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

Every once in awhile the subject of telephone service in the county comes up. The county commissioners in the past have lent support to an inquiry to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph officials on expanding service in the county, and various civic clubs have explored the matter from time to time.

So far, the phone company is winning. But it might be useful to look at the question once more.

First, take the matter of what a Hoke County telephone customer gets for the money. Under the proposed rate increase, which will be heard Sept. 9 by the Utilities Commission, the basic monthly rate in Raeford for one party line will become \$6.80. A business line will be \$15.30. From Raeford, a subscriber can dial about 6,000 other telephones on the Hoke exchange without paying a long distance charge.

Now, take the Fayetteville customer. He will pay, under the proposed rates, \$9.30 for a one-party residential phone and \$20.95 for a business phone. Somewhat more than the basic rate in Hoke County. But for that rate, the Fayetteville customer has access to approximately 125,000 phones.

Using accessibility as a measure, the Hoke County user pays considerably more per month than does the Fayetteville user.

Furthermore, the rate in Hoke County varies. For example, a one-party line in Dundarrach costs \$12, what with rural zone charges.

Now, take the matter to access to county services. If you need to call the sheriff and you live near Antioch or McCain, you will have to phone long distance. If you need to inquire about your taxes, or consult the health department or the county extension office, you will have to call long distance.

This has a tendency to rearrange the county borders, sending residents at the edges of the county to other communities for services, whenever that is possible.

Hoke became a county partly because governmental services were remote. It is ironic that years later a public utility would chip at its borders.

The telephone company has thus far failed to solve some of the problems created for the county by its divisions into separate exchanges. Perhaps the Utilities Commission could be consulted before the phone rates go up.

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The Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc. chapter here is turning its attention to ways to make the downtown area more attractive and has asked for suggestions from the public.

This is a good project that will benefit everyone who lives in or visits Raeford.

However, it seems obvious that until something is done to improve the appearance of the railroad property which slashes a large, ugly strip through the city, that other improvement efforts are like pouring water through a sieve.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, June 1, 1950

The 39 members of the 1950 graduating class at Hoke County High school were handed their diplomas at the high school last night by Principal W.T. Gibson, Jr., at commencement exercises which included an inspiring address by W.C. Reed, superintendent of Kennedy Home in Kinston.

From Poole's Medley:

The amount of taxes levied and collected in our present time and increased cost of government has more to do with political bitterness of this day than a person would see on the surface. Handling money is desired by all.

The curb market which the Raeford Methodist Church operated in the Upchurch school building during the summer months last year will open again for the summer on Saturday morning in the same place.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, June 2, 1960

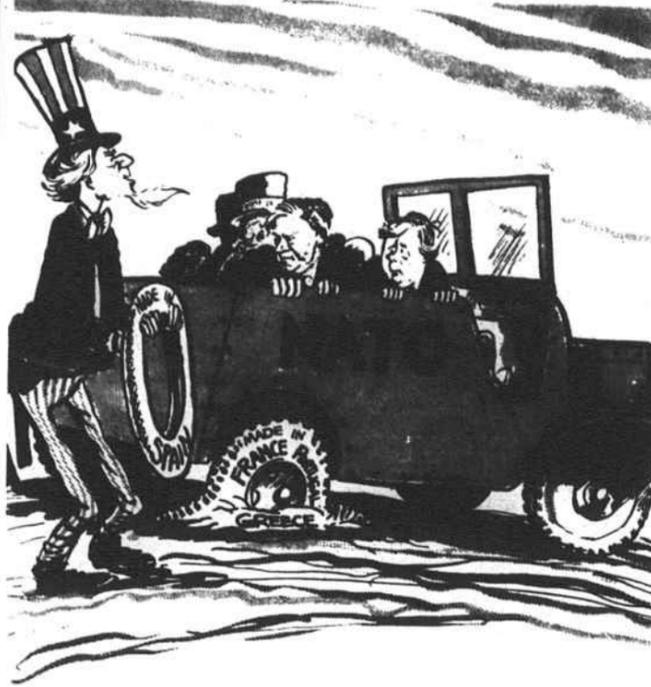
A few less than 2,000 Hoke County voters went to the polls for the Democratic Primary Saturday and followed the trends of the rest of the state in all but the race for U.S. Senator.

Hector Fleet Currie, 80, died at his home in Allendale Township early Monday.

The family of J.M. McGougan, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, has been selected as the Hoke County ASC farm family of the year.

Fifty-seven seniors from Hoke High School were graduated in commencement exercises held Tuesday night in the high school auditorium.

'Hey, I found a spare tire lying beside the road'



Le Pelley  
The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

## Race Ends, None Jailed

The 1975 running of the Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining Sea Memorial Trophy Dash received little publicity again, which is really kind of unfair, as after the race ends, I doubt if they could put any of them in jail. BEFORE the race, however, it would be unwise to get your name in the paper, just to build up a following.

A record was set by this year's winners, although it broke the old record by only one minute. The New York to Los Angeles run was done in 35 hours, 53 minutes, by two Gainesville, Fla. men driving a '73 Ferrari Dino 246GTS.

The Ferrari team, Jack May and Rick Cline, averaged 83 m.p.h., for the 2,971 mile length trip.

Second place winner was Modesto, Cal. stock car racer Jack McCoy, driving an unpretentious Chevrolet pickup which beat four Porches among the rest of the entrants.

The prize in this race is nothing, which is not surprising for a contest with no rules. Well, almost no rules. Officially, it is set forth "entrants must drive a landbased vehicle of any configuration, with any size crew, over any route, at any speed they deem practical".

The entry fee, a minimum of \$250 per vehicle, is used to defray expenses, such as premiums paid to Lloyds of London for \$2 million liability insurance on each participant, little minor things like that. Part of the monies also was donated to charity.

This year's field was a pretty sedate crowd, but it included the rather improbable entry of the Bolus & Snopes team, a 27 foot motor home, which finished 17th.

Bolus & Snopes, whose slogan is "BS, Mark of Adequacy", finished in 45 hours, 36 minutes, and crew members termed that adequate.

Races in past years have featured all-female crews, and one year a three man team dressed in priests' habits, to soothe any irritation shown by highway patrolmen.

So, a big congratulations should go to the winners, and losers, for their show of, ah, well, fine efforts.

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The staff cookout here last Friday night was a huge success and everyone had a fine time and enjoyed the food.

The gathering was well attended, but two cats were turned away. The cats were not late arrivals, but they were still turned away for lack of space.

The guests dined on steak, baked potatoes, toast, and an outstanding salad featuring a medley of vegetables from the famous gardens of Becky Jones and Sandra Wiggins. The salad was remarkable, as can be expected from such acclaimed gardens, which are becoming more well-known all the time. Becky, shy one, has to be pressed to tell about her garden, though.

The affair broke up late, rather late, and all of the guests went directly home. Some of the guests had a long way to travel, though, and it was rather rainy, and dark, too, so the drive back to Fayetteville took some time.

All of the guests went directly home.

### Stories Behind Words by William S. Penfield

#### Hue and Cry

In England of the Middle Ages, a person familiar with hunting could tell the course of the chase, from a distance, by the shouting of the hunters and the sound of their horns.

The noise that the hunters made was called "hue and cry." "Hue" was derived from the French "hu," which meant a hoot, or sound of a horn. "Cry" meant shout or outcry.

Later, it became law that when a criminal was being chased, a "hue and cry" was raised, and all people within hearing distance were required to join in the chase.

The legal term led to the present meaning - any outcry or alarm.

## CLIFF BLUE ...

## People & Issues



**TERRY SANFORD** - Terry Sanford is probably the first Tar Heel citizen to seek the presidency in a serious manner since the U.S. Constitution was adopted in 1789. Back in 1944 Governor Broughton had his "flag up" as an available vice presidential candidate.

Many people regard Terry Sanford as a "long-shot" possibility for the White House. We feel that every announced candidate as of now for the Democratic nomination can only be considered a "long shot" candidate.

**WALLACE** - George Wallace is Sanford's number one obstacle to the nomination. If Terry can't win over Wallace in North Carolina he is through as a serious candidate.

Sanford supporters in the General Assembly in an effort to help Sanford by trying to repeal the presidential primary law brought considerable support to Wallace. Wallace flew into North Carolina, received a royal welcome, awakened support to kill the presidential primary repeal bill, and rekindled support for himself at the same time.

**STATESMAN NEEDED** - This is a time for statesmen. There are issues which Sanford could possibly pursue which might help him considerably, and help the country.

New York City is a good example of what continued deficit spending can do to even the largest and probably the richest city in the United States. Teetering on bankruptcy, the home of Wall Street, and often called the "financial heart" of America, the day of reckoning is at hand.

A foremost problem for the United States is getting back to operating on a balanced budget. Having been governor of a state where a balanced budget is not only a habit but required by law, Terry Sanford should be well-grounded for a campaign to lead the nation "back to solvency."

Instead of promising more "goodies from Washington" our next president should promise less. President John Kennedy in his inaugural address on Jan. 20, 1961 said: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

**SELFISH AMENDMENT** - Members of the State House have voted to submit a State Constitutional Amendment to the people extending the terms of the House and Senate members from two to four years. This is a selfish amendment and should be defeated by the Senate. To keep legislators "close to the people" two years is long enough before going back to the people for approval or disapproval.

**PRESIDENT FORD** - There is no doubt but that President Ford gained stature and popularity through the manner in which he handled the "Mayaguez" incident, freeing the ship and crew, and is getting high marks despite the casualties and foul-ups in the fighting. By election time, Ford could be a hard man for any Democrat to defeat.

**PUBLIC SENTIMENT** - Public sentiment can sometimes be pretty effective in short order among the politicians. Last week State Supt. of Public Instruction Craig Phillips was planning a trip to Japan for 20 educators. Public sentiment was aroused and the trip has been cancelled. Phillips denied that he was yielding to legislative pressure. In the matter there was public sentiment.



## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

Those who have grown cynical about government and who believe writing their congressman is an exercise in futility might learn something from Mr. Edwin Adkinson of Siloam, North Carolina.

Siloam is the community in Surry County where a bridge spanning the Yadkin River collapsed in February, killing four persons and injuring several others. Among those killed were Mr. Adkinson's parents.

In addition to the fatalities and the physical damage, loss of the bridge has caused a considerable hardship to persons living in that area. Some farmed land on both sides of the river, some crossed the old bridge to go to jobs in Winston-Salem and other nearby cities and many used the bridge to haul their tobacco and other crops to market.

State transportation officials, after visiting the site, wrote off the idea of a temporary bridge, giving several reasons why such a plan would not be feasible.

which can sometimes work wonders. **JUDGES BILL** - There was some merit in the bill to provide for "merit selection" of North Carolina judges, which was killed in a house committee last week.

In a democracy we must remember that it is sometimes very slow, often cumbersome and costly and sometimes we get misfits in office, but overall, democracy is well worth the price we have to pay for it.

Had the bill provided for one-third lawyers and two-thirds laymen to select the judicial nominees we suspect it would have been much more palatable to the lay citizenship of the state.

**REMEMBER?** - Remember back some years ago when some of the politicians and educators were advocating federal aid to education but without federal controls. Now, we have federal aid and with it rigid federal controls.

We are glad to see Dr. William Friday of the UNC balking at unreasonable federal suggestions as to where the veterinary school will be located.

## Letters To The Editor

I have a few comments to make to the citizens of Hoke County about the recent court suit - Joseph Thompson, Jr. and Hoke County High School.

The school officials and administrators both admitted to the general public that they were knowingly violating the law by enforcing the dress code, yet they continued to do so. How did they expect the students or even the parents to have respect for them with the public fully aware of this?

Our recent court order, ruling the dress code unconstitutional can be of great importance. It can show the school officials and administrators that they can have discipline in a lawful and legal manner without violating the rights of the students and at the same time still maintain a good institution of learning and gain the respect of the students and other citizens of our county.

I am proud of what I have done by helping to protect the rights of my children and all the other students in Hoke County; Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Joseph E. Thompson, Sr.

We the students of the adult graduating class wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to the ones who made this possible. Sandhills Community College, for furnishing such a program, Hoke County Board of Education, Mr. Edwards and Hoke High for letting us participate in the graduation, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, our teachers taking time from their busy schedule to teach and advise us. Our families for their help and support. For without their help this would not have been possible.

Any adult or young person who has not been able to finish school and wish to do so, we urge you to join this program next year.

Again we say thanks!

Joyce Barfield Patti A. Jackman  
Martha Beatty Flossie Ferguson  
Debbie Brewer Patricia Goins  
Lorraine Brown Alma Graham  
Pauline Carter Rachel Lucklear  
Pauline Daniels Samuel Monroe  
Linda Dockery Thelma McAllister

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But Mr. Atkinson would not accept the negative answer. He had heard from veterans how Army engineers could span a river in short order and he thought this could be done at Siloam.

So Mr. Atkinson wrote a letter asking that state officials talk to the Army and see what could be done.

He addressed the letter to the Governor, and sent copies to various officials, including the Secretary of Transportation, legislators from his area and others. One copy came to our office in Raleigh.

We felt the idea was worth exploring so we started calling people. We called the Army, the federal and state transportation departments and anybody else we thought might help.

All of that telephoning and pushing and cajoling paid off this week when Army representatives met with state transportation officials in Raleigh and agreed that a temporary See REPORT TO PEOPLE, page 11