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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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 son, Walter, in Asheboro on 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.

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

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'What's come over you lately?'



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

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

The touble with scientists is that sometimes some of them don't have enough to do and consequently come up with things that are preposterous. 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 - comi 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 fii.ger 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.

recommended steps before leaving. Arrange for the post office to water your plants, place the children in a good kennel, and notify the police to pick up your mail

Get plenty of maps so you are sure of your route before you start out.
Practice again and again how to refold a road map until you can do it expertly. as this will save you from insulting criticism from your husband and

strangers along the trip.

Allow at least six hours for packing the trunk with the luggage. A general rule of thumb: For the average husband, two hours to arrange it all to his satisfaction, then one hour and forty-five minutes to take it all out and re-think it again. If you can assist him by offering helpful suggestions, add another hour and a half to complete the job. As long as the lid closes, say nothing about the spare being buried at the bottom.

This Week's Suggested Trip:

The Pennsylvania mountains, no special reason. Distance: 400 miles, give or take a little. Estimated driving time: 9, 10, 11, 12, maybe 13 hours, as there is much of historical interest along this scenic route.

Directions: Leave Fayetteville on 1-95. You should be going north. Just before you hit the Virginia state line. look for the historical marker which directs you to the simple gravesite of Enos Snill, the farmer who was plowed under by his wife in a harrowing crime of the 1930's. Closed Tuesdays.

Continue on to Emporia and have lunch at that little white restaurant, just painted, next to the Gulf station. The hasenpfeffer is excellent, if it's in season. Continue on to Petersburg, but get off 95 and get on old U.S. I into Richmond to avoid that 95c toll. Continue on 95 past Richmond and you are in an area rich in history.

Not far from Guinea, just down the road a piece from the shrine of somebody named Jackson, is the birthplace, restored to its original state, of pioneer inventor Irving Fleeb, who successfully fed his cows ice cubes and developed cold cream. Don't miss it,

open all year around. Take 495 when Washington, for there is much to see in the nation's capital. At the Naval Observatory, (Massachusetts Ave. off River Road exit) you can see the actual laboratory used by astronomer Ira Waxwood, who pondered the size of the galaxy for months, and then bought a fairlane instead. Leave Washington and head up I-270 to I-70 at Frederick, and continue through this area dotted with major points of interest. At Possum Creek, The American Reincarnation Society holds its annual 'Come As You

Were' festival in mid-June.
Continue on I-70 to Breezewood, and just outside of town, stop to see the home of Roscoe Swink, notorious jewel thief of the 1880's who sold the stones to everyone on his block, proving good neighbors make good fences. Admission 1.25 for children, Adults free.

Don't stop overnight in Breezewood, the sound of the trucks going by all night will keep you awake. Better to go on to Bedford, but don't take the Pa Turnpike. The pavement is just as bad as ever, and if you lose the ticket, they'll charge you the whole \$7.10. U.S. 30 is perfectly good, as long as your brakes are good.

At Bedford, be sure to see the courthouse where Grover Quirm was tried and convicted of delivering porno books on his bike, becoming the first smut peddler of the century.

At Bedford Springs, choose a motel from the wide range of accomodations offered. You're far enough off the interstate that you should be able to find one that still has coin-operated vibrating beds for weary travelers.

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 Lobe. for Congress, former State Senator John Church of Vance County will seek the Kirby seat in the State Senate. Church, the way, is a former State Democratic party chairman and a top official in the Roses Store organization.

'SNOW' HOLDEN - Speaking before '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 speach, which could be a pretty solid speech which could be a pretty solid fiscal plank for a candidate for governor to stand on. Could be that "Snow" 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 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 your for Jim Hunt

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

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 ungles 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 leading South Vietnam to a far more tragic end!



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,

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

the legislation I have offered would simply make him subject to the same income tax rates that apply to married individuals who file joint returns. The bill would remove discrimination

against widows, widowers, divorced persons and other unmarried individuals in present tax laws.

I feel that probably the most glaring inequity in our tax laws is that of paying taxes with rates based upon a person's marital status. What I have proposed would remove these inequities and at the same time simplify our tax laws. 1972, some 20 million single

individuals filed income tax returns out of a total of 60 million. I do not believe we should discriminate against one-third of our taxpayers because they are not married. Differences in the number of dependents should be taken into account, but the way to do that is by personal exemptions, not by different rates.

I hope that these proposals will get favorable action in the Congress and remove what I consider to be unjust penalties against two large segments of our national population.

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

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

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? I leath I have a not the says it isn't. 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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