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## Creating An Anticrime Climate

The FBI's latest report on crime in the United States should give every American the deepest cause for concern. The growing incidence of crime points to a serious strain of disorder in society and calls for no less than a moral and spiritual arousal to the need for healing.

The statistics are sobering. Crime rose 18 percent in 1974. It claimed 20,000 lives and a \$2.6 billion loss of property. Especially saddening is the sharp rise in crimes committed by teen-agers: Almost one-third of those arrested for robbery, 17 percent of those charged with assault, and about 20 percent of those charged with rape were under 18.

In the wake of the FBI's latest disclosures, there are bound to be further appeals for a reexamination of the nation's system of criminal justice. Some will want better police protection, others tougher criminal laws, and still others reform of penal institutions. Much will also be said about eliminating the unemployment, poor social conditions, and racial tensions that contribute to crime.

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All of this will be constructive and helpful. But, over and above the pragmatic measures that can and should be taken to combat crime, stands a greater imperative. It is to stir the nation out of moral lethargy and into a perception that crime cannot be lessened without a rejuvenation of spiritual and moral values on the part of society as a whole.

At its root, crime is a moral problem. It is in a general climate of indifference to high ethical standards that the criminal thought is given free rein. A willingness to tolerate a disobedience of rules, however minor, demoralizes the atmosphere and gives encouragement to those inclined to break the law. Even such seemingly innocuous things as taking home a box of paper clips from the office, overestimating deductions on one's income tax, and running through a red traffic light affect the total public consciousness.

The link of law and morality is fundamental. The very inception of the nation and its political philosophy were rooted in the moral law as embodied in the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount. Surely those underlying moral principles have contributed to the country's astonishing growth and progress in 200 years.

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Today, can it not be seen that the disintegration of morality in recent times -- the obsession with materialism, the sexual permissiveness, the addiction to drugs, indecency, greed, dishonesty in business, and so on -- have been accompanied by increased lawlessness in the streets? That the lowering of moral standards has destabilized families and left many young people rubberless and confused?

The great demand of the hour is to lift the moral tone of the nation. Encouragingly, this process of rejuvenation is already taking place as the scandals of Watergate have awakened moral sensitivities to wrongdoing in government, labor unions, and corporate life. Hardly a day goes by without some exposure of illegal conduct and a new effort to improve laws and their enforcement. This, too, is an aspect of these morally turbulent times.

It is thus to be hoped that Americans not give in to a feeling of helplessness in the face of rampaging crime. They can even rise in indignation at this bald imposition on the peace and order of their lives. Above all, they can resolve to strengthen their own standards -- in their personal lives, in their homes, in their public conduct -- and foster that climate that will antidote criminal instincts and help keep them in check. --The Christian Science Monitor

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, November 23, 1950

Police chief H.M. Meeks has asked The News-Journal to publish some rules which are effective in Raeford regarding children skating, a problem which has increased somewhat due to the recent paving in town.

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Funeral services were conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, Sr., who died early Monday of a heart attack at the home of her son, Neill A. McDonald, here.

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From Poole's Medley:  
The news of today shows that children are being arrested and jailed for stealing, which was unheard of in my youth.

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Open season for rabbit, quail

and wild turkeys arrives today and many people in Hoke and elsewhere will spend the Thanksgiving holiday hunting.

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19 more Hoke men have been ordered to report to the Fayetteville induction station for pre-induction medical and physical examinations tomorrow. Mrs. J.M. Baker, clerk at the Hoke county draft board, said yesterday.

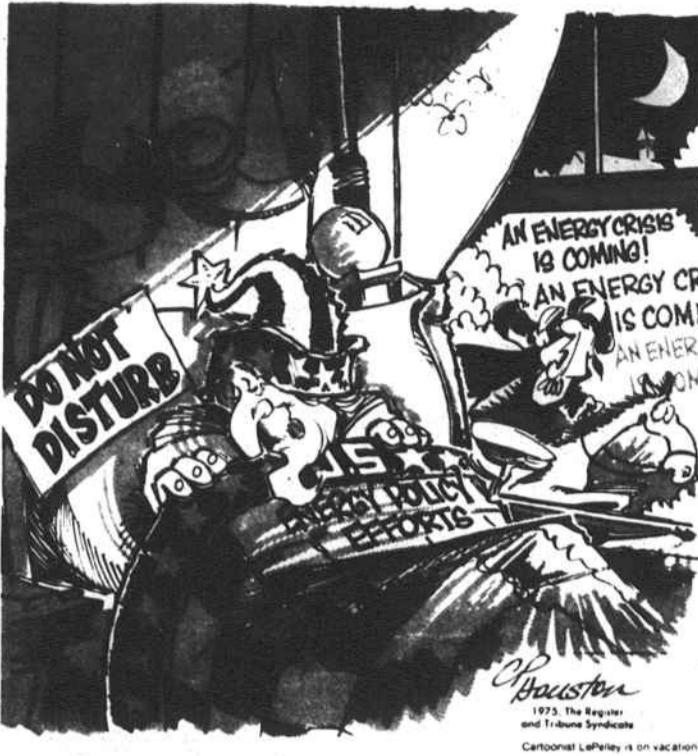
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Ben Hurley, local representative of the Carolina Power and Light company, said yesterday that the power would be off in part of Raeford from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

### 15 years ago

Citizens throughout the State are being urged by Governor Hodges and officials of the Department of Conservation and Development to participate wholeheartedly in Industry Appreciation Week in North Carolina November 28 - December 3.

### The Just-A-Minute Man



by Marty Vega

## Call To Action Sounded

Although we don't as a rule use this forum for editorizing, the events of this past weekend were so shocking and far-reaching in seriousness, that we are forced to speak out and denounce this treachery leveled against us. For the inalienable rights we are granted by the Constitution, we must still vigorously fight to guard against any intrusion or compromise that poses a threat to our pursuit of happiness, and let us pledge our unwavering loyalty to these principles, no matter what the cost, in whatever terms, so that our descendants are assured their legacy and proper place in history and thereby escape the unseen enemy which seeks to destroy us.

The issue confronting us is clear. The question is now where do you stand? The urgency of this cannot be emphasized too much. Action is needed NOW to avoid a repeat of

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear Editor:

After thinking long and hard I have come to the conclusion that the main problem with the world is that it spends too much time trying to solve problems for which there aren't any solutions.

For example, Secretary of State Kissinger has spent the last two or three years flying back and forth between half a dozen countries while we spent 150 billion dollars in Viet Nam -- which is enough money to tide New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco and several others over till at least Christmas -- and as far as I can tell the problems he was trying to solve are still there.

There are 142 countries in the United Nations, and probably a lot more out there somewhere we haven't heard of who haven't heard of us or the United Nations, and for anybody to try to keep up with their internal problems, not to mention solve them, is like asking you to keep up with the name and character of every office-holder in every county within 200 miles of Raeford.

If Congress in Washington and the Legislature in Raleigh would confine their attention only to problems capable of being solved, their meeting time could be reduced by about 75 per cent. It doesn't follow that taxes would thereby be reduced, as reducing taxes is one of the problems that can't be solved.

Moreover, this theory doesn't apply just to governments. It applies to all sorts of institutions and categories, and here's a list of some of the problems that can't be solved:

College students.  
Busing.  
Teen agers.  
Your neighbor's dog.  
Television programs.  
Cars.  
George Wallace.  
Ronald Reagan.  
Ireland.  
The Mid-East.  
The national debt.  
Family squabbles.

I'm running out of space. I started to list the CIA and the FBI, but there is a solution to those. As I understand it, both outfits have claimed they've been doing what they've been doing because Congress hasn't set up any guidelines for their conduct. Therefore Congress should pass a law making it against the law for the CIA and the FBI to break the law.

yours faithfully,  
J.A.

the dreadful event of last Sunday, which nobody needs reminding caused a terrible toll in unnecessary and unneeded suffering and anguish.

It was terrible to witness. The first reports came over a distant radio station some 100 miles away, and when that awful four-letter word was first mentioned we shut off the offending set, indignant, but too naive to be alarmed.

Later, the curtain was drawn back, and the awful, naked truth was unfolded. It was bizarre, we were like characters on a late show science fiction feature who see a spaceships from Mars land and menacing creatures emerge, and who are helpless in their feeble attempts to save themselves.

And the children! It was terrible to see the little innocents frolicking with their laughter and gleeful cries filling the air as they actually PLAYED IN IT! The final, utter degradation to mankind, and they cavorted like it was a national holiday or celebration.

Do you realize that some depraved persons were out with Polaroid cameras, actually taking pictures of it? Detestable, isn't it?

Time is growing short, what happened Sunday may only be a warning for us. Do you want to end up like New York City, who became broke because of the high costs associated with snow?



North Carolina, more than any other state, has been getting short-changed for years in its federal highway money, and as a member of the Public Works Committee I hope to be able to do something about this.

We were able to make a start recently that will result in over \$4 million in federal funds to the state than it would have received had we not gotten a change inserted into the Federal Highway Act which came before the committee. But that barely scratches the surface.

One has only to look at the figures to understand our state's penalty situation as far as highway funds are concerned. The Federal Highway Trust Fund is made up of money that you and I pay at the gasoline pump. Every time we buy a gallon of gasoline for our cars, four cents in federal tax is collected and goes into the fund that helps finance the construction of the Interstate System and other highways on the federal network.

Last year, North Carolina motorists contributed, through this tax, a total of \$174.4 million to the Highway Trust Fund. Under the formula used to distribute the funds back to the states, we received \$98 million. This amounts to about 56 cents on the dollar.

I am told this is because the money is allocated back to the states according to the amount of miles needed to complete the Interstate System.

North Carolina does not have as many miles of Interstate Highways as many other states because back in the 1950's, the State Highway

## CLIFF BLUE...

## People & Issues



A READER WRITES... This column receives numerous letters commenting on subjects mentioned.

A couple of weeks ago we wrote about our schools, commenting on Teacher Tenure and SAT scores. On the subject discussed we have received an interesting letter on the subject from Pitt County Schools Supt. Arthur S. Alford, which we are happy to pass along to our readers from Murphy to Manteo:

"Recently you wrote about teacher tenure and SAT scores. I wanted to share with you an observation or two, and first on teacher tenure:

"1. There was a need for some orderly procedure for dealing fairly with school teachers, for I have found too often in the past this was not the case. I would agree that possibly more has been written into GS 115-142 than was necessary to insure fairness to school teachers.

"2. Notwithstanding some of the technicalities and difficulties in administering the statute, it is my opinion that administrators who infer that poor teachers cannot be released from employment are simply "copping out." It takes work -- work at helping a teacher become a good teacher -- with the same efforts sufficient to document any need to relieve a teacher of her duties should this be the case.

"3. The real problem lies in the fact that so many teacher dismissal cases go into court, and federal court at that, rather than to state court as is called for in the statute. This is not to say that there is no justice in the courts, but rather, that it is a slow process, a costly matter even when the school board wins the case.

"To rectify or modify some of the problems mentioned above I would:

"1. Require that the professional review team (outside evaluators) function in an informal manner, rather than a court of law. Pitt County spent over \$4,000 on one case that has not even gotten to the courts yet.

"2. Require those persons taking school boards to court to pay the legal fees incurred by the boards of

education should they lose their case. This often is the decision rendered against the school board should they lose, and what is fair for the goose should be fair for the gander. The courts then would not be filled with cases that should not have gotten there.

"Now, on the SAT question, I agree basically with the comments and only want to make two points:

"1. The lack of discipline, if this be the case, is primarily the result of a weak principal, supported by a weak superintendent. Discipline can be maintained, although, again, it takes some work.

"2. In Pitt County at least, the strongest teaching corps ever assembled (I have reference here to all members, not just one race of teachers) is now at work.

"My approach to an increase, rather than a decrease, in SAT scores is tied to the strengths of character of this country. The schools more than any other institution reflect society. When society is more responsible, less wasteful, and better disciplined, then we will find school personnel doing an even better job, and more than anything else students who go to school will be there for a purpose -- eager to learn, which unfortunately is not the case today with many students."

LIEUT. GOVERNOR... Word from down east in Camden County is that former State Rep. and State Senator George Wood is everything but an announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. Announced candidates thus far include E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., of Murfreesboro, Waverly Atkins of Fuquay-Varina, State Rep. John Jordan of Alamance County, State Rep. Herbert Hyde of Asheville, House Speaker Jim Green of Bladen County, Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill, is an un-announced candidate and there are about a half-dozen or more in the wings who would like to be lieutenant governor with the office paying a good salary along with office help plus the spring-board it affords for a leap towards the governor's mansion.

## This Is The Law

### Artificial Insemination

The General Assembly of North Carolina in 1971 took a bold step forward in the area of artificial insemination of human beings.

A statute was enacted which

## Report

### To The

## People

by Senator Robert Morgan

Commission acted very conservatively in requesting interstate mileage. The Commission at that time thought it would have to match dollar for dollar federal funds on the system and they feared over extending the state's commitment. It later turned out that the highways were built on a 90-10 basis, so this was one case in which we were perhaps too prudent.

But an action taken 20 years ago shouldn't penalize us to this extent today, and I hope that in the future we can work some changes in this formula. We need a better break.

However, last week working with State Highway Administrator Billy Rose and his staff, we were able to get \$4.5 million more in federal funds in the 1975 Highway Act by proposing a simple change in the apportionment formula.

We also got an amendment approved which will require that the state has to concur on any Federal Aid Urban project if the state matching funds on that project equal 50 percent or more. This was something that State Department of Transportation officials and the professional engineers there said they needed in order to spend state highway funds to the best advantage. It seemed to me that it was desirable.

But the longer range problem of getting more of what we send to Washington in gasoline taxes is the really important thing.

We ought to be getting back more than 56 cents for every dollar we send to Washington for highways.



The phrase "heterologous artificial insemination" simply means taking the semen from the third-party donor and subsequently injecting it through a syringe into the wife's reproductive tract. This process is also frequently referred to as A.I.D. (Artificial Insemination, Donor).

The opposite procedure to heterologous artificial insemination is "homologous artificial insemination." In this situation, the husband's semen is taken and injected by the same process into his wife's reproductive tract. This procedure is frequently referred to as A.I.H. (Artificial Insemination, Husband).

Since there have been few difficult legal questions arising when the husband's own semen is used artificially to impregnate his wife, there was enacted in North Carolina no statute governing homologous artificial insemination or A.I.H.

The legitimization of the child under the North Carolina law seems to imply that the child will share in the normal inheritance rights of his family and that his mother's husband will be required to support him during his minority.

When the semen of a third person is used, most physicians insist that all three parties consent to the arrangement, but the identity of the donor is kept an absolute secret by the doctor from even the husband and the wife. The donor, of course, does not know the identity of the couple.

This secrecy is important to protect the reputation of all three parties, to eliminate the risk of the donor blackmailing the couple, as well as the risk of the wife transferring her affection to the donor, and to protect the donor from possible legal proceedings.