congressmen, according to an article I read in a newspaper last night, are quitting Congress this year.

That's right. Twenty-eight are just not going to run again, not counting 13 others who're going to run for something else.

Some of the 28 are quitting because of old age and a satisfactory pension but a lot of them, including some young ones, are quitting because they just don't like the job, and I got to wondering: what if the trend continues? What if Congress convenes next January for a new session and discovers half the seats are empty? What kind of a country would we have if we couldn't get a quorum to serve in Congress? It's like asking what kind of a university could you have if nobody came out for the football team?

Now I can understand why a man maybe wouldn't want to serve in Congress and risk ruining his reputation when he could stay at home and probably never get caught, but somebody's got to do it. You can't have un-passed legislation piling up in Washington any more than you can un-collected trash in a city. Of course some will argue the two aren't parallel, that at least a city does have a place to bury its trash when Congress passes a law it spreads all over the country.

However the more I contemplated the problem the more I concluded it's like most problems - more awful in contemplation than in reality. I have a notion a swarm of candidates will be contesting for these 26 vacated Congressional seats and when the roll is called in January 28 new faces will show up.

As I have long contended, there never was a man some woman wouldn't marry or an office somebody wouldn't run for.
 Your faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



KISSENGER ... Two weeks ago in this column we referred to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as "probably the most outstanding Secretary of State in the history of the United States."

We still say Kissinger has made an outstanding Secretary of State, but when he said, in effect, 'clear me or I'll quit' it looks like Henry is beginning to feel that he has some kind of a lulu over him and that he should be above criticism.

Harry Truman said: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." Many people will say, if you can't take criticism, you had better stay out of official public life.

We doubt that Kissinger's statement threatening to resign if his name is not cleared will be anywhere near his "finest hour." We suspect that Kissinger's statement will weaken his clout at home, and possibly abroad.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS ... In last week's column we discussed "Wheels of Democracy" insofar as the party precinct meetings are concerned, which we said were sometimes referred to as a "sleeping giant."

While the Democratic precinct meeting were held Tuesday, June 18, the Democratic county conventions will be held Saturday, June 29, at 2 p.m. While referring to the Democratic Party organizations, he same principle holds true for the Republicans, although the meetings are held on different dates, and the party make-up and rules in certain instances are different.

Only those Delegates to the County Convention who were elected at the precinct meetings can vote and participate in the business of the convention. At the County Convention voting is by voice, but ONE delegate may request a roll call by precincts. Delegates to the County Convention may challenge the votes of the precinct from which they are delegates, but they may not challenge the votes of precincts from which they are not delegates. The County Convention elects the officers of the County Executive Committee which includes a Chairman, First vice chairman, Second vice chairman, Third vice chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the County Executive Committee.

The First vice chairman must be of a sex opposite that of the Chairman. In the event that the Chairman and First vice chairman are not members of a minority race, the Second vice chairman must be a member of the minority race. In the event that the Chairman, First Vice Chairman and Second Vice Chairman are 31 years of age or older, the Third vice chairman must be 30 years of age or under.

The County Convention also elects

the county representatives to the State Executive Committee. The County Convention also elects the delegates to the Congressional District Convention and the State Convention. Each county is entitled to cast at the Congressional and State conventions one vote for every 300 Democratic votes or major fraction thereof cast by a county for the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in the 1972 General Election.

THIRD PARTIES ... The Democrats have always found it easy to split up and there are some clouds on the horizon that indicate that split-offs might bring forth both a "Third" and a "Fourth" party in 1976.

If George Wallace is not treated well and respectful we suspect that he will head a "Third Party" ticket again in 1976. Way out in Oregon Governor Tom McCall is talking about the same thing except he is calling it a "Third Force" which the Oregon governor seems interesting in making into a "Third" or "Fourth" party.

WELL STATED ... From the Fayetteville Observer we share the following paragraph from an editorial, "Meeting Real Issues Way to Revive Party."

North Carolina voters may eventually return to the party of their forefathers in voting for Democratic candidates. It won't be in response to impassioned calls for unity, but upon the demonstration that the party is united in offering the leadership and the issues for the future well-being of the state."

Recent elections have proven that less and less party members pay respect to "party regularity" which was the slogan in the days of our fathers and grandfathers.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:
 The board members and staff of the Hoke County Children's Center for the developmentally handicapped would like to thank *The News-Journal* and the citizens of Hoke County for making our May 30 open house at the First Baptist Church a success. We had a large turnout.

The center will operate all summer and is still accepting applications for children three to twelve years of age. I may be contacted daily at 875-3508.
 Dorothy D. Johnson,
 Day Care Center Director

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Aaron Tonkel at one time lived in Goldsboro where he was a highly respected merchant. Among his close friends was Col. Edgar Baine, who used to be mayor of Goldsboro and also presided over the city police court. It so happened that Aaron got arrested for speeding one day and was notified to appear in court the following morning.

When his friends heard about it they decided to attend the trial and see what disposition Mayor - Judge Baine would make of the case. They also wanted an opportunity to laugh at Aaron in his predicament. Court was duly convened, and the case of the City vs. Aaron Tonkel was called.

Aaron rose to his feet and regarded his esteemed friend on the bench with a benign smile.

But there was no smile on the Colonel's face as he looked sternly at the defendant. "Mr. Tonkel," he said, "do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

"I don't know," he replied.

"Now look here," said the Colonel, "You've got to make up your mind whether you are guilty or not guilty."

Once again Aaron hesitated and then with a bright smile on his countenance, he said: "All right, Your Honor, but first I would like to know which is the cheapest."

There was a gasp of appreciation from Aaron's friends in the audience, and then a gale of laughter of unprecedented intensity, swept over the courtroom and lasted for several minutes. Men fell out of their seats, and even His Honor couldn't control himself.

When order was finally restored, Aaron was found guilty and had to pay the costs of court.

Ever heard the expression "tight as Dick's hatband?" The other night I was looking through the "Book About A Thousand Things" and came across an explanation of the term. George Stimpson, the author of the book, says it is supposed to refer to Oliver Cromwell's son, Richard, who tried to carry on the work of his father, but who was not big enough man for the job. He was ridiculed, called King Dick, and the British crown was called Dick's Hatband. The hatband proved to be too uncomfortable for him to wear, and he

finally gave up the job and escaped to the continent, where he lived for many years under an assumed name.

Stimpson continues: "The phrase 'queer as Dick's hatband' is also supposed to allude to Richard Cromwell, who found the crown unsuitable for his style of head. One version of the saying is: 'as queer as Dick's hatband that went nine times around and wouldn't meet.' The second Cromwell was also known as 'Tumble-down Dick.'"

So there you are, if you did not know this before.

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON - Hearings on bills relating to privacy and Government information systems will be held this week before an ad hoc subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

Several bills will be considered. They are: S. 3418, which I have cosponsored, to establish an administrative structure to oversee rules for the gathering and disclosure of information concerning individuals, and to provide management systems in Federal agencies, State and local governments and other organizations concerning such information; S. 2810, a bill introduced by Senator Goldwater, to protect the constitutional right of privacy of individuals; S. 2542, a bill introduced by Senator Bayh, to protect the constitutional right of privacy of individuals concerning whom certain records are maintained; and S. 3116, a measure introduced by Senator Hatfield, to protect the individual's right to privacy by prohibiting the sale of distribution of certain information.

These legislative hearings, which I shall chair, continue the Government Operations Committee's overview into the development and uses of automatic data processing in the Federal Government. The intergovernmental nature of nationwide systems involving electronic and manual transmission, sharing and distribution of data about citizens has a major significance today. In recent years in an effort to modernize services, government and the private sector have turned to large data banks, computerized information systems and management techniques to get a multitude of tasks to be performed. The problem arises where these practices and systems neglect the individual's right of privacy and in fact abuse the power to investigate and store information. It is here that the systems take a toll, which is yet unmeasured.

Two subcommittees of the Government Operations Committee are presently conducting hearings into major aspects of this problem. The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations is conducting an inquiry into surveillance practices in and out of government, including government wiretapping, eavesdropping, recording, industrial espionage and bugging of labor negotiations, and other monitoring practices. The Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee is considering legislation relating to electronic surveillance and the need to reorganize departments and agencies engaging in such practices.

One of the purposes of the hearings will be to determine what standards Congress should set for the protection of privacy in the development and management of Federal information systems, especially those which have the capacity for the sharing of records among departments and agencies. I expect the hearings to produce expert advice not only on the standards to be set, but on the scope of the bill and how far the law should affect State, local, and private data banks. The hearings will also help determine what kind of Federal structure should be established to enforce or advise on standards.

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25 years ago

Thursday, June 16, 1949

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, DD, of Nashville, Tenn. Executive Secretary for Foreign Missions and immediate past moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, will be the guest minister for the 50th Anniversary worship service of the Raeford Presbyterian Church to be at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, June 26th.

H.W. Ellis, prominent farmer of Quewhiffle Township, died at his home yesterday morning.

15 years ago

Thursday, June 18, 1959

An addition to the police force of Raeford was made known early this week by Mayor Alfred Cole. This will be the first time in the history of the town that the police force has been as large as four men.

From Poole's Medley:
 Printers used to work for \$5 a week, men cut sawlogs at \$1 a day; and men and women taught school for \$15 to \$20 a month.

Hoke recreation program is well into its first week with a record number of young people attending the morning and afternoon sessions.