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## As We See It..... By Laurie Telfair

Some of the residents in Robbins Heights want to get organized to work on some of the problems in the community.

A clean-up, fix-up campaign is one of their goals. They'd like to see the sides of roads cleaned up, the junk cars removed and something done about the park—again.

That park has been the target of numerous clean-up efforts in the past, as scouts, clubs and the city, all at various times, have tackled it, carting away bushels of broken glass, bottles, cans, paper and other assorted trash.

But it always seems to revert back to its natural state—littered.

One thing that might help is the addition of several more trash barrels, placed in convenient places near the play area. A check last week showed only one trash container for the entire playground and ball park.

Some people will throw trash on the ground no matter what but most will put it in a proper container if one is convenient. Almost no one will walk the length of a large field, however, to keep from littering.

An inspection also showed that nearly half of the swings were broken. These were just put up by the city last summer. Again, perhaps an organized community can help. If youngsters know that someone cares about the property there, they are apt to be less likely to damage it in the first place, and in the second place, kids who witness vandalism are more likely to report it if they know who to report it to.

The city can offer more effective services with a community organization behind it.

Another goal of the group is to organize community recreation for all ages. Here, it would seem that the Recreation Commission could be of help to develop a program in Robbins Heights.

There are all kinds of possibilities for improvement, if the organization gets out of the wishing stage and into action. But, as one of the leaders said, one person can't do it. It will take the entire community.

So, Robbins Heights, as the diet drink commercial ditty goes, you can do it; we can help.

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It wouldn't be a bad idea for other neighborhoods to organize and see what they can do in their area to improve things. It might be something simple, like cutting the weeds on a vacant lot or planting a few flowers. But every bit of attention lavished on a community enriches it and makes it better for everyone.

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A big thanks go to the groups, mostly of youngsters, who have picked up cans and trash along the roadsides in the county recently.

The proposal to require a deposit on all bottles and cans didn't get very far, but the economic incentive to return containers would undoubtedly go a long way toward cleaning up our countryside.

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The Bucks are well on their way to a conference championship in baseball and their overall record is not bad either. But you couldn't tell that by the number of fans who attend the ball games. It's been right lonely out there, the coach reports, and he'd love to see a few familiar faces at the remaining games.

Speaking of spectator sports, the girls' state track meet will be held here May 9. That's a good opportunity to go see some of the state's top women athletes in action.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, April 27, 1950

The appointment of Neill L. McFadyen and D.B. McFadyen, both of Raeford, as joint managers in Hoke County of Senator Frank Graham's campaign for re-election to the Senate in the Democratic Primary May 27 was announced this week in Senator Graham's campaign headquarters in Raleigh.

Mrs. J.A. Hardister died at the home of her son, Walter, in Asheboro on Sunday night, April 16.

From Poole's Medley:

I remember cold weather in April — a killing frost that came in 1872 on the 26th day of April. But I do not remember a cold spell lasting for several days as it has done recently.

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The Grand jury in its report to the presiding judge seemed to find about everything around the county in good order but recommended the installation of more modern facilities at the jail if not too expensive.

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'What's come over you lately?'



THE GREAT HENRY LION TAPER

The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

## Planning A Pleasant Trip

Now that May is here, many of us are looking forward to summer vacations. With the gasoline crisis all but forgotten, many people are again planning a pleasant motoring trip.

Of course, the airlines will be bargaining for the vacationers' trade, the latest wrinkle being the "no frills" cheapie tickets, but before you become tempted by these low prices, remember Saturday's traveler, Francis Page Covey, who provided his own frills, and thrills for the other passengers. Also remember D.B. Cooper, forgotten by all except the FBI and TWA. A real, American folk hero.

So, as a service to the readers, in coming weeks this column will offer invaluable help with selected travel tips, not on a regular basis, but on the basis of when the mood strikes us.

The main thing in planning a successful vacation is to plan it well in advance. You should have had it all planned out by February.

Everyone should follow the

### Puppy Creek

## Philosopher

Dear editor:

The trouble with scientists is that sometimes some of them don't have enough to do and consequently come up with things that are preposterous, even if they can prove them scientifically.

For example, government scientists have been examining the drinking water in the United States and have announced that in 79 major cities the water is highly questionable, if not possibly dangerous. At the same time, they don't recommend that the people stop drinking it.

This is what I call a scientific fact that goes nowhere. It reminds me of the graduate student who proved, after a nation-wide survey, and got his Ph.D. degree for it, that there are 3 per cent more telephone poles on the left side of highways than the right side, thus proving scientifically that if you have to swerve to miss an on-coming car, your chances of hitting a telephone pole are 3 per cent less if you swerve to the right. Be sure to bear that in mind. Unless you're driving on a stretch of highway where all the poles are on the right side. In fact, come to think of it, the safest way would be to check all the telephone poles before you start out on a trip. There must be some bureau in Washington, or will be when the government hears of this need, that'll check this for you by helicopter. If you ask where we're going to get that many helicopters, I figure the South Vietnamese will return all those thousands we gave them and which they never did figure out any use for. (I can hear President Thieu saying now, "You double-crossed us. You gave us all those helicopters and airplanes but didn't keep any Americans over here to fly them for us.")

How'd I get off on all this when I started out talking about scientists and drinking water? There must be a connection there somewhere but I can't put my finger on it right now. Maybe it was to tell you again about a man I know who had his water well tested, a well he'd been drinking out of satisfactorily for 30 years. The Health Department scientifically tested the water and reported it was "Contaminated, un-fit for human consumption."

"That sure taught me a lesson," the man said, gulping down a glass of his water to calm his nerves. "I'll never have that well tested again."

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ...

## People & Issues



BOB SCOTT - Reports are that former Governor Bob Scott is giving serious consideration to running for lieutenant governor again in 1975. Our informant says that if Scott passes up running for lieutenant governor in 1976 that he will almost certainly be in the race for the U.S. Senate in 1978 for the seat now held by Jesse Helms.

RUSSELL KIRBY - We hear that State Senator Russell Kirby of Wilson and a law partner of Lieut. Governor Jim Hunt is giving serious consideration to running for the U.S. Congress in the Second District for the seat now held by L.H. Fountain, dean of the Tar Heel delegation, who is now serving his tenth term. We further hear that if Kirby runs for Congress, former State Senator John Church of Vance County will seek the Kirby seat in the State Senate. Church, by the way, is a former State Democratic party chairman and a top official in the Roses Store organization.

'SNOW' HOLDEN - Speaking before the North Carolina Association of Community College and Technical Institute Trustees in Raleigh last week, "Snow" Holden, president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company made a speech which could be a pretty solid fiscal plank for a candidate for governor to stand on. Could be that "Snow" would not object to carrying the torch himself for continued fiscal responsibility in State government. It was under the administration of the late Governor Angus Wilton McLean of Robeson County that the State Executive Budget Act, which has served North Carolina so well, was adopted. McLean was a banker, heading the Southern National Bank of which his son, former State Senator Hector McLean, now heads.

ARTHUR WILLIAMSON - One man in Raleigh who is all-out for Jim Hunt for governor is former State Representative and former State Senator Arthur Williamson. Williamson, a well-to-do Columbus County farmer and businessman who spends as much time in the Legislative building as the incumbent lawmakers, says he is giving his time without remuneration of any kind, and that he would not accept appointment for any position, that he is just interested in having Jim Hunt in the governor's chair.

10th AMENDMENT -- North

Carolina back in the beginning of our struggle for independence nearly 200 years ago would not join the union until the first ten amendments, known as the "Bill of Rights" were adopted.

The 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

You would think that this 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution would be sufficient safeguard against central encroachment upon the States by the Federal government, particularly in matters relating to state operated schools. But frankly, it appears that the U.S. Supreme Court has trampled the 10th Amendment until it has little if any standing at all.

Read slowly again the 10th Amendment as quoted above and see if it does not appear pretty clearly that the 10th and last of the original "Bill of Rights" has been trampled unmercifully!

We understand that the Federal Courts are now moving into the school discipline problem in a way that is certain to worsen an already serious matter by saying that school suspensions must follow the same race ration as in race enrollment in the public schools.

Commenting on the matter the Fayetteville Observer says, "It will be a major miracle if our public schools, already charged with being overly permissive, don't turn into blackboard jungles where the only real achievement will be survival."

We have long felt that all Federal Judges including the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court should be appointed for a certain number of years, not to exceed eight, but subject to reappointment and confirmation, which should keep them close to the spirit and intent of the Constitution as set forth by the founding fathers.

VIETNAM -- It would appear that if we ever owed any nation humanitarian aid that it would be to South Vietnam. Not only did we sacrifice 50,000 of the flower of American manhood, spending \$150 billion but we had a major part in leading South Vietnam to a far more tragic end!

## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



This past week, I introduced two bills which I feel will remedy some injustices that present tax laws place upon two segments of our population... retired persons drawing social security benefits and unmarried taxpayers.

In the bill affecting social security payments, the amount of money that a retiree can earn would be increased from \$2,520 to \$3,600 a year.

Many persons reaching the age of 65 find themselves unable to live decently if their social security benefits are their only source of income. The present amount they are allowed to earn, without penalty, is not very realistic in today's inflation. Even if they earn the allowable \$210 per month and draw maximum social security, their income is flirting with the government's definition of the poverty level.

And what many people do not realize is that they must pay not only income taxes on these earnings but social security taxes as well.

While \$300 a month is not a great sum these days, it would be a substantial increase in the present figure and I feel it is amply justified.

In the matter of the single taxpayer,

### Bicentennial Notes

## And That Reminds Me

Editor's note:

Henry McLemore, an Atlanta sportswriter, looked back in his senior years on his youth, in a clipping contributed by Mrs. Edward Hart. It is included in Bicentennial Notes because it expresses an experience common to all.

It seems to me they're building staircases steeper than they used to. The steps are higher, or there are more of them - or something. Maybe this is because it's so much farther today from the first floor to the second floor, but I've noticed it is harder to make two steps at a time any more. Nowadays it is getting harder to make one step at a time.

Another thing I've noticed is the small print they are making lately. Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them; and I have to squint to make them out. The other day I had to back half way out of a telephone booth in order to read the number on the coin box. Music in my church hymnal looks like grapes on a

vine, so I sing by peering over by brother's shoulder. It is obviously ridiculous to suggest that a person my age needs glasses, but the only other way I can find out what's going on is to have somebody read aloud to me, and that's not too satisfactory, because people speak in such a low voice these days I can't hear them very well.

Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice the distance from my house to the bus stop now, and they've added a fair sized hill that I never noticed before. The buses leave sooner too. I have given up running for them, because they start faster these days when I try to catch them.

You can't depend on bus schedules any more, and its no use asking the driver. I ask him a dozen times a trip if the next street's where I get off, and he says it isn't. How can you trust a driver like that? Usually I gather up my bundles and put on my hat and coat and stand in the aisle a couple of blocks away, just to make sure I don't go

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