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

It has been several weeks since the Raeford Housing Authority was reactivated - if that is the correct term, for they are yet to hold a single meeting.

A meeting was scheduled by chairman Neill McFadyen, but then he was told that the members had to be sworn in, and since that detail had not been arranged, the meeting was canceled.

A swearing in seems simple enough to organize. The election board went through the routine last week during a lunch break.

It doesn't seem likely that many solutions to the area's critical housing needs will be found if someone - either city officials or the housing authority itself - can't put an organizational meeting together and get the members sworn in.

Salaries have become the question around city hall, as the city council studies the annual budget proposal.

Cost of living raises were eliminated in the name of economy, but later decisions on activities to be funded have nullified any savings. Councilmen are now asking the city manager to try to find enough money for raises, since funds for additional projects seems to be available.

For example, it is estimated that five per cent raises would have cost the city about \$16,000 next year. The city couldn't afford that, but the council agreed, with one opposing vote, to increase the funding to the Chamber of Commerce by \$2,500.

Then there's the library. For years, city residents have paid twice to the library since a portion of both the city and the county tax dollar go into operating the library. This year, the library was eliminated from the proposed city budget, since no request for funds was received. But a last minute plea by library board members at the budget hearing last week reinstated, with one abstaining vote, \$5,000 for the library.

The money was approved, but not before city officials began to ask why city taxpayers should be asked to pay salaries for county employees. It's a good question. Hold on to it for another year.

These are two obvious examples of funding that could have been deferred until after salary increases were approved, if the council had chosen to do so. It is not to say that the Chamber and the library should not be considered for funds. But it does seem that, given the bite inflation has taken from salaries, that a raise for city employees is in order.

The city council has asked the city manager to look for some more money for its employees. Perhaps, he'll find it.

The city council has also asked the recreation commission to consider spending some of the \$19,000 allotted by the city to recreation on developing a city tennis court, to supplement the courts at the high school.

With the popularity with all ages of tennis that seems like a good use for recreation funds.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

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Last Thursday night the Raeford Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly supper meeting at Camp Tom Upchurch, new camp of the Cape Fear Area council, Boy Scouts of America.

Coach Haywood Faircloth, who is conducting the yearly summer program for school-age boys and girls, reported yesterday that the progress seemed to be on its way to a good season.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at Galatia Presbyterian church for John William Scull, respected 88-year-old citizen of the county who passed away at his home in McLaughlin township Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several months.

First cotton blooms brought in to The News-Journal this year were from E.C. Smith's farm near Bowmore.

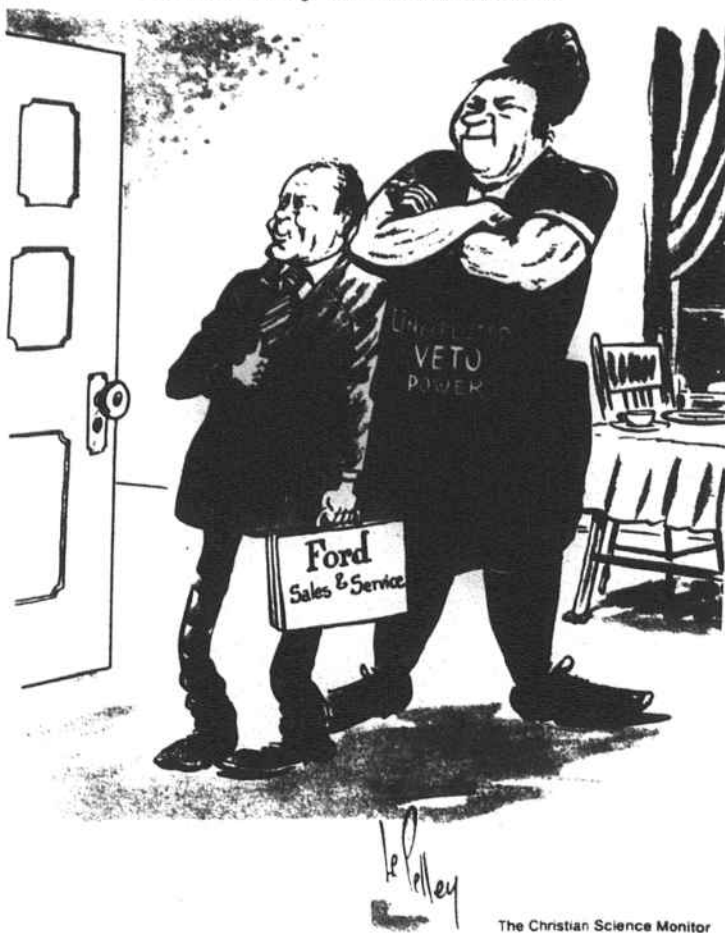
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Thursday, June 23, 1960
 Voting is expected to be light in Saturday's second primary which pits Terry Sanford against I. Beverly Lake, in their bid for Democratic party nomination as candidate for governor.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the county chapter of the American Red Cross, has announced a planning meeting for the Hoke County blood program in the recreation room of the Methodist Church next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

The Robeson Baptist association is beginning work for churches in two areas among Indian residents of Hoke County as a result of a Christian census taken earlier this year, reports the Rev. John M. Glenn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raeford.

'Behind every successful man...'



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Big Factor In Economy

One of the most powerful factors influencing the economy is running out of toilet tissue at odd hours.

The proportions of this are immense, when you consider if one husband, who is sent out to purchase this item, comes back with anywhere from \$10-\$25 worth of groceries and sundries, along with the toilet paper, just to hide the shameful embarrassment.

If every household in America runs out of toilet paper at 7 p.m. on a Sunday night, we could really get the country out of the slump, providing you can find someone willing to make the trip at all.

For some strange reason, no one in the family can consider the prospect

of walking into a nearby convenience store, plunking down that one single commodity on the counter, and maintaining normal composure as the salesperson rings it up.

"Find a child and bribe him to go," says my husband.

"The only child willing to do it would be under the age of five, and any of them out on the streets now would probably be delinquents."

"Look, there's nothing embarrassing about buying just toilet paper. People do it all the time."

"Yeah, how come when you go, you always come back with a box of Kleenex?"

"Er, they were out of toilet paper."

"Go ask the neighbors for some."

"Are you crazy?"

Finally it is agreed to go to a store ten miles away where we are not known.

Thirty minutes later the shopper comes back.

"Where's the toilet paper?"

"They didn't have any."

"Liar."

"All right, I went in, I walked around, I couldn't find it, the man said 'Can I help you,' I said, 'No, just looking, thanks.'"

"Go on."

"Well, I still couldn't find it, and the man was getting nervous, he thought I was going to hold him up, so I had to leave."

"You just couldn't bring yourself to say, 'where do you keep your toilet paper,' could you?"

"All right. There's only one thing to do."

"Call the party off."

"No. Call everyone up and tell them 'bring your own.'"

Facts You Should Know Backstabber

The snake with the longest fangs in the world is the Gaboon viper, (also known as Bitis gabonica) of tropical Africa. In a six foot-long one, the fangs are almost two inches (1.96).

On February 12, 1963, at the Philadelphia zoo, a gaboon viper bit himself to death. Zookeepers found the corpse with his fangs embedded deeply in his back.
 It was the only one the zoo had.

This Is The Law

SPOUSES AS WITNESSES

May a wife testify both in behalf of and against her husband in a civil action?

Yes. A husband or wife is competent to testify for or against each other in all civil actions, with two rigidly defined exceptions in respect to adultery and "criminal conversation."

Civil actions are court proceedings that do not involve the prosecution of a crime.

A husband returned from a long trip earlier than was expected. He found his wife in bed with another man committing adultery. He brought an action for divorce against his wife on the ground of adultery. Will the husband be permitted to testify for the purpose of proving the adultery of his wife?

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



THRIFT IN GOVERNMENT... For several years with an ever inflated economy, appropriations have been made by the General Assembly and other authorities without a great deal of examination of the real needs. Appropriating authorities would start with the last budget and add on. With the recent dip in tax collections the General Assembly as well as the counties and municipalities have had to take a deeper look at the requests to weed out funds for questionable projects. This has been good for thrift and economy in government and for the taxpayers from whence comes the money for all the projects supported by public funds.

It seems that the only way for government to ferret out waste and "dry rot" in government spending is for a recession to hit, necessitating close scrutiny in government spending.

IRRESPONSIBLE?... It seems that the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, dominated by the "spend and spend" philosophy is proving to be somewhat paradox. The liberal House of Representatives which has been voting for record deficit spending has now voted to reject an increase in the national debt ceiling to cover the increased expenditures which they have voted! What would you call this, responsible stewardship or wreckmanship or an awakening to fiscal responsibility?

GOOD LEGISLATION... Sometimes you begin to feel that entirely too much legislation and court decisions are against the welfare and interest of the "little man" and the "middle man" about whom we hear so much in recent months.

We will mention a couple of pieces of government action, one a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court and the other an enactment by Congress which we believe is in the public interest and particularly the "little man" and the "middle man."

1. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling outlawing "price fixing" among lawyers will be welcome news to citizens everywhere and especially homebuyers in the low and medium income brackets. In some sections the lawyers had already abandoned the "price fixing" practice. One lawyer with whom we talked vigorously applauded the high court's decision.

2. A new law enacted by Congress effecting home buyers and sellers provide that the settlement costs will have to be itemized by the mortgage lender at least 12 days before the deal is closed and presented to the buyer.

This is another piece of sound legislation, even though it should never have been necessary.

ECU MED SCHOOL... Congratulations to Dr. Leo Jenkins and the legion of supporters of the ECU Med School over the state for their apparent victory in making sure a four-year medical school at East Carolina University.

Greenville, in the heart of Eastern North Carolina appears to have been the right place for the school designed to bring about better health care for the people of North Carolina - and especially in rural North Carolina where sickness and pain in the home of the one-gallus farmer is just as real as in the homes of the elite and wealthy.

Down the pathway of years we suspect writers in reporting the long, hard but successful campaign waged for the ECU Medical School will be saying that it was "a people's" campaign that won out in a battle that was fought out every step of the way.

SOCIAL SERVICES... We note from former State Senator Ashley Futrell's Washington Daily News that there is great variance in the amount of money spent on welfare or social services in counties if comparable situations.

In his first of a series of articles Futrell points out that the new tentative budget for the social services department in his home county of Beaufort has set the cost at \$2,085,749 with Beaufort County paying \$587,684 with 62 budgeted positions with the social services director's salary for the coming year being set at \$22,764.

In Moore County, comparable in many ways to Beaufort in population and per capita earnings, the salary of the director is \$14,736 with 26 full-time and five part-time employees.

We suspect a review of the social services program in North Carolina and in the nation as a whole will show the social services bureaucracy in many areas has been growing somewhat like "topsy."



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

The sad truth here in Washington is that we have failed to face up to what will be our most critical problem in the near future: our supply of energy to run our industry and light and heat our homes. Just the other day, the government released figures that showed we are importing about 30 percent of the crude oil we use and this figure is rising. About the same time these figures were released, there came the news that the oil producing countries were considering raising the price by \$3.00 a barrel.

These two developments show clearly that we must find some means of becoming independent of our present source of oil.

While the Congress has been seeking answers and has not yet come up with the right program, I feel that the President has not provided an acceptable energy plan for the future and has offered little leadership in dealing with the problem we have at present.

Mr. Ford has placed an additional

tariff of two dollars a barrel on imported oil and wants to remove all price controls from domestic oil. This will insure that the price at the service station will rise sharply and if the oil producing countries raise prices appreciably - as they have threatened to do later this year - some believe that gasoline will go to nearly one dollar a gallon.

These additional fuel costs, besides being highly inflationary, are causing businesses to cut back production, thus contributing to unemployment. And, of course, transportation costs will get unbearably high.

The public has grown cynical about the energy situation.

They saw the greatly increased profits that were made by the big oil companies during a period when gasoline was so scarce that people had to line up at service stations to buy what they were allotted.

And an oil company which supplies the state's only natural gas pipeline closes its wells for repairs last winter, causing some North Carolina industries to close, including plants that produce fertilizer. Instead of talking about getting the wells open again, the pipeline company seemed more interested in deregulating natural gas prices.

I believe the two major paths we must follow toward energy self-sufficiency are voluntary conservation and development of new energy sources. The President should be able to devote the leadership and prestige of his office to encouraging the American people to do everything possible to be energy-efficient.

Americans now waste more energy than any other countries use, and by correcting this situation, we shall decrease our dependence on unstable foreign sources. At the same time, we must push forward with the development of such new energy sources as solar energy, geothermal energy, nuclear energy and a better use of coal. Only by developing these sources can we assure ourselves of adequate and dependable supplies of energy for the future.

No. A North Carolina statute provides that in the trial of a divorce case "neither the husband nor the wife shall be a competent witness to prove the adultery of the other."

The admission of the wife cannot be received as evidence to prove the fact of adultery. She will not even be permitted to voluntarily take the witness stand to prove the act of adultery.

The statute is designed not only to prevent collusion where such exists, but to remove the opportunity for it. Both the husband and the wife are incompetent to give evidence which proves or tends to prove adultery.

Since the husband is unable to produce any admissible evidence of his wife's adultery, the divorce will not be granted.

Evidence as to adultery must be given by persons other than the husband and the wife.