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

Both city and county are planning an austere budget for next year and, to that end, local officials have eliminated pay raises for public employees.

Budget paring, always important, is even more necessary now, when tax revenues will be most probably reduced. And salaries represent a large expenditure for both the city and county. Refusing even a modest five per cent raise, then, should result in a substantial saving for local governments.

Taxpayers will likely approve the economy moves. But there are some second thoughts.

Take law enforcement salaries. Within the law, there already exists a strange inequity that decrees that every office worker and clerk employed by local governments be paid overtime for more than forty hours a week work. But those engaged in public safety - firemen, policemen, deputies - must work sixty hours a week before they are entitled to overtime.

Now sixty hours a week is more than most American workers are used to putting into their jobs these days. But for Raeford policemen and Hoke County deputies, sixty hours make up a light week without much court time, or staff vacations to interrupt the normal schedule.

Salaries for this work range from \$8,000 to \$13,500, hardly a princely sum. It isn't original, but it bears repeating: money saved by scrimping in public safety is often a most expensive economy.

In view of the economy measures, and without going into the merits of the increase, it seems extravagant to raise the city's appropriation to the Chamber of Commerce from \$500 a year to \$3,000.

Noted without comment: the county commissioners turned down the recent Chamber of Commerce bid to up their contribution from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

The city council took quick action on a recommendation by the airport committee to rent tie down spaces on the paved apron at the airport and shortly after the measure was approved, five of the six parking spaces were rented.

Right now, the city has at its disposal eight tie down areas: six for rent and two reserved for visitors. There are at least three and possibly more potentially available to the city if the new lease to Gene Thacker is signed moving Thacker to another area off the apron.

Prompt action by the city is needed to address the snagged lease negotiations.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, June 8, 1950

On Sunday, June 11, the members and friends of the Raeford Baptist Church plan to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of their church.

The Hoke County board of commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Monday asked the governor to cancel the regular civil term of court scheduled for July.

Hoke County Home Demonstration club women are sponsoring a three-day tour to Asheville, Blowing Rock, Chimney Rock, the Great Smoky Mt. National Park and Cherokee Indian Pageant "Unto These Hills."

Ad-an-Arah's Gift and Novelty Shop will open Saturday morning at nine o'clock in the store building between Raeford Furniture company and Farmer's Furnishing Company.

From Poole's Medley:

There was a time in my existence when a good tree dog made friends for his owner, and that dog was a well fed member of that family.

15 years ago

Thursday, June 9, 1960

Lewis Marvin Upchurch, 53, died early Saturday morning at Moore Memorial hospital after having been in critical condition there for several weeks.

Tobacco and cotton crops in the Rockfish community suffered damage from a hail storm that occurred during a thundershower about 8:00 Monday evening.

The new pool of the Raeford Swimming Association is scheduled to open at 7:00 o'clock Monday night if some expected parts for the filtration pumping system arrive in time. J.D. McMillian, association president, said yesterday.

The J.M. (Sam) McGougan family of Stonewall Township has been recognized as Hoke County's ASC Farm Family of the year.

Members of the highway patrol and county police officers held check points over the weekend that netted 18 violations.

'Overconfidence in one's ability has upsetting results'



Le Pelley

The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Summer Boredom Cure

The usual gripe of "there's nothing to do" is heard by families around this time as the novelty of being out of school wears off and summertime boredom sets in for youngsters.

Summer vacation is no reason to put your brain in mothballs; everyone should keep busy with worthwhile activities, and there are a lot of activities you can find if you really look.

A favorite pastime of mine on a lazy summer day is to go into the

nearby woods and collect bark off the birch trees, and then create little birch bark canoes, just as Chief Pontiac and his Oldsmobile Indians did years ago.

You may wish to obtain detailed instructions later on how to assemble your canoes, but in the meantime, roaming the woods and enjoying the natural beauty and grace of the lovely white birch is a pleasant and healthful activity, and it is an educational project that could easily last the entire summer, or the better part of a year.

Some of you with an interest in our political process and the democratic system of government should consider becoming a member of one of the various political organizations.

There is a new, bipartisan group forming now who will be studying legislative reform and advocating some changes which may interest you.

ALIENS, (Association for Legislation of Interest to Everyone Not a Southerner) has proposed some new laws which are needed, and members will be pushing for enactment in the next session of the assembly.

Among them, "it shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a \$5,000 fine and or a year in prison for any public eating establishment to serve iced tea with sugar already in it, without posting a notice of same. A lesser included offense under this proposed law is "it shall be a felony punishable by ten years in prison for any hotel, motel, inn, bus station, jail, or other public place to serve grits before the hour of noon after the customer has said three times in a loud voice with four witnesses "I don't want none."

"It shall be a misdemeanor for any public official or citizen to give road directions to anyone which include the use of such terms 'so - and - so's crossroads, so - and - so's pond, tobacco field, soybean field, or any and all other like foreign terms. Conviction of a second offense, ten years in prison, with no appeal."

There are no dues, no expenses, no newsletters, and no meetings. If you are interested, leave your name and number on the back of a Lipton tea bag and put it in the old oak near the post office on the night of the full moon. You will be contacted.

Summer Calendar of Events

There will be a meeting today at 8:45 a.m., or thereabouts, in this office, for all persons interested in the Cat Obedience School taught by a leading Fayetteville cat breeder. Enrollment fees will be in the \$1.50 to \$750 range, and everyone registering will be required to provide a loaded water pistol and other safety equipment.

The instructor is fully certified.

Rural Fires

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People & Issues



SANFORD'S CHANCES - If the Sanford backers for president can limit the presidential primary so that outsiders will be discouraged from entering the race in North Carolina, Terry may have a much better chance than you think for carrying the State over Wallace.

While in the 1972 Democratic presidential primary in North Carolina Wallace led Sanford 413,518 to 306,014 giving Wallace a lead of 107,504 over Sanford, it must be remembered that there were three other liberals in the running - Rep. Chisholm of New York who received 61,723 votes, Muskie who received 30,739 and Senator Henry Jackson who received 9,416.

If the Sanford backers can discourage other Democratic contenders from entering the Tar Heel race, chances are that Sanford will have a pretty good chance of picking up most of the Chisholm, Muskie and Jackson votes. If Sanford could hold all of his votes plus the Chisholm, Muskie and Jackson votes he would be within 5,626 votes of the number Wallace received in 1972.

Of course there are many people who feel that the primary should not be rigged to Sanford's or anyone else's advantage, but that the primary should be set up so as to enable the people to express their sentiments freely whether they are for Sanford, Wallace, Jackson, Carter, Bentzen, Udall or other candidates who may be on the scene come March 1976.

If Sanford could carry North Carolina over Wallace, which will be no easy job, then he would begin to take on the image of David who slew the giant Goliath, and could possibly go on to receive the nomination.

Strange things sometimes happen in politics. For instance: William Jennings Bryan's nomination in 1896; Wendell Wilkie's nomination in 1940 and George McGovern's nomination in 1972.

LEO JENKINS - We hear via the grapevine that Dr. Leo Jenkins is still very much interested in running for governor in 1976 and that you may be hearing more and more from him in the months to come.

One thing that lends credence to the rumor that he is still toying with the idea of running is that he favors the elimination of a University of North Carolina policy which limits political activity by administrators. Many probably feel that Dr.

Jenkins is on solid ground in this suggestion. The University of North Carolina which raised all kinds of havoc over the passage of a law by the General Assembly curbing communists from speaking at the University of North Carolina a few years ago might find little solid ground to stand on in limiting political activity of UNC administrators more than other state administrators are so limited.

Over at nearby Duke University their president - Terry Sanford is certainly not being limited in any respect. In fact Terry said a few days ago that if a man couldn't run Duke University and run for President at the same time he was not big enough to be president, or words to this effect. Woodrow Wilson was President of Princeton University when he was nominated and elected governor of New Jersey. Of course it must be remembered that Duke and Princeton are private institutions of higher learning.

Before the UNC Board of Governors gave in and joined Jenkins in his crusade for a Medical School at East Carolina, Jenkins had a ready-made issue which had the possibility of generating tremendous "people" support. By joining Jenkins in support of the Med School for ECU, Jenkins lost what might have been a very popular issue.

The general feeling over the state was that the UNC Board of Governors adopted the policy of limiting political activity by administrators to "muzzle" Dr. Jenkins, who sometimes is a pretty hard man to "muzzle."

Without commenting on his personal political ambitions, Jenkins recently said he did not think a person should be restricted from public office because of his position. "We encourage our professors and students to become deeply involved in government. This is the American way," he said.

Our recollection is that an ECU professor ran for Congress on the Republican ticket a few years ago, and we presume held his job.

Whether he conducted his campaign with or without leave, I do not know, but it is our judgment that a full-time employe of any government unit should take "leave of absence pay" when running for any full-time position other than for re-election.

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

The principal subject in the Senate during the past few days has been military procurement authorizations, which can be translated simply into how much is the United States going to spend to keep its defense strong.

Debate on this measure comes at a time when I believe the rest of the world is watching our nation and wondering what path we are going to take after the recent debacle in Southeast Asia.

North Carolina, and I believe the entire nation, is no longer willing to see America retreat from a position of leadership and strength in the world. The people of this country are demanding that the Congress provide for a strong national defense, capable of responding to hostile actions by unfriendly nations in a firm but judicious manner.

I know that the North Carolinians do not want us to be military adventurers: but they do want us to protect American lives, property and interests when they are threatened. I feel that the United States must keep promises made to our friends when those friends have kept their promises to us.

I want, and I believe North Carolinians want, to know that our nation will continue to have the ability to protect the freedom we cherish so highly. For this reason I am supporting the Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the Military Procurement Authorization Bill.

Passage of this bill will maintain our military strength, even though it doesn't give the Department of Defense everything it asked. For instance, the DOD's request for research and development was cut by almost five percent in committee. Some other cuts were made, as well. But this bill will allow us to maintain our land - and sea - based missiles and our long range bombers, the three main components of our defense.

I will not hesitate to cut defense spending if I find that waste is involved or that the spending is not needed.

But I am not willing to risk the security of this country by letting down our guard at a time when the world is watching us for signs of weakness.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.