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

It's called the gift of life. It is invaluable and yet it's easy to give.
It's blood.

Tomorrow the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Burlington from noon until 5 p.m. The blood collected will be credited to Hoke County, to repay blood used by county residents. Right now, that account is in arrears, as more blood has been used this fiscal year than has been donated.

At the first Bloodmobile visit this year only 50 pints were collected. That scarcely takes care of a month's usage.

If the idea of depositing and withdrawing blood like money in a bank account is too impersonal to mean much to you, sit down for a minute and think. You probably know someone who, recently, was in the hospital and needed blood transfusions. You may even know someone who needed massive amounts of blood or who might have died without a transfusion. Now does it mean more?

While we're on the subject of the blood program, now is a good time to express appreciation to all those who have staffed the program as volunteers. They are due a big thank you.

And a tip of the hat ought to go to Burlington who will host the drive this time. It is another sign of community concern the corporation has always displayed.

The county commissioners put in a day's work at the regular monthly meeting held last week. A two - page agenda kept them busy until mid - afternoon . and, at that, several items were postponed until a later meeting. If their sessions continue to be as long as that one, the commissioners might start thinking about a raise.

House holders who have started living like moles these last few months, turning lights out behind them and burning only those lights in the rooms being used, can sympathize with the school people who are finding their budget wrecked by high electric bills.

There is little the consumer can do to combat such costs except to try to cut usage of electricity to a minimum. And maybe cry a lot.

But it is a fair question, and one that should be asked of power companies and the utility commission, is just what is being done to offset rising costs, besides passing the buck to consumers. Since most other business have had to trim operating costs to stay in business and consumers have had to trim expenses just to stay financially afloat, it is a fair question to ask how the power companies are trimming costs.

Being able to pass along fuel costs to consumers must not be allowed to become a blank check for unnecessary expenses.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

for bi - color lespedeza and multi - flora rose crowns.

Thursday, January 12, 1950

Younger Snead was installed as president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly meeting of the club at the high school cafeteria last Thursday night. He succeeds Robert Gatlin.

Four local men attended the meeting of the Carolinas Cotton Ginners Association in Shelby Monday. The local men were M.D. Yates, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., J.W. Canaday and Henry Maxwell. Upchurch was also there for a directors meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Report of condition showed assets of The Bank of Raeford \$2,856,677.19 at the close of business December 31, 1949. Assets at Raeford Savings and Loan Association for the same date were \$234,496.68.

Since shortly after the end of the war, a big topic of Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association secretaries was the proposed super - highway system.

The annual March of Dimes swings into line throughout the nation on Monday, January 16 and continues to the end of January. The quota for Hoke County is \$3000.

David Taylor, of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, will be in the local soil conservation office on Friday, January 20, to take applications

15 years ago

Thursday, January 14, 1960
Bobby Gentry has been promoted to office manager of the Hot Springs Plant of Burlington's Pacific Division and will leave the Raeford plant February 1.

Mrs. J.L. Warner and Mrs. Roy Avery were elected president and treasurer of the Raeford Woman's Club last week.

Mrs. Russell McNeill, the former Harriett McDuffie and member of one of Raeford's pioneer families, died Tuesday night at her home on Donaldson Avenue.

Earlie Perryman paid his town and county taxes, and bought license plates Monday with 6,891 pennies.

'Oh, hurray . . . there's the money I need
to buy a snow shovel'



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Waiting For Their Money

Don't let anybody kid you about apathy and how uninformed Americans are about current events. Since it came out President Ford is thinking of sending out checks to every taxpayer, nobody I've run across is at all apathetic on the subject.

At a friend's party Saturday night (the always holds parties every week to help the sagging beer and pretzel industries, you know), every guest was discussing the idea.

Hating to throw cold water on the enthusiasm, I did quietly point out the plan was only being mentioned, and it was far from a sure thing. After all, it is a little unconventional.

"But that's just it, don't you see", Lem Levelhead cried hotly. "Ford deliberately let this leak out, so everybody will go out and spend anyway, betting against the day the checks come. With a big infusion, the economy will be rosy, nobody will complain when the checks never materialize."

"But, Lem, that would be dishonest and tricky. Politicians aren't dishonest and tricky, are they?"

There was dead silence until Dolly Dimmwitte spoke up.

"It will never happen. It just isn't the American way, to hand out something for nothing. The good old work ethic, right? Besides, it might mean cutting some of the budget for the welfare program, or something, to do it."

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
According to the deep - thinking newspaper columnists I've been reading lately one of the major problems facing the world today is what to do about all that money the Arab nations are piling up from that \$12 - a - barrel oil. Oil that costs them about two - bits a barrel.

They call them petro - dollars and declare that a way must be found to re-cycle them, get them back into circulation, or else the Arabs will wind up with all the cash and the rest of us will go broke. The trouble with those columnists is that while they're good at stating the problem, they fall down when it comes to solving it. They wring their hands and move on to something else. They act like Congressmen.

Now I've been thinking about this Arab money problem and have come up with some suggestions but I don't know how far I'll get because I don't know how much circulation The News-Journal has among the Arab nations.

Anyway, to keep all that money from stacking up and to get it back into circulation, here are a few ways the Arabs could invest it:

- (1) Go into the ranching business.
- (2) Start a new football league.
- (3) Bring out a new car getting 4 miles to the gallon.
- (4) Buy gold at \$200 an ounce.
- (5) Explore outer space.
- (6) Finance South Viet Nam the next 10 years.
- (7) Buy out the Post Office department.
- (8) Send their kids to college.
- (9) Manufacture 50 million WIN buttons.
- (10) Feed my cows this winter.

You get them to do just half of the above 10 and I guarantee most of their money will evaporate. Get them to do all of them and they'll be trying to borrow money from us.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

"Well, it could work", Fred Fribble said stubbornly. "If a fella who's been unemployed for six months gets a check in the mail, heck, he'll go out and put it down on a new house, and that'll revive the housing industry."

"Yeah, and he'll need new furniture for his house, and will spend a lot on the rec room, since he'll have so much free time and all".

"There's no question about it. It's our patriotic duty as Americans to accept these checks and go right out and spend, spend, spend!" Al Waybroke said with conviction.

"Well, I guess Ford will give it a lot of thought before making a decision. There are a few drawbacks", I said.

"Oh, sure, it will mean a lot of bookkeeping and extra work. But a minor thing like that can be worked out".

"Well, I kept on timidly. "I wasn't thinking of that drawback."

"WHAT, then, for heaven's sakes", everyone chorused.

"Er, well, when these checks come, and then they're cashed, well, how's it going to help the economy when everyone socks the money away in a safe place and not a penny is ever spent because there's a depression coming and . . ."

Letters To The Editor

Editor: I am sure there are many people who remember Dr. P.P. McCain who worked for many years at the Sanatorium helping people with TB. His youngest daughter, Jane Todd, and her husband are missionaries in Japan. A project of the Women of the Church of one church in Tokyo is collecting used postage stamps to sell to a company that sells them to people who collect stamps. The money is used to buy vaccine for Nepalese children to prevent TB. To quote from her letter: "Wouldn't my father have been happy to know that there is now a vaccine to prevent TB as well as a medicine to cure it?" Jane Todd said this is a long time project. Getting rid of TB would be a long time project.

If anyone is interested in sending stamps, just cut off the corner of the envelope - I understand the company has an easier and surer way of removing the stamps from the paper - and mail them to:

Reverend Mrs. John Reagan, 2-22-10 Sekimae, Musashino Shi, Tokyo 180, Japan.
She suggested putting them in a manila envelope. If you would rather, just get them to me and I will mail them to her.
Nancy Thornberg,
Rt. 3, Box 126,
Raeford, N.C.

To the Citizens of Hoke County:
Are you doing like I did? Taking for granted that if you or one of your loved ones had an accident that someone would be there to rush them to the hospital.

Do you know we have men in Hoke Co. that give hours a week from their families and work to learn emergency training? They are called out at all times of the day and night and lose many hours of sleep. That's our Hoke Co. Rescue Squad!

My son came close to not only losing his leg but his life. If it had not been for his friends' quick thinking and the Hoke Co. Rescue Squad's quickness and training, I don't think he would have made it. But first, by God's Grace, a tremendous team of doctors and hospital employees, John is doing well.

CLIFF BLUE . . .

People & Issues



WASTE OF TAX MONEY - It's hard to understand, but our debt - ridden, deficit operated Federal government appears to be trying to lead our municipalities and counties down the "primrose path" to the same financial breaking point that Uncle Sam finds himself in today.

In an article in the January 8 Fayetteville Observer, Superior Court Clerk Tommy Griffin gives a good illustration by calling Cumberland County's pre - trial release program a waste of money."

Pat Reese's article in The Observer said that Griffin submitted a three - page criticism to court officers and county officials on the eve of the implementation of the new federally - financed program. The idea of the program in question is to provide prisoners who are unable to post bonds the opportunity of getting out of jail under the supervision of pre - trial release counselors.

This appears to be just another step by the government to protect the criminal rather than trying to help the law - abiding, tax - paying citizen who has been injured in some way, bodily or otherwise.

Griffin said: "The courts and judicial officials need only to get busy, operate a full five - day week and try these cases. There is presently in Cumberland County an adequate staff of judicial officials and clerical assistance to reduce caseloads in our courts by as much as 20 to 40 percent, depending on the division of court we may consider."

Superior Court Clerk Griffin was simply arguing against a \$100,000 federally sponsored program, saying, "In an effort to help accomplish this I would, given the authority, be happy to carry out the concept of pre - trial release at no additional cost to the citizens of Cumberland County."

We hope that our municipal and county governing boards will take note of Tommy Griffin's statement. If we had people in office with his outlook on tax dollars we could likely balance the Federal budget without any change in the tax rate.

When so many municipal and county

Bicentennial Notes

Mill Was Social Center

(Taken from the Hoke County Golden Jubilee souvenir program.)

Years before the Revolutionary War, McPhaul's Mill was the chief meeting place in what is now southern Hoke County. Almost until the War Between the States, it was known within a radius of thirty or forty miles and was in direct contact with all important towns in this state and in upper South Carolina.

The mill was the polling place for the area. Horse racing became a favorite sport and a good track was built. Shiny, a game similar to golf or

officials are trying to get every dollar possible out of our debt - ridden Federal government in Washington, Tommy Griffin's statement sounds like "the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

LICENSING BOARDS - The late Clarence Stone who served several terms in the State House and also in the State Senate and as President of the State Senate in 1963 - 64 used to be a mortal enemy of licensing boards.

When a proposed licensing board measure would come up for consideration, Clarence was always ready and willing to lead the fight against, calling it "the same old code with another ring around it's tail."

We were interested in an article in the Wall Street Journal recently entitled "Closed Societies? Far - Reaching Reform Of Licensing Boards Urged Many States." One paragraph in the lengthy article reads:

"Few would quarrel with the need for some such supervision to guard the public against unscrupulous charlatans posing as certified professional. Increasingly, however, boards themselves are coming under fire for circumventing the public interest. Critics point out the conflict of interest inherent in allowing professional trade associations to recommend for appointment the board members who will oversee them. As a result, critics assert, the boards are often self - serving, hypocritical and politically motivated. Such charges have led to mounting pressure for reform among legislative groups, consumer advocates and the federal government."

Well, to quote the late statesman from Rockingham County, the licensing boards seem to be the "same old code with another ring around the tail."

Some licensing boards are needed, but too often those seeking the board are more interested in protecting their work from too much competition than protecting the people.

TAX CUTS & MORE SPENDING - This talk coming out of Washington about big tax cuts and rebates and heavy spending is loaded with danger of leading the nation into a greater danger than we now face!

hockey, was played there.

McPhaul's Mill was owned by John McPhaul. Sometime prior to 1761, he and his son, Neil, came to this country from one of the Hebrides Islands. They first stopped at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville. Later they followed high ground southward and managed to effect a crossing of the Raft Swamp in the vicinity of what is now Antioch community.

Here, they found a tiny settlement around a tavern kept by a widow named Perkins and her two daughters, Anne and Mary. In time, Anne became the wife of John McPhaul and she and John acquired land on which they started a grist mill. John had been a miller and had brought millstones from the old country.

Among distinguished guests of Perkins's Tavern were Governor Burke and Gen. LaFayette; Governor Burke when he was a prisoner of the Tories and Gen. LaFayette when he toured the country he had helped gain freedom and independence.

A historical marker at the site about a mile south of Antioch Church on the Maxton road indicates where the Whigs and the Tories fought the Battle of McPhaul's Mill during the Revolutionary War. The people in the upper Cape Fear Region appealed to Governor Burke for help for the Whigs. Col. Thomas Wade, the Continental Commander, called on the Montgomery and Richmond militia for help and, after a small battle, drove the Tories away. Col. David Fanning was in charge of the Tory troops.

Later Wade and Fanning had another encounter at McPhaul's Mill. Fanning took fifty - four prisoners, killed about twenty - five, carried a number to Wilmington, and let the rest go. Fanning climaxed his terrorism in this section by capturing Governor Burke. Fanning was wounded in the affair and had to hide until he could move. He finally left the country. Perhaps the years toward the end of the Revolution, and right after, were the darkest days ever experienced in this section. Even after peace was declared, the people who had fought against each other remained as residents and antagonism continued for a long time.

STORIES BEHIND WORDS

A person who cannot write makes an "X" in the presence of a witness at the place where his signature is required.

An "X" as a signature was not always used by an illiterate person. In ancient times it was used by educated people, for the "X" - or cross - was a sacred symbol and indicated good faith on the part of the one who used it.

The peasantry looked with awe upon a person who was important enough to put his "X" or "make his mark," as they called it, upon a document.

A person who rose to such a position was said to have "made his mark" in the world.

The round dark spot in the center of a person's eye reflects what is in front of it. When a person stands face to face with another, that spot in each of his eyes will reflect a tiny image of the person he is facing.

This was noticed as far back as Roman times. The Latin word for a little doll was "pupilla," or "pupillus," the diminutive forms of "pupa" (girl) and "pupus" (boy).

Because their reflections in the eyes of another looked like little dolls, the Romans called the round spot in the eye "pupilla." The word became "pupille" in French and "pupil" in English.