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

For more than a year or more, the city airport has been a source of simmering controversy, erupting occasionally into flare-ups.

The city council, usually the last to know about a problem has, month after month, rendered decisions in a step by step effort to settle leases and sooth controversy.

At its best, the machinery for governing the airport is awkward. The airport committee recommends and the city council makes decisions. The day to day operation is vested in the airport manager, who is now city manager John Gaddy, a non-flyer who would not normally need to be aware of the daily needs of airport operation.

In the past, the question has been talked of in terms of Thacker and Rose. The city's interests seemed to get scant attention.

However, that has changed in the last few months. More people are asking what the city is getting out of its municipal airport, and the airport committee and city council are paying attention to the question.

It might be well to remember, that even at its busiest, the airport serves only a small proportion of Hoke's residents.

And, while it is beneficial to the development of the airport to have aviation businesses located there, a municipal airport cannot be operated solely for the convenience of the fixed base operators. The public must be served equally.

It is time to stop looking at the airport piecemeal, in terms of leases and tiedowns and hangars, and look instead at the entire operation. It is time for some decisions of policy on the operation of the airport. And, most of all, it is time for some fair and impartial enforcement of policy that would insure that all users of the airport operate within the rules.

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Every day, Gorell Kiger cleans up around the county trash container located near his home on Business 401, because he doesn't like to see other people's garbage piled up around the container. Sanatarian M.R. Mills said the container is the neatest in the county.

"If we had more community spirit like you, we could have some fine cooperation with this system," Mills said.

And so we could. Caring about our community a little more could help solve a number of problems. For one thing, it would make unnecessary clean up drives.

Thanks, Mr. Kiger.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, June 15, 1950

After 40 years of continuous service the Laurinburg and Southern railroad gave up the mail contract on the service between Raeford, Wagram and Laurinburg last Sunday and service was started by Star route on Monday.

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A report on boll weevil infestation in eastern North Carolina by George D. Jones, extension entomologist at State College, for the week of June 5 - 10 shows that the infestation of boll weevil is serious in all areas.

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The summer recreation program for the school age children of the community which has hitherto been sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association will begin as usual next Tuesday at the high school gymnasium.

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Among the record graduating class of 1,222 which received their diplomas from Governor W. Kerr Scott at commencement exercises in Raleigh Sunday afternoon were five men from Hoke County. They were Thomas Joseph Upchurch, Kenneth Watson McNeill, Joseph Richard McAnulty, Denver R. Huff, Jr. and Richard Jones.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, June 16, 1960

At precisely 7:03 Monday evening, the sound of a shrill whistle started 40 - 50 scurrying forms toward the water in the just completed Hoke Swimming Pool association's pool, their splashes dimming a long struggle for funds necessary for the undertaking.

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Mrs. Devote Austin, the former Marguerite Stephens, died early Wednesday morning in Moore Memorial Hospital in Southern Pines.

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Archie L. Phillips, section foreman for the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad, was injured when the section car he was riding was involved in an accident at the railroad crossing on Dickson Street, Thursday morning, June 9.

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Dr. Marcus Smith has been elected president of the Presbyterian Men's Council, Synod of North Carolina, for the year 1961.

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Gangaren Kripalani, a graduate student at N.C. State College and a native of New Delhi, India, made a tour of Hoke County farms on Tuesday, June 7, checking soil samples from various farms in the area.

'Up till now she's been pretty agile'



Kelly  
The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

## Keep New York Going

Everyone knows the financial bind the city of New York is in, and the possibility of just closing down New York and relocating all the refugees across the country isn't all that remote.

Since nobody I know is interested in taking in surly cab drivers, belligerent waiters, or sullen building superintendents, we all should do our part to keep it going, at least until Congress appropriates foreign aid, which would be appropriate.

Already the police and firemen unions are distributing 'Fear City' pamphlets, in an effort to dramatize how bad things will be under the austerity budget which cuts services to a minimum.

Crime is getting out of hand up there, there's no doubt about that. Fligelman's jewelry store on Eighth Avenue was held up, and the

owner telephoned police. A radio car arrived immediately.

"You won't believe it," cried Fligelman to the first cop. "I was robbed by an elephant."

"By a what?" asked the policeman.

"An elephant! A big truck pulled up in front of the store, an elephant got out, he gave the window a knock with his trunk, the glass broke, he took all the jewelry and left."

"An elephant from India has short ears," said the officer, "and an African elephant has long ears. Which was it?"

"How do I know," screamed the man, "he had a stocking over his head!"

As startling as this is, there's more to this grim picture that the public is seldom aware of.

In a New York night court, three girls charged with soliciting, and Mervin Schermseburger, arrested for peddling neckties without a license, were brought before the judge.

"This is all a mistake, your honor," said the first girl. "I was walking down Amsterdam Avenue and this guy..."

"Just a minute, young lady," said the judge. "You've been here a dozen times. One hundred dollars fine. Next!"

"I'm just a secretary, and I wasn't doing anything," said the second girl.

"I recognize you, too," the judge said. "Two hundred dollars or ten days in jail. Next case!"

"Judge, I'm a prostitute. I'm not proud of it, but it's the only way I can support my kids. I'm guilty."

"Young woman, I like your honesty, and because of it, I'm going to give you a break. Case dismissed. Sergeant, give this girl fifty dollars out of the policemen's fund."

Now comes Mervin. "Your honor," he pleaded. "I'm not going to lie to you. I'm a prostitute."

### Facts You Should Know

The moon rat is the largest insectivore mammal in the world.

The moon rat, also known as Raffles gymnure, is usually found in Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Sumatra, and Borneo.

Mature specimens of this insectivore have a head and body length of 10.43-17.52 inches, and a tail 7.87-8.26 inches. The moon rat may weigh up to 3.08 lbs.

Anteaters feed on termites and other soft-bellied insects, but they are NOT insectivores, but belong to the order Edentata.

Watch out for both.

By Representative  
David R. Parnell

Here are brief descriptions of some bills ratified by the 1975 General Assembly in the closing days of the session.

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Beginning this fall, law enforcement officers and jailers will be required to examine semiconscious and unconscious prisoners to determine if the condition might be caused by diabetes or other disabling illnesses.

"Whenever a law enforcement officer arrests a person who is unconscious, semiconscious, or otherwise apparently suffering from some disabling condition, and who is unable to provide information on the

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ...

## People & Issues



ASSEMBLY HEARINGS. . . For the first time within our recollection the North Carolina General Assembly has held a real public hearing on the recommendations of a governor's appointees. This is good and was as it should be. However, hearings on the governor's appointees necessitating General Assembly approval have not been customary in the past and no doubt the reason for the hearings this year was because the appointees were named by a Republican governor to be passed upon by a legislature overwhelmingly Democratic.

Two years from now, or whenever the Democrats regain control of the governor's office, hearings should be continued on appointees of the governor which are subject to confirmation by the General Assembly just as they were held last week when James W.C. Daniel was turned down and Barbara Ann Simpson and J. Ward Purrington III were approved. What's good for the goose should be good for the gander.

CAMPAIGN TIME. . . Speaking of shortening the political campaigns and thereby lessening the necessary expenditures, we doubt that moving the primary date for state and county offices from May to August will save a day of campaigning or as much as a dollar in the way of campaign expenses.

If the General Assembly moves the presidential primary day up to March and delays the primary for State and County offices to August more time and more money than ever may well be spent in campaigning.

Under present law as heretofore observed, campaigns for governor and other state offices did not get underway on a day-to-day basis until sometime after the first of the year which gave a maximum of four months in which to campaign before the first primary.

If the State primary is set in August, chances are that the state campaigns will get started soon after the presidential primary which will likely be in March, giving more than four months before the first primary in August. Changing primary dates will have little if anything to do with time and money spent in political races.

Candidates for President are

already active lining up support in New Hampshire and elsewhere. In North Carolina prospective gubernatorial candidates have been on the move for several months.

DISCIPLINE. . . We hear talk about the various needs of our public schools. To our way of thinking discipline is the greatest need in most of our public schools today-high schools as well as Middle Schools.

School people tell us that discipline is lacking in the homes which adds to the difficulty of having discipline in the schools. We grant the validity of the statement, but still this does not lessen by any degree the need for discipline in our schools. On the other hand, lack of home discipline adds to the need for school discipline. We have teachers employed to assist in the teaching of certain classes. If some of these special teaching positions could be filled with teachers stepped in disciplinary talent we suspect it would be a good deal, for the thinking of many is that discipline is fundamental to orderly teaching!

BEAUTY PAGEANT. . . In these modern days of loud music it seems that some of our organists too often drown out the voices of the singers. At the North Carolina Jaycee Pageant some 10 days ago in the finals on Saturday night the organist at times almost drowned out the short but pertinent talks by the finalists which teeming thousands all over North Carolina were straining to hear.

CIA ASSASSINATIONS? . . . It is heartening to learn that Senator Church, Idaho Democrat, who heads the Senate Investigation Committee of the CIA, says that evidence does not point to any of our Presidents having been in on any assassination plots.

For a nation such as the United States to condone or participate in any such unlawful maneuverings would be shocking to say the least. The assassination of the head of another government could start a war about as quick as anything we can think of.

A watchful eye for subversive activities is certainly in order, but unlawful assassinations should never be a part of CIA activities.

## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



Breaking a long tradition, the Senate voted last week to permit television cameras to record the deliberations on the single issue of the contested Senate election in New Hampshire.

The dispute is over whether Louis Wyman, a Republican, or John Durkin, was the winner in an extremely close race last November.

After the matter could not be satisfactorily settled in New Hampshire, it was brought to the Senate, which has the final responsibility in the matter. The Constitution explicitly says that "each House (of Congress) shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members."

The matter has been in the Senate Rules Committee for several weeks, where the painstakingly slow work of examining disputed ballots, one by one, dragged on. Then the Rules Committee submitted its findings to the full Senate for a final verdict.

Perhaps this New Hampshire election contest was an ideal issue upon which to break with tradition and allow the public to see the Senate debate on TV screens.

I say this because, rather surprisingly, this disputed election seem to have aroused some emotions

as far away from New Hampshire as North Carolina.

Our offices in Washington and Raleigh have received many letters on this subject, and some have been rather heated, whether pro-Wyman or pro-Durkin. But most of those who have written have missed the point.

After New Hampshire could not resolve the problem and sent it to the Senate, it ceased to be a contest to be settled on grounds of personality or politics. As far as I was concerned, it became a matter to be settled solely on a legal and Constitutional basis. It was of no matter that a Republican opposed a Democrat; the question was strictly which man was legally elected by the voters of his State and was entitled to set in the Senate.

I believe that this is the only basis for judgment that could be used in this case. For such a matter goes far beyond political or personal considerations.

I cannot believe that when the framers of the Constitution placed the responsibility on Congress to be the final judge of who shall be eligible to sit as a member, it meant for the matter to be settled on partisan grounds.

## Raleigh Report

The law becomes effective October 1, 1975.

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Persons between the ages of 40 and 65 must receive equal employment opportunity from state agencies and local political subdivisions, under a bill ratified by the General Assembly.

Our statutes now specifically say a person seeking a job may not be discriminated against because of his age.

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Counties are now authorized to offer rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons damaging or stealing county property.

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