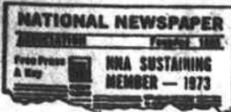


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As We See It..... by Laurie Telfair

It seems strange for a white, self-styled liberal to be criticizing a black-operated program. And concerning segregation, yet!

Yet since its beginning in mid-February, the federally funded nutrition program for senior citizens has apparently operated for the most part as a segregated program.

This is probably not due to any overt act on the part of those who run the program. It is not very likely that anything has been done to exclude participation by whites, and, to a lesser extent, by Indians.

Rather, the problem appears to lie in things not done. In talking with officials, from Lumberton to Raeford, there seemed to be a great deal of "well, she did this" or "this was supposed to be done before I came with the program" or "I was going to contact so and so but I couldn't get up with her."

Little follow through was apparent in talking to the persons and agencies supposedly contacted for help.

A further problem lies in the location of the lunch program. Officials say the only available place was the Masonic lodge hall on North Main, a traditionally black meeting place.

It undoubtedly will take some encouragement to overcome possible reluctance of whites who might be interested in taking part in the program to attend at a location that in years past was exclusively black.

This sort of positive recruiting is not new, however, in federal programs and is, in fact, quite commonplace.

In numerous other programs, it has been required, by quota systems and other methods, to make sure that the minority race was represented.

Perhaps that is what makes this whole situation strange. Usually whites are not the minority.

One might argue that the place is there and the meals are being served and that there has been extensive publicity about the program. Thus, if only one race is taking advantage of the program, it must be because the others don't choose to do so.

If this is, indeed, the case, then, fine. It would be ludicrous to beat the street to make up some ridiculous quota - although this would not be foreign to federal programs.

But if there are senior citizens who would like to eat lunch there and feel they can't because they might not be welcome, then that is an entirely different matter. It would seem that the burden should be on the program administrators to make sure that every effort is made to assure all persons of all races that the program is for them.

The Department of Justice—poetic justice, at any rate. Last week's paper carried a story about a dog training course to begin in Raeford. The trainer, the writer of the news story and the writer of this column are all the same person.

The story was incorrect.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, March 30, 1950

Lacy F. Clark, Raeford postmaster, said this week that the post office department had definitely approved Raeford for local city postal delivery.

J.H. Blue this week accepted the chairmanship of the Annual Easter drive by the Raeford Shrine club for the benefit of crippled children and adults.

W.H. Fann, plant manager for the local plant of Robbins Mills, Inc. said yesterday that some of the machinery had been set up at the plant and that limited production had been started in connection with an employed training program.

The Flora Macdonald Glee Club of sixty voices will be heard Sunday evening in a sacred concert at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

The Raeford board of commissioners met last Friday afternoon at the town hall to pass on a request for the opening of a street from the county garage on N.C. 211 south to U.S. 15-A at the Raeford Super Market. Action on the matter was deferred.

From Poole's Medley: Sherman's Army of Pennsylvania Germans entered the town of Fayetteville in March 1865. They burned a good pattern of the city.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., county chairman for the annual fund drive of the American Red Cross, said yesterday that the county had raised approximately \$1000 of the \$1750 goal.

15 years ago

Thursday, March 31, 1960

The 1960 Census of Population and Housing, the nation's 18th decennial nose count, gets underway on Friday morning, April 1, with 160,000 census takers starting their rounds which will take them to every dwelling unit in the United States.

This proves I like you \$6.6 billion more than he does'



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Mail Here Piles Up Again

The mail has been piling up again, along with the empty Coke bottles and overflowing ashtrays. Apparently some readers have confused this columnist with Dear Abby, Jack Anderson, Ewell Gibbons, or somebody else who has the time or inclination to give personal replies to readers' questions.

As we have stated many times before, we regret we are unable to send personal replies, even if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. If you send me one, all I will do is peel off the stamp with my long fingernail and use it to mail my car payment in. So, only letters of general interest are published.

DEAR MARTY: Are you aware of the reports of the latest consumer fraud, selling phony porcupine eggs to tourists and other unsuspecting out-of-towners? I certainly am, and while we haven't been able to determine how widespread this practice is, I and my associates are closely investigating it at this very time.

Our preliminary investigation reveals most of the victims are Northerners, primarily big city dwellers, whose only desire was to take home a souvenir from North Carolina.

Unscrupulous operators have been passing off these porcupine eggs as the genuine article, when in reality, they are obvious facsimiles. My advice, if you have been approached, is before entering into any agreement to purchase, go to your public library and thoroughly familiarize yourself with what an authentic porcupine egg resembles. Don't be gullible and believe what the salesman tells you. Do business with only reputable porcupine egg dealers.

Frankly, this flim flam has been so successful largely because it is very difficult for the average person to distinguish between a fake porcupine

egg and the real thing, and the perpetrators have capitalized on this.

If you really want a souvenir, it's a safe bet to stick with the scented candle stores in Pinehurst, or pick up a cheap bedspread or some towels along I-95. If you want a REAL souvenir to impress your friends, buy a carton of cigarettes for \$1.85. This will astound almost anyone north of the Mason-Dixon line.

Personally, from a humanitarian point of view, I think it is very cruel to take away the eggs from the mother porcupine for purposes of sheer commercialization. Of course, legitimate porcupine breeders have always demonstrated a strong sense of social responsibility. It's these crooks who must be exposed for what they are.

DEAR MARTY: I understand you are quite a beerhound, so what is your position on the proposal pending before the ABC board to distribute Coors (the famous Colorado beer) here?

You came to the right person with this. Any straight thinking citizen who likes good beer will be making plans to attend the big upcoming demonstration we are going to hold in front of the Charlotte ABC offices in the near future.

If you don't already own an "America's Fine Light Beer" sweatshirt, write to any college bookstore in Colorado, Wyoming, or New Mexico right away so you can be sure to have it in time for the big rally. We don't want to be burdened with placards and crude, heavy signs to carry, so order your sweatshirt now so as to identify yourself as pro-Coors. If you are already committed to the ERA, tax reform, abortion, repeal of sales tax, cancel everything and join us in this battle. This is far more important to the basic fiber of life here.

Puppy Creek

Philosopher

Dear editor:

I have been reading articles in the newspapers and magazines about how school kids aren't learning as much as they used to - that is, about scholastic things, not some other things. On those other things they may be ahead of most of us.

But on scholastics, over the past 12 years the average grade on the Scholastic Aptitude Test high school graduates take before entering college has dropped 38 points, based on tests of one million students, so you can see if anybody in Raeford made a low grade he's not by himself, the situation prevails all over the nation for high school graduates entering college. There are no entrance requirements for Congress.

This decline in students' knowledge has a lot of people worried and there's considerable clamor to do something about it. Some want to go back to basic teaching, some want to get better teachers, some better school boards, and some just wring their hands. Nobody apparently has thought of getting better students.

But I think I have the solution. There is a private school in New York whose sole purpose is to teach politicians and leaders of industry and business how to answer questions on television. Well, it's not exactly how to answer questions, it's how to dodge them without getting flustered or stepping on anybody's toes.

For example, you ask any candidate now running for the nomination for President in 1976 if he'd accept say George Wallace or George Meany or Ralph Nader as a running mate and if he

has been trained properly it'll take him five minutes to discuss the democratic process and how far in the future 1976 is and what the country needs to do to unite and this nation is big enough for all shades of opinion and what's the next question.

Or if the question is about something he doesn't know anything about, he'll say "it'd be inappropriate for me to go into that."

Or ask say an oil executive if he thinks a 100 per cent increase in profits by his company during the oil embargo last year wasn't a little high and if he's been to that school he'll give you a string of statistics so long that by the time he's through everybody has forgotten what the question was and is sorry it was asked.

Listen to "Meet The Press" or "Face The Nation" and see if you don't think they should be re-named "Dodge The Question" and "Two-Face The Nation."

I'll tell you, a man's got to go to a mighty good school to answer a question about Viet Nam by discussing the Alaska pipe line, or one about what he'd do if he were President by deploring unemployment.

I've often thought reporters ought to stop asking people on television oral questions, they ought to just submit a true-or-false written exam and read off the answers. Anyway, if that school in New York can attain such success with public figures, it might be interesting to see it have a go at public education. I've never seen a school so efficient in reaching its goals.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



ONE THOUGHT - Most everybody, if pressed hard could come up with a suggestion as to how to solve the economic situation in which thousands are without jobs. A few months ago we suggested that in trades where many people are employed like the automobile manufacturers, that the hourly wage earners take a 10 percent temporary reduction in wages with the understanding that the salaried employees, who earn higher wages, take a 20% reduction, with the manufacturers passing the reductions on to lowering the price of the automobiles which would start the wheels of industry turning much faster again.

Well, it looks like CP&L followed this suggestion (although they hardly took the cue from this column) but there has been no groundswell toward the idea. Now here is another thought along the same line. Say an automobile manufacturer has 10,000 employees but finds it necessary to lay off a fifth of the number, or 2,000 employees. Instead of putting two thousand out on the unemployment and food stamp rolls, why not all just work four eight-hour days instead of five? We know there would be some complications, but any way we solve this economic downdrift is going to cause some sacrifice and belt-tightening. Would it not be better for all to sacrifice a little than for some to sacrifice much?

The Good Book says: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. And too, we saw a headline in the paper saying: "Recession Losing Punch." Working together in a spirit of neighborliness, we believe the great masses of our people could pull us through without throwing the rope to dear old debt-ridden Uncle Sam for too much involvement!

GUBERNATORIAL - We keep hearing names mentioned for governor or some other top office, latest being Dr. William Friday, UNC president and House Speaker Jim Green. Friday, who in a difficult situation, has done an outstanding job, has frequently been mentioned in the past as a possible gubernatorial candidate. House Speaker Green, who is now serving his eighth term in the State House appears to be doing a good job. While he has been

mentioned for governor we suspect a race for the lieutenant governor would be more to his liking. In a recent column mentioning possible candidates for lieutenant governor we have been reminded that we did not list Waverly F. Akins, Fuquay-Varina businessman and former chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, who we understand is an almost sure candidate for the job.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - Last week this column was devoted to the presidential primary as it relates to North Carolina. Last week the House voted by a lop-sided majority to take from the people their right to vote in a presidential primary their sentiments for their party's nominee.

With the sentiment which we have observed in favor of the presidential primary, we do not believe any serious candidate for governor or lieutenant governor will advocate repeal of this coveted privilege by the great masses of people.

It is hard to believe that the State Senate will follow the House in voting to take from the people this great privilege simply because they might be afraid that George Wallace might carry the state in 1976 as he did in 1972. In 1972 the presidential primary proved more popular than did the races for governor or United States senator with the participation in the presidential primary exceeding the gubernatorial vote by more than 10,000.

GOVERNMENT - Speaking at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Erwin a night last week Secretary of State Thad Eure said that government was the most important thing to an American, outside religion.

KISSINGER - Senator Jesse Helms has called for the resignation of Secretary of State Kissinger. Jesse is making a sound and conscientious senator and by the same token we believe Henry Kissinger has tried as hard as anyone to bring about peace, and has done as much as anyone else could have done. No doubt but that Henry has made some errors, but who hasn't? We will give him an "A" for effort and hope that we may continue to have his services for peace.

Raleigh Report

Tax Bite Is 10 Per Cent

By Rep. David R. Parnell

If the income all of us in North Carolina received in 1973 were divided equally, we would all have had income of \$4,282 for every person. Statisticians call it per capita income.

If all the state and local taxes paid were divided equally, each of us would have paid \$425.32.

On a per capita basis - each man, woman, and child - we paid just under 10 per cent (9.9 per cent) of our income in state and local taxes in 1973.

Our state constitution places upon the legislature fiscal responsibility by forbidding deficit financing. In other words, if we can't pay, we don't get.

That means tight money situations, like we have in this recession year, require us to look at spending even more closely.

We are considering budget requests very carefully this session.

All of us would like to have more money, and we can give some mighty convincing justifications why we should have it. State government agencies are no different. But someone has to decide where to draw the line. I am one of those "someones."

We don't want to hamper essential services, but particularly this year, we are questioning how essential a service is before we finance it.

Because of the uncertainty of the economy this year, we are having to wait for more reliable revenue estimates before we make firm budget decisions.

It may be late May before we can get a revenue picture clear enough to base solid budget decisions on.

The time to consider tax cuts is when we have a firm idea of revenue.

The state budget, like the family budget, needs a cushion to handle unforeseen matters requiring extra money. It is desirable for state government to have a certain amount of flexibility to effectively cope with changing circumstances. A budget cushion allows this flexibility.

At the beginning of the 1974-75 fiscal year on July 1, 1974, we had a cushion of more than \$180 million.

Our estimated cushion to begin the 1975-76 fiscal year on July 1, 1975 will be just over \$100 million.

In the southeastern states, our state government's fiscal position is among the strongest. Some states across the nation are running deficits. Less than half are reporting estimated credit balances.

A recent estimate by the

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Has anyone noticed that 7,000 beer cans are missing from the roadsides of Hoke County? Students from two Social Studies classes at South Hoke School collected aluminum cans for two weeks. Thirty-two children participated in this "clean-up" campaign, hauling in a total of 343 pounds. I am proud of their hard work, and hope they will set an example for other citizens in this area.

We would like to thank Mr. Bill Johnson, who loaded and carried the cans in his truck to Lumberton, where they were sold to the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company. He gave a lot of his time to help make our project successful.

Sincerely,
Donna Miller
(Teacher - South Hoke)

Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

Cataract

The Greeks called a waterfall "kataraktes," meaning something that rushed down.

When gates that slid vertically were installed in the walls of a city, they were called "kataraktes" - because they were dropped down, blocking the entrance of an enemy force.

"Kataraktes" became "cataracta" in Latin and "cataract" in English.

An eye condition in which a film obstructs vision was likened to a sliding door that obstructed a gateway. The eye condition, therefore, was called a "cataract."

Budget

The word "budget" - The estimated cost of operation for a given time - originally meant a little bag.

The Latin word for bag was "bulga," which passed into French as "bouge." "Bougette," was the diminutive form meaning little bag. Money was carried in little bags, hence "bougette" acquired the meaning of purse.