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As We See It..... by Laurie Telfair

As you all know by now, the school bond issue passed. And as you may have surmised, we see it, as a demonstration of responsibility on the part of the voters here. Even facing economic difficulties, they agreed to shoulder an added burden for their children.

Whenever you've about decided that the human race has gone off in a handbasket to where ever it is that they go, something like this comes along to make you decide that people are decent after all.

Now, the school bonds didn't pass by a very wide margin, only a hundred votes or so. So it's highly likely that there are 1,200 or so folks in the county who are interpreting the vote as total irresponsibility, for voters to be out spending extra money when money is so hard to come by these days.

It takes both viewpoints. That's what makes a horse race. Or an election.

The city council is scheduled to take another tentative peek at public housing sometime in the near future.

They tried it once before, even going so far as to set up a housing authority and applying for a federal grant for low-income housing. But the funds dried up before the application even got off the ground.

This was discouraging, and will probably hold back any efforts to try again.

But federal money is available again, with \$12 million being set aside for North Carolina communities who have never had public housing before.

So maybe this time will be successful if the city decides to try-again.

There is no question that a need for safe, warm, low cost housing is needed here. If you doubt it, just have a talk with a social services case worker, a county sanitarian, the home extension agents and aides or the senior citizens coordinator. They see the bad spots. They can tell you about them.

It can be argued successfully that the county, not the city, should get into public housing. Probably. But it's doubtful a family, or an elderly person, hoping to get through the winter without freezing or burning their shack down, would care which government did it.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, November 10, 1949
 Funeral services were conducted at his home at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning for Hugh Archie Cameron, who died in his sleep there on Monday morning.

Mayor W.L. Poole issued a special proclamation today setting aside November 19 for the observance of National Kids' Day in Raeford.

From Poole's Medley:
 Wicked people dislike religion, but in righteousness and goodness I see the only chance of happiness in this life.

Pete Pate, 61, died at his home here last Thursday morning at 9:30 of a heart attack.

The Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts will hold its annual banquet meeting in Raeford on Tuesday evening, December 9th, according to word received from R.F. McCoy, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Mary Miller died yesterday at one-thirty p.m. at her home in The Bank of Raeford building after a critical illness of only about 24 hours, although her health had been bad for some time.

The Honorable Ertel Carlyle, U.S. Representative from this district, was guest of honor last Wednesday when he addressed some 1,200 persons upon the

occasion of the ninth annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation held in Red Springs High School auditorium.

Coach Haywood Faircloth's Bucks went down in defeat Friday night, to a hard-charging Erwin eleven, 13-6.

15 years ago

Thursday, November 12, 1959
 President John Campbell reported late yesterday that a total of \$14,415.32 had been received in the 1959 Hoke County United Fund Campaign, and said that with several reports still to be received he is confident that the \$15,000 goal of the drive will be reached in the next day or two.

Several Hoke farmers will be among those attending the Open House of the School of Agriculture at N.C. State College Friday. They are H.B. Crouch, Roland Beckwith, Earl Hendrix, Will McNeill, Ken McNeill, Dick Neeley, Judson Coates, Cliff Conolly, Woodrow Hayes, G.C. Lytle, B.L. Williamson, Eli Shankle, Henry Currie, and Dick Parker.

Mrs. Mary Ann McMillan McGougan of Stonewall Community died at her home Saturday night at the age of 75.

Clyde Upchurch and his son, Joe, were named winners of a district award for soil conservation sponsored by Goodyear Tire Company.

'Whillikers, Mr. Rockefeller, you mean they're after you for giving yours away?'



by Marty Vega

Pool Crowd Won't Budge

Owners of backyard swimming pools complain the whole neighborhood descends upon them from the first of summer until Labor Day. Then, most of them end up writing to the advice columnists of newspapers to find out how to tactfully tell their aquatic friends they're not welcome 16 hours a day.

But what do you do when the pool lure is not the swimming variety outdoors, but very much indoors and the idea is to chalk your cue stick and call your pockets.

Being the proud owner of a pool table for a week now, I am ready to call the store and tell them to come back and get it, or if necessary, I will carry it on my back to them all the way downtown. (Provided I can elbow my way through the 23 players and

spectators grouped around it at this moment.)

It seemed like such a good idea at the time. After much discussion, my husband and I decided on the purchase, agreeing that it wouldn't use any energy, wouldn't pollute the environment, and by having this form of recreation at home, we could really save money that we had been foolishly throwing away on such luxuries and entertainment like groceries and the electric bill.

The only problem, as I saw it, was to get the idea across to the cats that this was NOT a new deluxe scratching post; we were presenting to them and unless they had most of their nine lives left unused, they had better weigh the consequences before jumping on it.

Little did I realize. The cats haven't had time to think about the table as they are having a wonderful time meeting the 35-40 people that have been in my living room for a week now. I can't really put my finger on when it started. I know my husband casually mentioned to a few of his Army buddies that they are "welcome to come over any time" for "a game or two of pool" and how this became six platoons and the weapons squad, plus some other assorted characters, is a mystery.

I long ago lost track of the names and faces. The doorbell wore out Saturday and rather than try to fight the tide, we just took the door off the hinges.

The telephone is easy to handle. The caller asks "Is Joe (or Eddie or Dave) there?" "Yes," I say, "do you wish to speak to him?" "No," comes the answer, "I'll see him there," and sure enough, not long afterwards, the caller presents himself on my doorstep, cue stick in hand, and usually with plenty of provisions from the beverage store to see him through a long night of pool.

Of course, I am enjoying the game of pool and improving my skills every chance I have to play. When I feel like a game of pool, I get in my car and drive over to the billiards parlor across town.

This Is The Law

Rights Under Water

Who owns the strip of land between high- and low-tide adjoining ocean-front property?

In this jurisdiction the title is vested in the State of North Carolina. This strip of land is called the foreshore.

Under the laws of North Carolina private property ends at the high-water mark, and the foreshore belongs to the State.

The high-water mark is generally computed as a mean or average high-tide and not as the extreme height of the water.

How far out into the Atlantic Ocean does the State of North Carolina own land submerged by water?

To a distance of three geographical miles seaward from the Atlantic seashore measured from the extreme low-water mark.

Who owns the land beneath non-navigable water?

It may be the subject of private ownership.

A deed to land on non-navigable water.

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People & Issues



THE ELECTION--Was it Kipling who wrote?--

"The tumult and the shouting dies; The Captains and the Kings depart: Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart."

To the victors go our congratulations. Instead of congratulations, maybe we ought to say: To the victors go the opportunity. Yes, opportunity to serve their constituents in a statesman-like manner.

Politics is fickle. Only two years ago Richard Nixon won a landslide election with only one state voting against him, Massachusetts. Was it Daniel Webster who a long time ago said: "Massachusetts. There she stands".

INDEPENDENT VOTING--More and more the people are becoming independent in their voting habits and for the average voter there can be no criticism. Those who would be party leaders and candidates must adhere more to the party line than the average voter, otherwise our political parties would fall apart.

WOMEN IN 1974--1974 saw the election of a woman as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Susie Sharp, so far as we know is the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of a state supreme court. Also, a woman was elected governor of the state of Connecticut, she being Ella T. Grasso.

NORTH CAROLINA--Here in North Carolina the Republicans fared badly--worse than was expected. In the State Senate where there were 15 Republicans and 35 Democrats, the Democrats elected 49 and the Republicans just one, Donald Kincaid of Lenoir. In the State House of Representatives where there were 35 Republicans, the 1975 House will have only 11!

While Watergate and inflation will account for a goodly part of the loss, Jim Holshouser certainly will have to share some of the burden for the loss. The "Helicopter" firings and his attempt to embarrass Rufus Edmisten stirred the ire of many good citizens across the state.

NEW CONGRESSMEN--Tar Heel Democrats won two new congressional seats, Stephen L. Neal in the Fifth District and Bill Hefner in the Eighth District. These two new congressmen-elect will soon have to start selecting their office team. In the

Eighth District Bill Hefner is expected to name his campaign manager, J. Elvin Jackson of Moore County as his chief administrative assistant. Jackson is a former banker.

Neal is a newspaper publisher in Forsyth County and was considered the underdog in his race against popular Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell. Hefner is owner of a radio station in Cabarrus County and popular as a member of a gospel singing group. He is a native of Alabama.

BILL COPELAND--Bill Copeland, while serving as Superior Court Judge, won a smashing victory for the position as Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

DEMOCRATS--The Democrats have a commanding majority in both houses of Congress. It's the Congress and the Congress alone that has the power and responsibility to balance the budget. Congress levies the tax, yes enacts the revenue bill and also passes all appropriation bills. If the Democrats continue the deficit spending which has been largely responsible for our present economic problems, they will be asked to give an account two years from now. This is a matter that cannot be charged to the President or the Republicans in Congress.

This is a great opportunity as well as responsibility for the Democrats. We hope they measure up!

MECKLENBURG--Sheriff Don Stahl, Republican of Mecklenburg County who won reelection November 5, fired one of his deputies, Everett "Sam" McCollum, for not voting for him; then he fired another deputy, Ray Crist, for protesting the firing.

An old law says that it is illegal to fire a person because of the way a person plans to vote, or votes or doesn't vote. Now the Mecklenburg Sheriff has agreed to take the deputies back.

We can understand the need for such a law, but to our way of thinking a Sheriff and certain other elected officials should be able to choose people who will cooperate and work with the boss. Unless certain elected officials have this prerogative our elected officials might find themselves in poor circumstances to serve the people.

When you bite the hand that feeds you, don't expect to keep on being fed by the same hand!

Letter To The Editor

This pertains to your article and editorial of Nov. 7th, concerning recent efforts to count children in Hoke County with special educational needs.

I regret that, Mrs. Thomas, did not check with me prior to giving you statistics regarding the county and participation by the Hoke County Department of Social Services.

The facts are as follows: The Hoke County Department of Social Services individual and group registration of children with special needs totaled forty three, and no member of my staff, told anyone that professional ethics prevented our agency from registering children with Special Educational needs.

I share your regret that more children were not registered, however, all of us

should have learned by now that you can't just sit back and wait for things to happen; an outreach component is a must.

Finally since a total of fifty-four children were registered in Hoke County, and due to provisions of "The Equal Opportunities Education Act," any concern about funds for children in Hoke County with Special Educational needs is ill founded.

Sincerely,
 Ben Niblock, Director
 Hoke County Department of Social Services

editor's note: According to Board of Education coordinator Betsy Sloan, the final count for children with special needs stands at 67.

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON--When Congress reconvenes next week, I expect to push for the enactment of a political practices reform act and for a privacy bill which I have been working on for many months.

The political reform measure embodies a number of recommendations made by the Senate Watergate Committee. In my judgment, changes recommended by the Committee must be written into law to prevent a recurrence of the abuses which were disclosed as a result of the investigation into the Watergate affair. Some of the Committee's recommendations have already become law with enactment of the Federal Election Campaign Act, but others, which would seek to curb political "dirty tricks," will require new provisions in the Federal criminal code.

Basically, the bill will include provisions to create a public attorney similar to the office of Watergate Special Prosecutor who could investigate and prosecute criminal cases involving the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The purpose of this permanent office would be to prevent "coverups" of wrongdoing such as occurred in the Watergate affair.

The reform measure would seek to prevent illegal manipulation and interference with elections. It would attempt to prevent the creation of such groups as the so-called White House "plumbers," which were deeply implicated in the Watergate affair and it would improve Congressional oversight of the CIA and FBI to see that they are not used for political espionage or

harrassment of political candidates.

This package proposal would also make it illegal for individuals to join a candidate's political campaign for the purpose of spying, copying private documents, or carrying out "dirty tricks," or the payments of campaign funds for such purposes.

The bill would require White House inquiries of the IRS to be reported in order to prevent intimidation or favoritism on taxes. Congress would also be given additional powers to enforce subpoenas on the White House and would have its own legal counsellors to represent it in court.

The provisions of the bill are still being drafted, but the foregoing proposals are likely to be embraced in the bill which I will introduce this month.

The privacy bill, S. 3418, which I introduced on May 1, 1974, has been favorably reported by the Senate Government Operations Committee. This bill constitutes a major effort to safeguard the privacy of individuals against governmental abuse and tyranny. It creates a Federal Privacy Board to conduct inspections of information systems and to order Federal, state, local governments or other data collecting organizations to desist from acts in violation of the rules and orders promulgated by the legislation. The bill also provides standards for the handling of information relating to individuals.

I am hopeful that the Senate and House will pass the corrupt practices and privacy bills prior to adjournment of the 93rd Congress.