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As We See It.... By Laurie Telfair

The city council opened up discussion of the proposed leash law to the public last week, and in so doing, revealed, if they ever had any doubt, that they were in a can't win situation.

If the viewpoints expressed at the meeting can be projected to the community as a whole, the city is about evenly divided on the question. And most people hold strongly to their opinions.

Somewhat overlooked in the discussion of a dog's right to run free and a child's right to grow up with a dog, is the probable application of the law if it is passed.

The leash law, as it is now proposed, requires that dogs be either on a leash, confined behind a fence on the owner's premises or be under voice control. A second provision requires the dog to be registered with the city and to wear a collar and a city tag.

This gives a tool for those who are having problems with their neighbor's dog. And there must be a fair number of such people for the petition that asked for a leash law to be circulated. Yet as matters stand now, a resident has little legal recourse against the dog owner who allows his pet to scatter garbage, tear up newspapers, spoil yards or run with other dogs in a pack. The leash law would allow city authorities to tell irresponsible owners: "Listen, your dog is causing a problem and, you're breaking the law by letting him do it. Now keep your dog up or pay the consequences."

It is doubtful that passage of the law would mean that a dogcatcher would begin roaming the streets of Raeford picking up dogs wholesale. Of course, such a law could be applied in that manner, but it is unlikely.

Nor should the law restrict a child from enjoying his pet, as it provides for an animal to run free while under voice control. The problem comes when the child is in school or away and the dog is left to run free without control.

Another thing, which ought to be of concern to city dog owners is the law already on the books. As matters stand, a citizen is prohibited from keeping, owning or harboring a vicious dog within the city. A vicious dog is defined as one who has bitten someone without provocation.

If the testimony of those attending the hearing is typical of the city as a whole, Raeford probably has the highest incidence of dog bites in the nation. Nearly every one, both for and against the law, said he had been bitten.

Under the present law, a lot of Raeford dogs are apparently in trouble, if someone wants to make a complaint.

It is also worth considering by those who love their dogs that, without any effective legal means of redress, it is tempting for those annoyed by their neighbors' animals to take illegal means for relief. Such action certainly should not be condoned and it should not be encouraged by failing to provide legal channels.

Ultimately, the city council has the responsibility to decide on the leash law. The public hearing was a gesture that will probably earn them no thanks, as one side is going to be dissatisfied. Therefore, the sooner the matter is settled one way or another, the better.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 1, 1949
News that Cecil Dew had been killed in Laurinburg Wednesday night was received with a feeling of personal tragedy by all who knew him last Thursday morning.

In the first three days of operation in Hoke County the mobile X-ray unit sponsored by the county health department and tuberculosis association took 344 chest X-rays.

High winds accompanied by rain vented themselves on most of North Carolina Sunday in what was supposed to be the playing out of the most severe hurricane the state of Florida has had in some years.

Officers of the Hoke county sheriff's department had a spell of making it hard to handle "black" liquor around Hoke County in the past week.

Robert Gatlin, president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club and Younger

Snead, president - elect, accompanied by Mrs. Snead, attended the Carolina Kiwanis Convention in Chapel Hill Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Highway Commissioner George S. Coble today announced selection of 1,476.8 miles of secondary roads to be hard - surfaced under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program in the nine counties in his Sixth division.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 3, 1959
Josephine Strickland arrived in Raeford this week to begin her duties as director of Christian education at the Raeford Baptist Church.

Construction began early this week on an added facility of the Bank of Raeford. A drive - in teller's window will probably be opened in early November, according to R.B. Lewis, executive vice - president of the bank.

Funeral service will be conducted at



Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON -- President Ford has wasted no time in declaring war on inflation as the nation's number one domestic enemy. In a few days, the President is expected to convene a "domestic summit meeting" to deal with this problem which is uppermost in the minds of Americans.

The idea for such a meeting initially came from the Senate in the form of a resolution which I supported. Its purpose is to formulate a bipartisan approach to inflation with the advice and counsel of business, labor, agricultural and economic leaders, and Members of Congress.

No one expects any panacea to come forth that will solve all of the difficult economic problems we now face - rapid price increases, shortages of basic commodities, and a recession that could worsen into a depression. But a new climate must be created if we are to begin to win the battle of inflation.

The "summit meeting" will convene under awesome conditions. There is an ever tightening squeeze underway on paychecks and savings. Families living on wages and retirement benefits are particularly hard hit because their money buys less each week. Prices of necessities - food, shelter, gasoline, and utilities - are rising sharply. The stock market has dropped more than a hundred points in the last month.

The overriding question is what can be done to stop inflation? The truth is that there is no simplistic answer. The problem involves not only governmental policies but also the actions which must be taken by millions of Americans. Even so, some observations are in order. During recent years, Administrations of both political parties have been sold on the theories of "new economics" which have now brought us to the brink of economic chaos. They are these:

First. The Federal Government can spend the nation into prosperity by incurring deficits, and it has been said by some that balanced budgets are obsolete.

Second. A controlled inflation is said

to be good for the nation's financial soul.

Third. The national debt need never be paid, and indeed, it ought to be increased as the gross national product rises.

I do not think that it need be argued that there is an absurdity in the proposition that the more a nation spends of what it has not got, the richer it will be. The experience of all nations which have resorted to such policies shows that there is no practicable way to keep supposedly controlled inflation from becoming uncontrollable. Moreover, there is something inherently dishonest in one generation bequeathing its debts to another. And yet that is exactly what has been happening during most of the last 45 fiscal years in this country.

Persistent deficit spending by the government creates inflationary pressures for a very simple reason. It artificially increases the number of dollars competing for available goods and services, and in so doing decreases the purchasing power of each dollar accordingly. For a while, inflation is pleasantly deceptive, because it artificially creates more dollars and furnishes statistics which seem to indicate that the country and its citizens have become richer. But after awhile the evils of inflation begin to appear and we find that wages, salaries, and savings have lost a substantial part of their real

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Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear Editor:

As I understand it from reading the newspapers that turn up out here, the economists are saying that in our fight against inflation everybody is simply going to have to tighten his belt, which is hard to do if you're wearing overalls, not to mention those new-fangled double-knit slacks that don't even have belt loops. Also, it would be wise to make sure your belt is in good shape before you take it up a notch because if you break it you'll find a new one has tripled in price.

However, my favorite way to fight the effects of inflation is the idea hit on by a big airline. It says the tremendous increase in the price of fuel, repairs, maintenance, salaries, etc. has caused it to lose millions and it's facing bankruptcy and therefore the Federal government should lend it 10 million dollars a month, retroactive to several months back.

That's the answer. Anybody who can't make ends meet is entitled to a government loan and I'd like to find out where I can apply before the line stretches from Washington to Raeford and four times around the block here. If the government will lend me money for every month in the past I failed to make ends meet and for all months in the future the same thing happens, I'll guarantee to arrange my operations to be a steady customer from now on.

In some ways it seems to me the fight against inflation is sort of like our fight in Vietnam. After spending billions and billions of dollars over there it's still hard to figure out what we achieved, other than finally getting out.

The question now is, how do you withdraw from inflation? A rancher friend of mine said cattlemen already have half-withdrawn. They're getting half what their cattle are worth and paying twice as much to raise them. Said if cattle go down a little bit more he's going to have to start paying buyers to take em.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



NOL PROS IN COURT -- Recently in two district courts in one county we noted that "nol pros" or "nol pros with leave" were taken in 33 cases in one week. Prayer for justice continued (PJC) was listed in seven cases.

Webster's dictionary lists nol pros as "an abbreviation of nolle prosequi, to abandon all or part of a suit, by entering a nolle prosequi on the court records."

These "nol pros" and PJC actions leave big questions in the minds of good citizens who are interested in justice and reducing the crime rate.

Are our law enforcement people making unnecessary arrests, or, are the courts falling down in their duty to try the cases and render just verdicts?

In a recent issue of "Parade" - the magazine which comes with some of the Sunday newspapers, there was a long feature article by Donald Robinson captioned: "How Well Do Lawyers Serve the Cause of Justice?"

We feel that the backbone of justice in our courts is largely in the hands of the presiding judge and the solicitor. If we have weak judges and solicitors, justice in the courts can become a farce. We feel that the increase in crime in recent years has been accelerated by weak judges and solicitors.

More and more we feel that Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey made a good suggestion some weeks ago when he recommended that civic clubs sponsor "court watchers" for public observance of court operations.

"Things to watch for" said Judge Bailey, "would include, are people generally treated with courtesy, is there a basic understanding of what is going on, how much time is being wasted, are attorneys prepared, is the judge on time, or is he changing his judgments in the day after people have left the court."

We can hardly expect a resurgence of law and order and respect for the courts so long as "nol pros" and PJCs rank high in court judgments.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution is unconstitutional and should be immediately repealed!

This amendment to the Constitution was very evidently communisticly inspired and designed for total disruption of our Republic.

The people of this nation have been duped into accepting a government over which they will lose control and have no voice or choice in future times.

We, the people, through the 25th Amendment, have lost all of our voting rights. As long as Presidents and Vice - Presidents have only to resign and have their successors named, we fall closer and closer to oligarchy and eventually the fullness of communism.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the 25th Amendment provide for the succession of the Presidency and Vice - Presidency of the United States in the manner that we have all seen on television recently. There is no provision in the Constitution to keep this from being a recurring event. Even the 22nd Amendment cannot be a guideline for future successions because it provides for elections and not successions.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1803 said, "Law repugnant to the 25th Amendment is totally repugnant to the

SOUNDING BRASS? President Ford started off his administration with some high-sounding words but before the ink was good and dry on his statements big question marks began to rise in the minds of many people.

President Ford stressed the need for a balanced budget as a first move to curtail inflation. Now he is asking for \$850,000 for former President Nixon's use between now and next June. We are not in favor of continuing to hound Mr. Nixon. We favor letting him have reasonable retirement funds as provided by law and hope that court action will not be taken against him. We feel, with many others, that he has suffered enough.

If President Ford was sincere in wanting to balance the budget his recommendation of \$850,000 for former President Nixon doesn't indicate it. Mr. Ford better be careful in recommending expanding appropriations, lest his words "become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

If the things that Jack Anderson and Les Whitten, syndicated columnists, have been writing about Postmaster General Ted Klassen and the way he has been spending the taxpayers money on his luxurious office and personal junkets are even half true, then Ford has some drones to get rid of soon, otherwise he will have a hard time convincing the taxpayers that his statements about balancing the budget are firm and clear of sacrosanct spots.

ATTORNEY GENERAL -- With only a couple of state-wide races in focus for the fall election - U.S. Senate and Attorney General, much more attention will be focused on the race for Attorney General than heretofore. The winner in the Attorney General's race will be well-known when he takes office - new or anew in early January.

Six years from now the winner for Attorney General might well be the gubernatorial nominee of his party.

whole of the Constitution which allows the selection of the President in an entirely different way than has just happened recently. Congress, acting through the decision of all voters, is to appoint the President, or an officer to preside as president, until a President is elected.

What manner of men do we elect to an office that follow their own desires and whims with complete disregard of what the people want? Why isn't such a vital issue taken to the people to allow them to vote for their choice instead of some representative's choice? Time was of no essence; for the President Pro-Tempe could have held office until the people decided.

I believe that all of us vote for a man, not only because we know him but because we feel that he will do the job that we want him to do. Not as he wills, but as we will. Because he is elected to an office for a certain length of time does not mean that we have to let him stay in office for that period of time. The people can remove him from that office. And, speaking of voting, we all need to know how each of the candidates in the upcoming elections feel towards the unconstitutional 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Wesley Miller

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

In 1923 a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company.

The president of the largest utility company.

The greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A number of the President's Cabinet.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty - five years later the following was true:

The president of the largest independent steel company - Charles Schwab - lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange - Richard Whitney - served a sentence in Sing Sing.

The member of the President's Cabinet - Albert Fall - was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street - Jesse Livermore - committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements - Leon Fraser

- committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly - Ivar Kreuger - committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

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The late Billy Carmichael told me this story a number of years ago.

It happened while he was working in New York. One night he went out to the home of a prominent bank official. Several other guests had been invited, among them being an Englishman.

Sally, the eight - year - old daughter of the host and hostess, came into the living room accompanied by a rather large dog.

"What kind of a dog is that?" someone asked her.

"I don't know," admitted Sally.

"I can tell you," said the Englishman.

"I know quite a lot about dogs. Its mother was a German police dog and its father was a Doberman pinscher."

A few nights later the bank official had some more guests for dinner, and again Sally and her dog entered the room.

"What kind of a dog is that, Sally?" someone asked her.

This time Sally didn't hesitate. She knew the exact answer. Glancing around somewhat proudly at the animal, she announced: "its mother was a German police dog and its father was Governor Pinchot."