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

What happens when two good ideas collide? Or to be more specific, when the zoning laws intended to promote orderly growth and land use to benefit the common good instead threaten to halt plans for the new library?

Failure to provide parking facilities for a building that will undoubtedly draw numerous cars is a good example of just why zoning ordinances are needed, as anyone who has ever hunted a parking place on Elwood Avenue could testify.

On the other hand, there is ample parking space not now being used on the part of Main Street adjoining the proposed library site.

There appear to be several courses of action open to resolve the difficulty.

The library board or county officials can apply to the zoning board of adjustments for a variance to the ordinance - that is, permission to build the library without meeting the legal requirements.

According to the ordinance, variances are permitted in selected cases when the request will be in harmony with the spirit of the ordinance and not injurious to the neighborhood or to the general welfare.

Or the required parking area can be sought. Perhaps a lot on a nearby street can be purchased and set aside for parking.

At any rate, city officials and library planners are at work on the problem. It isn't likely that our Bicentennial library will be lost for want of a parking place.

Spring sports are getting started at Hoke High, with the baseball and track already underway.

The events are usually scheduled in the afternoon. So, if you can, go out and support the Bucks.

Elwood Avenue is scheduled to become a one-way thoroughfare Saturday. A bit of confusion can be expected with the changeover, but even that should be better than the traffic tangle that occurs on the avenue now.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, March 9, 1950

A memorial funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at Antioch Presbyterian Church for Staff Sergeant William Hugh McBryde, who was killed in action near Schwartzorden, Germany, while flying on a Volunteer B-24 mission December 2, 1944.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad company received permission this week to end its rail bus passenger service between Aberdeen and Fayetteville.

W.A. McDonald, owner of Raeford Dry Cleaners here, is building an addition to his plant on the west side of Main Street.

The Telephone Committee, elected at the Courthouse at the telephone meeting a few weeks ago, requests that all persons who have not returned their cards to the Home Agents office to do so at once.

Lieutenant General Laurie Norstad, Exercise Swarmer commander, released a statement Friday stating that more than 35,000 Army troops will participate in the maneuver scheduled for late April and early May in the Fort Bragg - Pope Field - Camp MacKall - Laurinburg - Maxton area of North Carolina.

Miss Marion Maxwell of the Hoke County Veteran's Service Office, in

Raeford has announced that forms are available at the office in Raeford for applicants for Gold Star Lapel buttons.

15 years ago

Thursday, March 10, 1960

Dr. Riley M. Jordan was awarded the annual Distinguished Service award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Tuesday night in the McLaughlin School cafeteria.

James Donald Michael O'Hara, hereafter known as "Mike," joins the staff of The News-Journal after a period of employment as an interviewer with the Employment Security Commission.

As a result of a definite show of interest in sending children now attending Ashmont and Mildouson Elementary Schools to the McLaughlin School in Raeford starting with the next school year, the Hoke County Board of Education Monday night passed a resolution to the effect that the board will be glad to bring the children from any of the three white schools outside Raeford to the school in Raeford where the people of the community involved want to close the school and do this.

Governor Luther H. Hodges will speak to a joint meeting of the men's organizations of the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches next Monday night.

Employees at the Raeford Latex Plant of United States Rubber Company will get a raise in wages effective March 14, Harry Birch, plant superintendent, announced this week.

'You take one step back, then another, then another...
Wait, we haven't quite got the hang of it'



by Marty Vega

Clearing Up That Old Mail

We've been pretty busy in recent weeks bringing to you a lot of exclusives, as faithful readers will remember and the mail has been piling up, neglected. So this week we'll try to clear it up, clean it up, and move on to other things.

DEAR MARTY: All during National Nutrition Week, I saw you in the drugstore having your usual breakfast of two bags of potato chips and a Hershey bar. What have you got to say to this? - NAME WITHHELD

Nothing. We regret we are unable to reply to letters unless the writer includes his full name.

DEAR MARTY: Who's going to win the American League pennant this year? - S.C.M.

Easy, Detroit Tigers.

DEAR MS. VEGA: My mother-in-law showed up unannounced and the house was such a shambles, I pretended we had just been ransacked by a burglar and called the police, so she wouldn't think I was a sloppy housekeeper. Did I do the right thing? - Q.L. c/o Hoke County Jail

Normally we don't answer questions on social etiquette. However, given the circumstances you described, I believe you handled an awkward situation gracefully and with tact. By the way, have you contacted the Erma Bombeck Relief Fund to assist with your legal expenses?

DEAR MARTY: I have such a hard time every month balancing my checkbook. Do you have any special tips?

Certainly. First of all, write only checks for whole dollars, don't think of messing with odd amounts. Refuse to do business with merchants who hang up those ridiculous signs "Checks for Amount of Purchase Only". Secondly, during the six days preceding the date the statement is mailed, DON'T WRITE ANY CHECKS OR MAKE ANY DEPOSITS. If you take my advice, you can do away with all those confusing instructions the bank gives you.

DEAR MARTY: Is it true during your recent hospitalization, the doctors ordered a brain scan run on you and the results came back marked "Nothing found"? - Pfc. S. Vega, Ft. Bragg

This is not a physician's column and we are not qualified to give medical opinions. Furthermore, a patient's records are confidential, and furthermore, I have seen through your thinly disguised inquiry for what it is, rotten hate mail and I wouldn't dream of dignifying it with a reply.

DEAR MRS. VEGA: I'm a young working wife and mother who doesn't have much time to spend in the kitchen. Do you have any tips? - L. AZY, Fayetteville

Certainly. Buy only "heat and serve" foods. Don't heat them, just serve them. If your family objects, point out the savings in energy by minimal use of the oven.

DEAR MARTY: Why haven't you written on the critical situation in Bangladesh and the reports they may outlaw marriage completely?

Because I'd much rather write about the day they outlaw marriage in this country because of the "critical situation".

Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

Tally

In Medieval England a stick was used for recording transactions between a creditor and a debtor.

A debt was recorded by cutting a notch that extended all the way across the stick. The stick was split lengthwise, and the debtor took one half and the creditor the other.

When the time came for the debt to be paid, the two halves of the stick were put together to make sure the notches matched, insuring that there was no fraud.

The stick was called a "tally," from "talea," the Latin word for "stick." The matching of the halves of the stick gave us the verb "to tally," meaning to match or correspond.

Academy

Long ago there was a public park about a mile northwest of the Greek city of Athens. The site of the park had once been the property of Academus, a local hero, hence the park was called the Grove of Academus.

Socrates, the philosopher, used to speak to crowds in the park. Plato, Aristotle's famous pupil who lived nearby, later conducted his school of philosophy there.

Plato's school was known as the Academia, from the name of the park.

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



GOP HOPEFULS - We don't hear a great deal in recent weeks about GOP hopefuls for governor in 1976, due no doubt to the defeat of Republicans over the State and nation in the 1974 elections.

Secretary David Jones of the Department of Corrections seems to be the most talked about possibility at the moment among the Republicans. Jones is in the news more than any of the others just now and indications are that he would like mighty well to carry the banner for the GOP come campaign time 1976.

Another member of the Holshouser cabinet - Secretary David Flaherty of the Dept. of Human Resources has often been mentioned as a possible favorite of the Holshouser camp.

It was thought during the recent fall campaign that if Bill Stevens made a good showing against Robert Morgan for the U.S. Senate that he would be a likely candidate for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 1976, but it is hardly likely that in the aftermath of the GOP defeat across the state and nation that Stevens will be ready for another campaign by 1976.

And too, the Helms wing of the Republican party with former Chairman Rouse as its most frequent spokesman may well come forth with a candidate.

HOT RACE? - Quite a few came away from the Democrats' JJ Dinner with the feeling that a hot race will likely take place among the Democrats for their party's gubernatorial nomination after witnessing Jim Hunt, Skipper Bowles and Ed O'Herron moving about among the party faithful in quest for the 1976 nomination. The feeling is that the trio are already off and running.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - Several names are being mentioned among the Democrats as interested in running for lieutenant governor among them being, State Senator John Henley of Fayetteville who is president pro-tempore of the State Senate; Ralph Monger, Jr. of Sanford who is chairman of the Lee County Democratic Executive Committee; Frank Stephenson, Jr. of Murfreesboro who is associated with Chowan College and has

already announced his candidacy; Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill and Felton Capel of Southern Pines. Lee and Capel are black. Capel is a former mayor - pro - tempore of Southern Pines and served on the C&D Board under Governor Bob Scott and is now on the Carolina Power & Light Company board of directors.

DUKE UNIVERSITY - Terry Sanford who is getting ready to seek the Democratic presidential nomination is having to contend with a bunch of Duke University students who are clamoring for greater student input into the operation of the ivy tower institution of higher learning. It's encouraging to note that President Sanford, while being courteous to the lads and lassies, with "an open mind" rejected their demands.

DAVID BRITT - Speculation is that David M. Britt, a member of the N.C. Court of Appeals will be a candidate for Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court in 1976 when Justices Lake and Moore will be stepping down due to the mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court justices.

DAN MOORE - Speaking of former Governor Moore, he may not have made the biggest splash while governor, but he was probably the only governor who could have been reelected at the conclusion of his term if he could have succeeded himself, which he could not due to the State Constitution prohibiting it.

CORRECTION - In last week's column we made mention of a former Associate Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court who could claim a record of legislative service reaching back 50 years who was in attendance at the reunion of former and incumbent Democrat members of the N.C. General Assembly.

By a slip of the mind, we failed to mention his name who was none other than the Hon. Carlyle Higgins, for many years Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court who retired in January.

LAWYERS - This year there are only 48 lawyers among the 170 members of both houses of the N.C. General Assembly. This is eight less than during the 1973 session, writes John Henry Moore, editor of the Laurinburg Exchange.

Bicentennial Notes

A Dishpan Also Served

Customs from the past are recalled in this poem by Mrs. A.A. McInnis, a longtime resident of the Rockfish community.

Ode To The Old Dishpan

I went to the canning bee
And took my dishpan with me
For they had asked us all
To bring vessels large and small.

To Fuller McDowell's house we went
For they had given their consent
For us to work in their backyard
Though by our tracks it might be murred.

We used their big round washing pot,
Built wood fires to get it hot -
After into the pot we water poured
The full tin cans would then be lowered.

We peeled and canned the ripe tomatoes,
Corn, okra and potatoes
School children must not be undernourished
And so the canning flourished.

We sat or stood around the table
Peeling, cutting all we were able.
We ate when we could risk it
Some even ate the fruit with biscuit.

All our canning being done
Ere the setting of the sun
Mrs. Townsend drove the car
They brought us home without a jar.

Mrs. Gibson with us rode
With some others quite a load
At my house they let me out
But took my dishpan without a doubt.

To Mrs. Fannie Gibson's house it went
And there it stayed without consent
While I tried all kinds of pans,
Pots, and bowls, and even cans.

But nothing seemed to take its place
All things beside it were a disgrace.

The bread pan was too low
It splattered water on the floor
The biscuit pan was low and square
Sloshed the water everywhere.

But Mrs. Gibson brought my pan
To next club meeting and I ran,
Grabbed it from her, held it tight -
Clung to it with all my might.

Held it while club women greeting,
And kept it close throughout the meeting -
Took it home to nevermore
Let it wander as before

Now this is to make you think
Tho you have dishwasher and sink,
Don't forget the old dishpan
That has played its part in the history of man.