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Let's vote FOR a new fire station

On Tuesday, September 28, the registered voters of Raeford will have a chance to express themselves on a subject which is important for every resident of the city. The question is whether to allow the city to issue bonds for the construction of a new fire station. The vote is to authorize the issuance of not more than \$200,000 in bonds for the purpose, and city officials estimate this figure will exceed what the project actually takes by more than ten per cent.

We don't remember that anyone even tried to make an educated guess, when the Raeford Volunteer Fire Department observed its fiftieth anniversary this year, as to how much this group has saved the property owners of the community in fire insurance premiums. There is probably no way to arrive at such a figure, but there is no denying that the figure would be a large one in comparison to the cost of the department during the period, nor that a great contribution in peace of mind and protection of life has also been made.

The dedication to the public interest and protection through these years has involved time and effort under all sorts of circumstances, with frequent risk and occasional injury. These people have made this contribution to the safety of the lives and property of the whole community out of a fine civic spirit and an unselfish desire to serve their fellow citizens. For their service in this organization which is older than most of its members, the whole population of the city is deeply grateful.

There will probably be federal funds of one sort or another to help with this project, and the city already has a fine, accessible site on East Prospect Avenue, so the cost of the project to the taxpayers could almost be called negligible. With a tax base of 79 million dollars, less than two cents per \$100 would pay the whole \$200,000—and then some. When you figure the probable cost at around \$175,000 and pay the bonds over 20 years, and then take off some hoped-for federal money, it winds up probably adding less than even one cent to our tax rate.

"For so little, we should get so much," is the thought that occurs. Now this fire station is not being proposed, nor if it is built will it exist, just for the pleasure and satisfaction of the members of the fire department.

They will take pleasure in it, for sure, for they will be able to do a better job for us from it, and while they will be the ones who will use it, the whole community will have occasion to sleep better knowing the protection we are getting is coming from adequate instead of outdated and completely inadequate facilities.

So, while this fire house is to be for us all, the vote on it next Tuesday certainly affords all of us a way to clearly express our thanks to our firemen for a job well done for many years.

If we'll take the trouble to go vote for this fire station bond issue, we can really kill two birds with one stone, and with mighty little effort. We can get ourselves a new fire department facility, and at the same time express our gratitude to the men who have served us so well for so long from the old one.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 20, 1951

Postmaster Lacy Clark said before he left to attend the postmasters convention in Washington this week that he expected to have the city mail carriers on the job here by October first.

Cotton prices of 40 to 45 cents a pound are entirely possible by next summer.

The rural telephone committee announced Tuesday that the survey map, on which has been plotted applicants who want telephones, will be sent to the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. the first of the week.

From Poole's Medley:
There are hundreds of workers now employed in Raeford and vicinity, and business will be good all year round from now on, mark my prediction.

As a result of a softball game some weeks back which the Kiwanis Club was able to get the best of, the Raeford Lions Club entertained the Raeford Kiwanis Club at a fish fry last Thursday night at Lawrence McNeill's pond.

Funeral services were conducted from the home in Blue Springs Township Monday by the Rev. S. A. Ewart for Archie McNeill, who died there on Sunday afternoon.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 21, 1961

Stepped up military spending will be reflected soon in Raeford, with the Army's decision last week to award a \$5,700,000 uniform contract to the Pacific Mills Division of Burlington Industries.

Funeral service was conducted at 11 Tuesday morning for Mrs. B.R. Gatlin, who at the time of her death at home Sunday morning was probably the oldest resident of the county at 94 years of age.

Raeford Police Chief L.W. Stanton received a letter of commendation this week from Raleigh Chief Tom Davis. The letter was written by Chief Davis to commend officer Harvey Young for the recovery of an automobile stolen in Raleigh.

The County Fair is still going strong, with today (Thursday) a special day for colored children who will enjoy reduced prices on all the rides this afternoon.

Campaign kickoff



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Stage Gone For Weeks

(Part XXIV, Chapter 38) As the stage bounced and jounced over the trail its lone passenger gazed out of the window, lost in thought. How many weeks has it been since I've been gone? (Nine) What will I tell the others when I finally return? (The truth) Who will know the truth? (No one)

The young man on the stage was indeed troubled, as he knew he had let them down back in the settlement. For many months he had been the regular messenger, so trustworthy he was, and had the task of carrying information back and forth to the tiny village of Raeford. But when he rode off that fateful night in July on his mission, little did he think he would return in disgrace, late -- too late to save the settlement outside Fayetteville from whatever it was they needed. It had been so long that he had forgotten what it was he was supposed to alert the Raeford colonists about, and heck, by now,

whatever it was had probably been settled.

Yet, still, that did not lessen the young man's shame and disgrace. He knew, and painfully, that he would never again be the colony's official messenger-on-horseback, a high honor for such a young man. He knew that never again would the leaders rely on him after this unforgivable episode, he would be branded as unreliable. And of course, he never could be messenger-on-horseback because he had lost his horse. In a card game.

Of course, the leaders did not have to know just how he lost his horse. A clever lie could conceal it. But the rest! The absence of over nine weeks! He couldn't conceal that, it was obvious. So he would have to tell the truth.

The truth. But the truth sounded so ridiculous, who would believe it? The young man closed his eyes and shook his head.

His mind went back over the details. His mission was to go to the leaders with the urgent message. Oh, that part was easy. He quickly found their meeting place and advised the leaders' leader he felt the matter must be placed on the agenda. It was, and it was again and again and again. And again. He grew weary as he remembered going to the numerous meetings of the leaders and still never getting a decision from them! Nine weeks, or has it been more -- the distraught young man was confused -- he couldn't remember. Once, the leaders tried to make a decision, but it was 2-2. There was a missing leader. And the next time, the missing leader was there, but another leader was missing in his place, and there was a missing leader. Or was it two leaders missing? He couldn't remember. Then the leaders' leader was missing! As soon as one appeared, another disappeared! It was like Alice meeting the looking glass, and then missing it.

The young man could never explain this to anyone. They just wouldn't believe it.

This Is The Law

By Robert E. Lee
Sponsored by The Lawyers of North Carolina

May a husband recover damages from his wife if her negligence has caused personal injuries to their child?

Yes, according to a 1965 decision rendered by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

North Carolina is one of the few states which has a law expressly permitting suits between husband and wife.

The vast majority of the other jurisdiction throughout the nation will not permit either spouse to take legal action against the other for personal injuries resulting from negligence. It is said that such actions between husband and wife are likely to disrupt and destroy the peace and harmony of the home, which public policy should seek to protect.

In the North Carolina case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court of North Carolina the husband was not in the car at the time of the collision. If he had been, the negligence of his wife could have been blamed on him and he would not have recovered.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



"FLIP - FLOPS" -- We have been hearing right much about "flip-flops" in the presidential campaign.

Well, we had a couple of noticeable "flip-flops" in Tar Heel voting in the September 14 run-off primary.

In the August 17 primary Jessie Rae Scott led in the four-person race for Commissioner of Labor and John Brooks in second place. The second primary reversed the situation with Brooks receiving 51 percent to 49 percent for Mrs. Scott.

In the August 17 primary for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Third District, State Rep. Jimmy Love of Sanford led the four-man race with a 3,647 vote lead over Charles Whitley, his nearest opponent. In the second primary, Charles O. Whitley, administrative assistant to retiring Cong. David Henderson won the nomination with a 3,153 vote margin over Love!

LABOR COMMISSIONER -- John Brooks, Raleigh lawyer who said after his victory over Jessie Rae Scott that he would not have won the Democratic nomination for labor commissioner had he not been cleared of wrongdoing in his handling of a criminal case is the only state-wide Democratic candidate who will face a Republican incumbent in the fall election. T. Avery Nye, Jr. who was appointed Commissioner of Labor by Governor Holshouser is seeking a full term. An issue which is likely to come up is Brooks' stand on the "right to work" law in North Carolina. Brooks was endorsed in the primary by the "union" and the unions are in general opposed to the right to work law.

CLEAN CAMPAIGNS -- In general, the primaries in North Carolina -- both first and second, were on a pretty high plane and without much, if any mud-slinging. This goes for both parties -- Democratic and Republican.

FUND - RAISING -- In the primary you can expect each candidate to have to raise his or her own campaign money, but in by-gone years -- until recently, the fall campaigns were unified. In the presidential and gubernatorial election years -- there would be one

fund to cover all the campaigns. In advertisements in the by-gone years until recently, the pictures of the candidates for President and Governor would be centered in the advertisement with the members of the Council of State and the congressman lining the borders.

In recent years when state and local candidates felt the presidential candidate might be a drag on the state ticket, state candidates began to shy away from the presidential candidate. Humphrey lost the state to Nixon in 1968 and again in 1972 McGovern lost big to Nixon. These unpopular liberal candidates made the Tar Heel candidates want to run their own campaigns and the situation seems pretty much the same this year even though Jimmy Carter, from the Deep South State of Georgia is quite popular in North Carolina as the campaign gets underway.

REPUBLICANS -- The Republicans start their fall campaign with a pretty big breach to close as a result of a hard-fought presidential primary in which U.S. Senator Jesse Helms and Tom Ellis won out for Reagan over Governor Jim Holshouser and the administration who were supporting Ford.

While the Democrats had a presidential primary in which Jimmy Carter won over Governor George Wallace of Alabama, no deep scars were left by the campaign. The Democrats begin their fall campaign with a fairly well unified party -- which is pretty good for the Democrats, who are used to scrapping.

While in the past it has been the Democrats who kick-up their heels and fight at the national conventions, this year it was harmony all the way, leaving it to the Tar Heel Republicans at Kansas City, led by Senator Helms to revolt against harmony and do the heel-kicking-up!

VOTING BY RACE -- In the recent campaign for lieutenant governor by the Democrats the feeling was pretty general that the black people would come out to vote in a far greater percentage than the whites, but indications are that the blacks with one of their race standing a real chance to win did very little better than the whites in making the most of the opportunity.



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

I have arranged that during the 95th Congress, which begins in January, I will concentrate my work in the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on the problem of housing. I do not believe there is any area in which I could better spend my time.

One of the most perplexing and discouraging things we face is the stubborn failure of the housing industry to "recover" from dormancy such as it has not seen since the Depression. Other elements of the economy have been on their way back from recession, but not housing.

wisdom to find than we have shown so far. But it is especially discouraging to see that the Administration has not used the tools already available to it.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, an entire agency supposedly dedicated to meeting the housing needs of the American people, has done little more than add to the frustration, by keeping realtors and lenders on tenterhooks as to which way its regulations will change next. I was moved this week to go onto the floor of the Senate and go on record about what must be faced as an utter failure.

In November of 1975, a HUD publication said this of its 235 program, outlining a plan consistent with the authority the Congress had given "HUD will use \$264.1 million over the next two years in funds already authorized to subsidize more than 250,000 new single-family units as a tool to revitalize the troubled housing industry, create construction jobs, and to help rehabilitate urban neighborhoods."

Have 250,000 new houses been started under the program, a year later? No. The total is 4,163, and not one of them was in North Carolina.

Similarly, rural housing subsidy programs, designed to have effect in areas where housing development and financing seldom go, have also been stalled.

It must be the worst kind of government waste to spend time and the taxpayers' money on other projects, to the point at which we have a \$50 billion deficit ahead, and completely ignore an area in which money could be spent with good effect.

I intend to try getting these priorities reversed.