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## Federal Help In Boston

Three weeks before Boston schools are to open under a full desegregation plan, racial unrest precipitated by a civil-rights demonstration at a public beach continues. Scores of individuals - both black and white - have been arrested and dozens injured. Despite what most observers feel has been a reasonable response by local officials, both sides have leveled charges of police overreaction.

A poll taken for the Boston Herald American newspaper shows that even after a year of limited busing and predominance in the news media, most Bostonians still are unclear about how desegregation is supposed to work and how it will affect them. A federal judge in Detroit has rejected two busing plans, thereby delaying school desegregation in that city for six months. Reversing earlier findings, a university study concludes that desegregating schools does not significantly add to "white flight" from the cities. In all, the atmosphere for many Bostonians, affected by these other developments regarding school desegregation around the country, understandably is one of unease and confusion.

But despite what seems to be a gloomy picture for the nation's oldest public school system, there are indications that Boston has learned from its troubled first year of busing. It appears that many leaders - from the State House to the neighborhoods - are willing and prepared to turn from the officially sanctioned racial segregation that has been allowed to grow over the years to an updated system that incorporates innovative educational programs.

The federal judge in the Boston desegregation case continues to act responsibly where elected school officials who oppose "forced busing" have left a leadership void. Judge W. Arthur Garrity has allowed a three-day delay in the opening of schools, but in the face of more foot-dragging has ordered the Boston School Committee to meet in his courtroom.

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis is working closely with city officials on such questions as providing state National Guard units for public safety. Less than 2 a year in office, the Governor also has exhibited a strong stand on civil rights.

Most significantly, the federal government this year will take a strong, visible role in enforcing desegregation and civil-rights laws. Last year, Mayor Kevin White's call for federal marshals was refused, and President Ford made an unwise statement concerning his personal views on busing.

Now, the U.S. Justice Department is moving into Boston in force. Extra FBI agents and marshals will be on hand the opening day of school and the use of federal troops has not been ruled out. This new attitude from Washington reportedly comes from Attorney General Edward Levi after consulting with President Ford.

Amidst the confusion and the seemingly contradictory activities that continue to surround the controversial busing issue, this kind of strict law-and-order approach to Boston's situation must precede successful and necessary school desegregation.

-Christian Science Monitor

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, August 17, 1950

A telegram from the department of defense on Wednesday, August 9, informed Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter Hawks of Ashley Heights community in Hoke County that their son Verpole Hawks, 21, has been missing in action in Korea since July 16.

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Mrs. J.M. Baker, clerk of the local selective service board, announced Wednesday that complete supplies and instructions for the opening of the draft board here had been received from the office of Colonel T.H. Upton, newly appointed selective service director for North Carolina, in Raleigh.

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Marvin R. English, seaman apprentice, USN, of Route 2, Raeford, was graduated today from the Naval Journalism School, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., as a member of the ninth class.

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From Poole's Medley:

Time was when at nearly every Presbyterian church the Pastor taught school through the week or five days each week, and preached on Sunday.

15 years ago

Thursday, August 18, 1960

Ken McNeill says that he's sure that the Rural Fire department saved a house on his farm three-and-a-half miles from Raeford on highway 401 south, last Thursday evening.

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The annual fashion show sponsored by the Fine Arts department of the Raeford Woman's club will be held Thursday evening, August 25th, at 8 o'clock.

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L.R. Cothran, 67, farmer of the Ashley Heights community died Saturday at Moore Memorial Hospital.

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Hoke County Forest Ranger James B. McLeod this week released figures on the damage done by forest fires in Hoke County during the period of the six months during January 1 through June 30, 1960.

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From Rockfish News:

Tobacco and politics furnish much to talk about for the Nail Keg Club and there is nothing more enjoyable these days.

'Good news...you've bottomed out'



by Marty Vega

## Baseball Needs Change

Since its beginning in 1839, baseball has seen only one major change - thanks to television, America's dullest sport has become America's dullest TV sport. But it doesn't have to. With a few minor changes in existing facilities and rules, the game can once again become exciting.

**REDUCE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN BASES TO TEN FEET** - This will cut down the running time of the game, and if enough line drives are hit, will kill off all available infielders, thus ending the game once and for all.

**PRINT DUPLICATE TICKETS FOR MOST SEATS** - This will mean two, three or four people will have the same seat, resulting in loud arguments and brawls, all more exciting to watch than the game.

**USE ONLY ONE BASEBALL** - This will mean when a foul ball or home run is hit, the players will have to go into the stands, thus giving the fans a chance to meet their favorites personally.

**STADIUM GUARDS** - Hire only fat ex-policemen, 65 and over, then at frequent intervals in the game, release a fast dog or wiry teenager onto the field. This should provide a lot of laughs as the old cops try to run them down.

**REPLACE JEEPS** - Get rid of the jeeps used to bring in relief pitchers from the bullpen and use kids' tricycles, thus damaging a pitcher's morale before he gets to the mound, and should make for a better hitting game.

**LADIES DAYS** - Permit only ladies in the park on Ladies Days. Then whenever a play is made, the game will be stopped and the players will explain what happened. After three innings, play will stop completely and the teams will go up into the stands and sit around gossiping.

**SCOREBOARD KEEPERS** - Hire only alcoholic illiterates as scoreboard keepers, thus insuring wild mistakes will take place, especially on the batter's count and those important out-of-town scores.

**GROUND KEEPERS** - Hire only inept grounds keepers so balls will roll, jump and hop erratically. This will make the players look bad, allowing the fans to make wisecracks and hurl things like empty bottles lying at their feet, since the stands will never be swept out either.

**BINGO** - Pass out bingo cards at the gates, and play bingo during the game using the players' numbers as they come to bat. When a spectator gets five in a line, he yells out "Bingo" and play is held up while he comes down and collects a prize.

**MOVE THE DIAMOND** - Put the diamond at the opposite end, out by the bleacher section. This way, only the unfortunates who cannot afford better seats will have to watch the stupid game close at hand.

**BEST SUGGESTION** - Censor all further news reports of the Detroit Tigers for the season before a killing takes place.

## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

One of the most encouraging things to me about the Bicentennial is the great interest I've seen by North Carolinians in visiting our Nation's Capital. Coming to Washington and learning more about our history and government is one of the best ways I know of to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our independence. My office has received many letters and telephone calls from people who are planning to come to Washington, and I thought it might be helpful to tell you some of the services we can offer you if you make this trip.

Probably the one thing most in demand at this time is tickets for tours of the many points of interest. Most of these places do offer special Congressional tours, and we will be happy to obtain these tickets for you. However, we do need at least one month's notice to get these tickets. Demand for these tickets is very high, but with enough advance notice, we will usually be able to help you. Regular tours are available at any time, but with the Congressional tour tickets, you won't have to wait in long lines. I want my office to be of service to you, so please give us at least one month's advance notice.

Many people have also expressed  
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## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



**BOWLES** - When one candidate announces or hints strongly that he is going to run it becomes almost impossible for other aspirants for the office to hold back, and this persuades a long campaign when announcements come early.

While Hunt, O'Herron and Strickland have indicated the likelihood that they will become candidates for governor on the Democratic ticket, Skipper Bowles until last week was saying little. Then he gave strong indication that he had every intention of getting into the race.

If Skipper Bowles gets into the race he could prove to be a very formidable candidate as he did in 1972 when the organization to a large extent supported Pat Taylor. Bowles ran a good primary campaign but a poor general election campaign, and along with Nick Galifianakis for the U.S. Senate lost out in the Nixon landslide.

**McGOVERN** - The unpopularity of the Democrats' presidential candidate - George McGovern no doubt caused the defeat of Bowles and Galifianakis. Last week the writer's two Moore County newspapers - The Sandhill Citizen in Aberdeen and The Robbins Record in Robbins published the results of one of its Public Opinion polls. One of the several questions asked was: "If the election were held today for President and the candidates were Richard Nixon and George McGovern, for whom would you vote?" With 117 people participating in the poll with 77 percent being Democrats, the result was: Nixon 52 percent; McGovern 48 percent.

We suspect that the general admiration for Nixon is nothing like the results shown, but that simply their dislike for McGovern and his policies was greater.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** - With former Gov. Bob Scott having decided against running for any office in 1976 it now appears that State Rep. John M. Jordan of Saxapaw in Alamance County will be making the race for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary. Jordan is the son of the late U.S. Senator B. Everett Jordan.

Others who have announced or appear to be running for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor on the Democratic ticket include, Waverly Akins of Fuquay - Varina, State Rep.

Herbert Hyde of Asheville, Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill, State Senator Harman Moore of Charlotte, and B. Frank Stephenson, Jr. of Murfreesboro.

There are about a dozen others "toying" with the idea of seeking the state's number two job.

**MRS. FORD** - Some people are beginning to wonder if Mrs. Ford, who "wouldn't be surprised" if her 18-year old daughter Susan told her she was having an "affair" may have pulled a boo-boo as did Governor Romney of Michigan back in 1968 or '69.

Romney was regarded as the leading candidate for the GOP nomination for president and to broaden his views on foreign affairs visited Vietnam where the U.S. was involved in a very unpopular war. When Romney came home, or just before he left Vietnam, in a statement to reporters he supported Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam war policy. Pretty quick Romney learned that his support of the U.S. participation in Vietnam was unpopular so he tried to straighten things out and said that he was "brain-washed" while in Vietnam. From that day on Romney's political star began to wane - and fast! From the leading candidate for the GOP presidential nomination in the New Hampshire primary Romney's stock fell so fast that he withdrew from the race before the primary was held.

Mrs. Ford's statement could have some effect on her husband's candidacy. Many people believe that if the 1976 race is close Mrs. Ford's statement could be the straw that could defeat Mr. Ford for a four-year term in the white house, or just possibly, keep him in the white house.

Little things can have a very decisive effect on history when the contest is close.

Back before the turn of the century the phrase, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" is credited with having lost a presidential race. The effect Mrs. Ford's statement on the 1976 presidential campaign of her husband remains to be seen. But there comes to mind that verse by Fitzgerald:

"The Moving Finger writes;  
And having writ,  
Moves on: nor all your  
Pieties nor wit  
Shall lure it back  
To cancel half a line,  
Nor all your tears  
Wash out a word of it."

## Bicentennial Notes

One of my first memories is of being on the Hoke County courthouse square one night. There must have been a speech, but I do remember a large bonfire. When the fire rose high and bright there was an explosion. I guess there were pranksters even back then and someone had put a large firecracker in with wood. Now the square had been laid off and small stakes driven in and wires had been stretched from walk to another.

When that firecracker exploded, I guess I thought I was shot, for I turned and ran as fast as my short legs would carry me to the very edge of the lawn where I not only tripped over, but pulled up the stakes holding the wire. Oh, how very frightened I was! I just knew someone would "get" me for damaging the property. I never told this and for a long time I was afraid to walk by the courthouse.

Now I have no idea what that big occasion was unless it was a celebration for the completion of the courthouse.

The first time I ever remember going in the courthouse was rather soon after I learned to read in the large white wooden school house in front of Campus Avenue. At that time hardly anyone in Raeford had a book case or many books at all. The Bible, an almanac or a doctor book were sufficient for most families. When I heard that a library had opened in a room in the courthouse, I went down and looked carefully over the books. I couldn't read the titles, but I finally chose a book and ran every step of the way home. Was I disappointed when mother read the title Cookbook to me!

When we moved from the wooden school to our new brick school on Main Street I walked home every day by the courthouse. Mr. Kinlaw was almost always outside working in the flowers or the lawn grass. That was really the most beautiful lawn in town and I loved walking by to see if new flowers had bloomed, but especially to look at that green grass. At that time we were living on Magnolia Street and we as all our neighbors walked across the street to the woods and cut down small dogwood trees and stripped them of their leaves and tied them together and swept our yards clean. We let no blade of grass grow.

The next time I was in the courthouse I went up stairs for the

first time. There was a murder trial and the lawyer asked the subject if he was drinking when he committed the murder. He kept saying he had nothing but some "jewberry" wine.

Friday August 8, 1975 I returned to that courthouse lawn for the celebration of the greatest achievement of Hoke County. Again the lawn was marked off, but this time by ropes. Several hundred of us gathered for a bicentennial celebration! Our project for the past several years has been to build a fine new library befitting the culture of our county. One of the notables speaking said that this was the finest project so far in all of North Carolina.

Iris and Carson Davis, Bicentennial chairmen, welcomed the people. Afterwards several notables made short speeches. A bicentennial flag was donated and the color guard from Fort Bragg raised it where it flew in the soft warm breeze of the lovely day.

From there we walked down the block to the site of the new library where workers were thanked and then the ground breaking began. After several notables spaded earth, five precious little boys and girls all dressed out in red, white and blue, came out with their little white shovels decorated with bows and spaded earth. Now these little ones will long remember the day the library became more than a dream.

After David Dombkowski played our National Anthem on the trumpet, about a hundred and fifty of us walked to the Methodist Church for a delicious lunch prepared by the good and kind women of Raeford.

-Pauline McFayden

