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As We See It.....

By Laurie Telfair

Donations have picked up for the Woman's Club auction on Saturday and there are some lovely items just waiting for bids.

If you haven't already contributed something, please look around the house for a last minute donation.

And plan to be at DeVane's auction barn on 401 by-pass Saturday for the fun.

Another charity event planned for Saturday seems certain to be a big success, if preliminary indications are correct. The Walkathon for cerebral palsy, sponsored by Raeford Jaycees, is drawing a great deal of response from walkers and sponsors alike.

Walkers nursing sore feet and aching muscles Saturday night after the 20 mile hike should be able to feel that their effort was well spent.

Having the two charity events scheduled on the same day points out a need for coordination. While it is not too likely that these two projects will conflict greatly, it still seems a shame to have them planned for the same day. Couldn't some group, like the Chamber of Commerce perhaps, keep a calendar of events. If all groups would notify the Chamber of their plans, then conflicts could be headed off. Of course, any group could keep the county calendar but the C of C seems a logical choice.

Budget time in the county is approaching and agencies are undoubtedly making their plans to present to the county commissioners. Like planning expenditures for a family, planning for a county is a series of compromises among desirable goals. The needs always outstrip the available revenue and so goals and priorities must be established to choose the expenditures that will best benefit all the people.

A natural tendency is to withdraw, to cut expenses where possible and hold the line. Prudence in public spending is commendable.

But an eye must be kept on the services offered to citizens also. Hoke Counties have a right to expect as much service from their tax dollar as they can get.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, April 6, 1950

Mrs. P.P. McCain of Southern Pines has accepted the position of dean of women at Flora Macdonald College for the coming year, according to an announcement made this week by Dr. Marshall Woodson, college president.

G.B. Rowland, chairman of the Hoke County board of elections, this week announced that there would be a new registration of voters in the county prior to the Democratic primary May 27, and stated that all who vote in the primary must register again, regardless of whether they are already registered now.

Housewives of the 8th Congressional District will be called to their front doors during the first two weeks of April by the Knock of the Census takers from the United States Bureau of the Census.

Raeford citizens are seeing some results of their favorable vote for bonds for streets, sewers and water lines now, as machines are working at several places in town digging ditches and installing storm sewers.

From Poole's Medley:

The plank roads in North Carolina were toll roads and the three plank roads that led into Fayetteville brought the City of Fayetteville a great loss. These roads were built by the City of Fayetteville.

15 years ago

Thursday, April 7, 1960

Hoke County's commissioners held no monopoly on spirited meetings this week, as the county board of education has had two long meetings, with heated discussions at each on the questions of whether to close the elementary schools in the three communities outside Raeford which have them and bring the children to Raeford to the J.W. McLaughlin School for the next school year.

Tempers flared at the County Commissioners meeting on Monday when Neill F. Sinclair, Carl Riley and Horace Walters, representing Shiloh Church, had a hearing with the group.

According to reports the group of Hoke High School Juniors and Seniors that went on the excursion to Washington and New York came home footsore and weary at 11:30 Sunday night.

I. Beverly Lake, candidate for governor, had some harsh things to say about the present State regime in his talk delivered before the combined Lions, Jaycees and Kiwanis clubs Thursday night.

The Town Board voted Monday night to farm out its old America - LaFrance Fire truck to the Hoke County Rural Fire Department.

Liberator?



by Marty Vega

Pure Garbage Here

It should come as no surprise in the aftermath of Watergate, disclosures of CIA activities, contents of FBI files, and all the other reports of invasions of privacy, that now we read officials have been eyeing our garbage with the view a decline in overall garbage is linked to the recession.

Why they can't confine themselves to the standard measures like the gross national product and the exchange rate and commodity futures and everything else we studied in economics and still didn't understand, I can't say. Maybe they never understood it either.

At any rate, we are now informed by an AP wire story that many cities report a decline in overall garbage.

For those of you who want the details, the story is New York's volume of garbage is down 555,754 tons for the first two months of the year. Chicago reports a 2.5% decrease; and Dallas, Seattle, and Los Angeles also noted a drop in garbage. An apt choice of

words.

And, in Kansas City, where everything is up to date, Joseph Reichert, the Refuse Department Director, isn't. He is quoted as saying total tonnage is down 10%, but he "has no way of knowing what types of garbage are decreasing."

Reichert should talk to Robert Zralek, deputy sanitation commissioner for Chicago. Though he is only deputy, this fellow is sure to make his way up to the top of the heap by spilling all to the press. He is quoted as saying "They have seen fewer cartons of candy, ice cream, beer, and other non essential goods fewer TV dinners... fewer wrappers people are economizing."

Granted, the down and out garbage dumpers were not identified by name or neighborhood, but this is all very disturbing news. What's to prevent them from printing the names and itemized inventories of a person's garbage for the week?

Some people may not object to this, arguing that there is already ample garbage in the newspapers, but other people possess a mild, healthy sort of neurosis about their garbage and guard it jealously.

After all, many people believe one's garbage reflects one's won lifestyle, though this is really rubbish.

People who live in houses where it is necessary to put your garbage out at night for an early morning pickup know the dreadful embarrassment of having dogs overturn the cans during the night and the next morning your garbage is strewn everywhere for all the neighbors to see. Who wants their neighbors to know they buy inferior brands, color their hair, drink a lot of prune juice, well, I could go on, but you get the idea.

The only time I have ever enjoyed real anonymity with my garbage was while living in a high rise apartment building where there was a chute on each floor for the tenants' use.

About 11 P.M., I would reconnoiter, and if no one was about, trot my garbage to the chute and say goodbye to it, waiting to hear the thud when it hit bottom.

I always waited for that thud, as I did have a neurotic fear mine would become stuck, as someone's occasionally did, and the management would be so annoyed they would launch a full scale investigation to find the culprit with the bulging garbage.

But if I had known then what I do now, I would have spirited my garbage down a few flights by way of the fire stairs and rid myself of it on some other floor. No doubt in that building today the garbagemen are studying garbage with the zeal of the SBI, and can probably determine by the angle of impact and the degree of fragmentation at the impact area the relative velocity of the garbage as it traveled and estimate which floor it came from.

From there it would be a simple process to figure out who was still throwing out perfectly good cans of cream of mushroom soup 3 1/2 years after the soup scare.

So, along with so many other social customs crumbling, it seems our rights of garbage privacy are disappearing. If there is no constitutional guarantee, we need an amendment. In the meantime, garbagemen should adhere to a code of professional ethics to keep garbage confidential.

And I wish they'd quit slamming the cans around so much the lids never fit quite right.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Bicentennial Notes

Hoke Expert Traces Past

The late Dr. Alexander C. Bethune was noted as an expert on the history of the region. Miss Josephine Hall of Raeford has a series of interviews with him that were printed in a September, 1935, issue of The Message Center, a newspaper from Fort Bragg.

"Ask any of these Scotch people in this sandhill country about their early history and you will instantly be referred to Dr. Alexander C. Bethune of Raeford, who is probably the best living authority on the early Colonial history of this section, its folklore, its legends which have been handed down from father to son, its traditions, superstitions and the political controversies which from time to time rent the people asunder. Dr. Bethune is a descendant of the Bethunes who settled Montrose, the towering sand mountain on which is now located the State Sanatorium. His grandfather, as a boy and young man, roamed this territory and was familiar with many old settlers whose memory dated back to the very beginning of history in this country."

The Message Center included long quotes attributed to Dr. Bethune's Historical Sketch. One quotation, most appropriate to the Bicentennial observance, set out reasons for studying the past.

"Simple and matter of fact as it always seemed to the older people who are native here, and to the manner born, the number who do not know anything of the background of those early settlers is annually growing and the number who do know is annually growing less, by reason of the remorseless scythe of time; and for this reason it is necessary for us to recount some history of these sturdy yeomen before they came to this country to wrest it from its wilderness stage and hew down this might forest and 'break the stubborn glebe'."

"In future ages the question will arise: Who, whence and wherefore?"

"Men do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles: like begets like: by these tokens we might know, in the absence of other light, that these settlers came of a race of purity and strength."

"There is no tradition more full authenticated than the tradition that they were the younger sons of the Highland Chieftains, of the Pictish stock that has never known a conqueror; who successfully and successively withstood the Romans, the Dane, the Angle, the Saxon and the Norman."

"But why did they come here from their beloved Glens and mountains?"

"To impress on the minds of the young people the reason our forefathers left their beloved Highlands and came to settle and conquer a new country, it is necessary at the risk of being tedious, to give a short historical account of the Royal House of Stuart, and how the fortunes of the Royal House affected the Highlanders; but I promise to be brief."

"After a successive line of 14 Kings, the Plantagenet dynasty ended with the death of Richard III at the battle of Bosworth Field in the year 1485, and the House of Tudor acceded to the kingly office in England."

"The first Tudor King was Henry VIII and in the year 1592 his lovely daughter intermarried with the Scottish King, James IV, Margaret's son, James V of Scotland - the James Fitzjames of song and story - was the father of the beautiful, unfortunate and erratic but still beloved Mary Queen of Scots, whose son James VI became James I, King of England upon the death of Queen Elizabeth, the last of the Tudor line, in the year 1603."

Thus we have a Scotchman seated on the English throne, a condition exactly with the Scottish pride.

"The House of Stuart reigned in England with chequered fortunes till the death of Queen Anne in 1714; that is to say, James I died in the year 1605 and was succeeded by his son Charles I; Charles was beheaded by Cromwell's Parliament in 1649 and from that date to 1660, during which time Cromwell was Lord Protector, the House of Stuart was in banishment."

"Charles II was recalled in 1660 and reigned until 1685, the date of his death, when he was succeeded by James II, James II was expelled from the throne in 1688 and from that date until 1703 Queen Anne acceded to the throne and she was the last of the House of Stuart."

"During Cromwell's usurpation, the Highlanders remained loyal to the House of Stuart and fought Cromwell to the end. During the regime of the House of Nasau, all that kept the Highlanders from open rebellion was the certainty that Queen Anne would succeed to the throne."

"Then at Anne's death in 1714 when the House of Hanover was called to the throne to the exclusion of the Catholic heirs of James II, the Highlanders flew to arms in support of the Pretender and against George I. This rebellion was crushed in its incipency; and the first batch of Scotchmen emigrated to America."

"The first of discontent smoldered for 30 years, till 1745 during the reign of George II, the young Pretender landed in Scotland and the Highlanders rose as one man in his support against the House of Hanover."

"The outcome of this ill-advised enterprise is too well-known to be repeated. It all ended in the fatal and sanguinary battle of Culloden in 1746, where the Duke of Cumberland proved himself another Duke of Alva and such another butcher as Weyler."

"The result of this terrible defeat was to literally people the ocean to America. And it was then, and directly afterwards, that our forefathers took possession of this historic spot." Dr. Bethune's history will be continued.)

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - I have long advocated presidential primaries for North Carolina. Many years ago I introduced a bill in the General Assembly to provide for a presidential primary. This was before Terry Sanford introduced his bill calling for a presidential primary in 1953.

When some people give lip service to mass participation in the processes of democracy and work for "quotas" for this group and that group, then oppose a wide - open primary, you have good reason to suspect that selfish interest rather than public interest is deeply involved.

It is generally assumed that the over-riding reason for the motives behind the effort to repeal the presidential primary law in North Carolina is the fear that George Wallace will again be high man in votes in 1976 as he was in 1972. Frankly, the national polls indicate this. The Gallup poll released a week ago showed Wallace far out in front among the candidates for the Democratic nomination and that he was leading in the polls among the Independent voters.

However, nationally the liberals are in control of the Democratic Party machinery and Wallace's chances for nomination are almost nil. We suspect he will run as an independent candidate, and will likely carry several states.

If Terry Sanford would mount an all-out campaign in North Carolina and win over Wallace, it would put him on the road as a formidable candidate. We realize that for Sanford in a primary contest with Wallace the stakes would be high but somewhere along the line every major candidate will have to contest with Wallace and what state could be better for Sanford than in his home state?

If the State Senate goes along with the House and votes to repeal the presidential primary law, settlement could build up so the General Assembly would have to face up to the question again in next year's special session with candidates for the General Assembly ready to run on a platform favoring the presidential primary.

Editor John Moore of the Laurinburg

Exchange sums up the issue pretty good as follows: "It boils down to whether or not the legislature wants to permit the people to have a say in who they would like to run for president. Right now it appears many of our legislators don't want to let the voter have much input in this vital question."

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE - We hear a great deal of talk about the lack of discipline in our public schools - particularly in the high schools. We doubt that there is any subject that needs more attention in our high schools today than discipline. If you

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

The Conservation Department of the Junior Women's Club, along with other members of our community, laments the removal of the dogwood trees for the new school parking lot. However, we would like to praise a recent instance in which progress and the preservation of trees has been combined.

The Bank of Raeford's new parking area on the corner of Elwood and Stewart spared a large pecan tree and an oak tree, located on opposite corners of the lot. Thanks to the foresight of those in charge, these trees will continue to enhance Raeford. Trees of the age and size of these are of especial value to a community when located, as these are, in a downtown area where they will absorb dust and fumes from the air.

Our thanks to The Bank of Raeford for showing that progress and environmental concerns can coexist. Hopefully, as Raeford and Hoke County continue to grow, others will follow this example.

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