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## Press Freedom!

By Albert Blank

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"Is the relinquishment of ... the liberty of the press necessary for your liberty? Will the abandonment of your most sacred rights tend to anyone's security? Liberty ... give us that precious jewel and you may take everything else." Patrick Henry

Our country was born in a time of crisis, we have lived through dangerously troubled times throughout our history.

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence knew the heavy responsibilities that came with independence. Each one was aware of the dangers and hardships that lay ahead, as they signed.

Democracy has never been, and never will be, an easy form of government to live under, because it is a government of the people.

Democracy itself is a fragile plant which must be well rooted in public understanding and confidence if it is to survive. As Winston Churchill observed, democracy as a form of government has many weaknesses but still it is better than anything else. A free press is indispensable to a democratic society. And in the end, we cannot avoid the conclusion that despite abuses and the potentialities of abuse the alternatives to a free press are far worse. There are some prices we have to pay for democracy and its institutions.

A free press in a free society. This is our choice, and we prefer to live with it.

"Error of opinion may be tolerated so long as reason is left free to combat it": these words of Jefferson sum up the case of free speech and academic freedom.

The press must not be arrogant and wrap itself in the First Amendment. It must welcome all opposing points of view with a willingness and humbleness to publish giving accountability to the readers, and not the "official view" presented by institutional spokesmen which is self-serving and seeks to use the press for its own ends.

The public is concerned, however, that the press show a sense of responsibility in exercising its great freedom. Central to this responsibility is what I would describe as a sense of faithfulness and fairness in discharging its function. While this responsibility cannot be commanded or policed by law, the force of public opinion and a wholesome skepticism by the public in regard to what it reads and hears can be potent forces in sensitizing the press to this responsibility.

"Whether or not the public agrees with what it reads, hears, and sees it not, and never should be, the criterion of its confidence in the media. The criteria is, and must forever be, public belief that what it reads, hears and sees is accurate and fair. No matter how much time and effort we devote to talking with each other within the media about our "inviolable First Amendment rights," the public doesn't really give a damn unless it believes that those criteria - accuracy and fairness - are being met.

This freedom of the press is not something handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai but is rather a civil privilege granted us by the people when they approved the First Amendment. And what the people can grant the people can take away.

The only effective reporting is that which convinces the reader by the recitation of logical presentation of the facts, without interpretation. It is hoped then the reader will draw his own conclusions and they will not stem from prejudice or the conspiracy thereof to explain news events.

Another essential ingredient is that the audience read with both eyes and an open mind, and be willing to accept the bad news, the disagreeable, in good faith and not blame the media for reporting the same.

We will only get rid of society's worst problems by being deeply and continually aware of them.

In times like this, the role of the newspaper becomes even more important to the democratic process.

Most publishers and editors agree there never has been greater need for strengthening public understanding of the press. Nor is this simply to protect the interests of the press, for the public interest is plainly involved. Indeed, it is paramount. For, if the public does not value a free press, then all our institutions are in peril.

If a crisis develops, if the system falters, each of us shares in the blame.

If the democratic system fails, it will not be a crisis that kills it. It will be the ignorance and apathy of the people. As Thomas Paine said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

## YOUR NEWSPAPER

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200 YEARS  
OF INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

by Marty Vega

## Steak Dinner For \$1

This week we were going to feature a recipe for a complete steak dinner for two for \$1, but there was no room to print it in its entirety, so we won't print any of it, to be fair about it. Here are this week's recipes instead.

### Polar Bear

Be sure to remove the harpoon from wherever it landed. The wooden handle is edible (see recipe for Handle) but the steel point should be completely free of rust. Take it out and reserve.

Some Eskimos, the Frobisher Bay people, love paw soup and will do anything for a steaming bowlful of it. The meat should be cut up into one-sixty-fourth - inch cubes. Don't cut up the onion. Build a fire of ship timbers and bury the bear and onion mix in a clay pot deep in the embers.

With this dish is recommended Veuve Papillon Veugeot '65 (vuv pap - ee - yon vooshew sixty - five). Don't bother with finger bowls as everyone will prefer a hot bath.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

Since I don't even know what's going on in Raeford I couldn't be expected to know what's going on in Portugal, but an item in the paper about the country caught my attention the other day.

According to it, the CIA, after denying it, reluctantly admitted the U.S. contributed about 10 million dollars to Portugal in its struggle against Communism. The CIA said it was against national security to reveal this secret and did so only because Congress demanded to know. At the same time, it said it was justified in contributing the money because Russia had given about as much to the Communist side in Portugal.

I don't know anything about the CIA, but I figure if it knew what Russia was giving, Russia probably knew what the U.S. was giving, and the only group in the dark about the matter was you and me. As the Watergate gang learned, it's hard to undetectably transfer money from one country to another, say from Mexico to Washington.

I may be wrong about this, but it seems to me in a situation like Portugal or some other countries we've taken a hand in, our furnishing money and arms to the government to keep it from going one way, and Russia's furnishing money and arms to get it to go the other way, is like a basketball team taking money from one side to throw the game its way, and then taking money from another side to throw it the other way.

This is confusing to everybody, especially to the basketball players, unless they get a cut of the bribe money and don't really care who wins.

Actually, in this day and time, when trying to keep the secret of something like the atom bomb is like trying to keep the secret of the bicycle or the motor - scooter, nations nations might be just as well off trying to take care of their own business right out in public.

As for the CIA, I'm sure we need it, but its men seem to be trained for just a few things. For example, it would have been handy to know, and not hard to find out, that Russia had a short grain crop two years ago and again this year, but the CIA simply has nobody in its outfit trained to look out the window and see if Russia needs a rain.

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

### Ceasar Soy Salad

Cut up the lettuce into one - hundred - and - twenty - eighth inch cubes. Be absolutely sure to cut away all of the fat on it.

Soak your soybeans overnight. Put in some lentils, too, as they add body and contain Vitamin C. or maybe D.

Day old, soaked soy can then be turned into a good sauce letting it stand another day or two. The soy (soya) is used as a dip. Give each guest a soy - sauce saucer for his dip.

You may wish to add other ingredients, many housewives use roughage or something else to pep it up. A lot of times it comes out with cigarette ashes, but it's still good.

If your main dish is something like fried rice, you'll want a beverage. Water is excellent, especially with a cube of ice. The cube should be about an inch and a quarter square. If it comes out of the tray a little lower on one side, just serve it quickly and don't let on.

A good beer, if you want one, is Miller's High Life (mil-uz hy-life).

For dessert, serve a little green Jell-O. This is a little tricky, but you get a cup, well, not a cup, but something deep, well, not real deep, but, never mind.

One time a friend went to another friend's house when he (the second friend) wasn't there and filled his bathtub with Jell-O. This is pretty funny because there's no way to slush it out or melt it or anything. You have to shovel it out. Try it. It's a scream.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my appreciation to the RAEFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT for the fine job which they are doing. It means so much to know that when you need assistance in situations that could get out of control, all you have to do is pick up the phone and call this department for help. You will receive their assistance in a matter of minutes. Again, I want to say, "THANK YOU, RAEFORD POLICEMEN for the fine job you are doing. We need more like you."

Sincerely,  
James E. Easterling, Pres.  
Superior Sales Inc.  
Raeford, N.C.

## Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

### Leopard

The leopard is a member of the cat family. It is tawny colored with black spots.

The leopard, which is found in Africa and southern Asia, is about seven feet long, including the tail. Among the members of the cat family of the Old World, it is exceeded in size only by the tiger and the lion.

The leopard got its name through a mistake. It was once believed that it was a cross between a lion and a pard (black panther). The animal was called "leopard" - "leo," the Latin name for lion, and "pard," black panther.

### Equinox

Twice a year the sun crosses the equator, and day and night are equal in length throughout the world. This happens on or about March 21 and September 22 - dates which mark the beginning of spring and autumn, respectively, in the Northern Hemisphere. The seasons are reversed in the Southern Hemisphere.

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



COMMUNITY COLLEGES - Last week along with some two dozen other Community Colleges and Technical Institute trustees and presidents from North Carolina I attended the sixth annual convention of Community College & Technical Institute Trustees held at Miami, Florida.

It was a very interesting convention with a divergent of views as must be the case when people all across the nation get together.

The North Carolina trustees twice conducted the workshop program -- "The Challenge of Providing Viable Programs for Senior Citizens, Minorities, Women, Disadvantaged," with your columnist, Cliff Blue, serving as chairman of the panel. Participating on the panel were, Robert W. LeMay, Jr., president of Wake Technical Institute; J.C. Robbins, Trustee, Sandhills Community College; Mrs. Evelyn Haire, Trustee, Craven Community College and Secretary N.C. Trustee Association; Dr. Rachel Davis, Trustee, Lenoir Community College; Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president, Sandhills Community College; Lynn D. Garibaldi, Trustee, Anson Technical Institute; Mrs. Mary M. Gentry, Trustee, Wake Technical Institute.

North Carolina has fast become one of the leaders in Community College and Technical Institute education with more than 500,000 taking courses each year. They have proved to be great in the way of offering education for the adults as well as the high school graduates who find it quite hard to attend senior dormitory institutions of higher learning.

The Community Colleges and Technical Institutes are attracting a goodly number of senior college graduates, unable to find a job with a liberal arts degree and find it expedient to qualify for non-degree positions through community college or technical institute training.

In time to come we suspect that here in North Carolina most of the students attending the senior four-year institutions of higher learning will take the first two years at the community colleges as many are now doing and fairing well in the four-

year senior institutions.

California, Florida and North Carolina are the three leading states in community colleges and technical institutes. At the general session of the convention we noted that the California delegates were of the liberal bend while North Carolina and the South in particular were more of a conservative flavor. While California in the past has been heavy with directors of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), this year they were not able to elect a single one on a national voting basis. Among the three elected on a national basis, one was from Texas, one from Pennsylvania and one from Nebraska. The Southern Regional director comes from North Carolina -- J. Edwin Causey from Southern Pines who is chairman of the Southern Regional board and is a trustee of Sandhills Community College.

In the ACCT you will find delegations strongly in favor of unions and those like the North Carolina trustees, strongly opposed to unions in public schools and colleges.

With 57 community colleges and technical institutes in North Carolina, thirty-two are members of the ACCT which gives the state a big hand when each institution has only one vote.

In North Carolina last week the State Board of Education voted against the community colleges and technical institutes coming under a new and separate board, which many leaders in the community college and technical institute system now favor. Now under the direction of the State Board of Education, it will require legislative action to establish a new board for the community colleges and technical institutes.

Speaking of unions among the community colleges and technical institutes, we heard one institution president say that he would prefer closing the institution before permitting it to be run by a union which many people feel simply gives protection to mediocre faculty members.

Without dormitories, many people refer to the community colleges and technical institutes as "drive-in" institutions which they are.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, October 5, 1975

Secretary of Agriculture Brannon announced Tuesday that farmers will be free to grow all the cotton they want to next year.

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Hoke county board of commissioners on Monday a resolution was passed asking that the board of education not to sell the Antioch school property and if they did sell it that J.A. Hodgins be compensated for the land there which he gave to the school.

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Eight Hoke county men have been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces from Hoke County in the first call for actual induction.

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From Poole's Medley:

The first American newspaper, Publick Occurrences, was started with the intent of "curing or at least charming, of that spirit of lying which prevails --" in Massachusetts colony. It was suppressed after the first issue.

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Archie Maxwell, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Maxwell of Route 2, Raeford, is undergoing recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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The Hoke - Raeford PTA held its first meeting of the year Friday evening, September 27, at 7:30 in the Graded School auditorium. Mrs. Robert Gatlin, president, presided. Highway Commissioner George Coble of Lexington, plans to be here October 11 to meet with the county commissioners and to discuss road matters.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, October 6, 1960

The Kickoff dinner for the 1960-61 United Fund Campaign will be held Monday night in the new Hoke High School cafeteria, chairman William (Bill) Lamont has announced.

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Raeford had its first traffic fatality in years on Monday morning when a terrified mother saw her three-year-old daughter crushed under the wheels of a tractor-trailer loaded with tobacco hoghead.

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Hoke High lined up to expectations on Friday night by effortlessly belting the Stedman Rams 35-0, compiling 376 yards to Stedman's total 105 for the game.

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The sheriff and his deputies along with J.K. Riley destroyed a copper still in Stonewall township after staying with it from 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday without catching the persons who owned and operated it.

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Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson, assistant cashier at the Bank of Raeford, will leave by plane Sunday for Pasadena, Calif., where she will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Bank Women.

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Mrs. L.W. (Beulah) Turner was selected as Teacher of the Year by the Woman's Club it was announced at the annual dinner held by the club to honor teachers from Hoke County on Thursday night.

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The Town Board voted at its meeting on Monday night to buy two Scott air packs for longer periods of time in dense smoke it encountered during the Priebie Poultry Company fire a week ago Sunday.