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High tobacco prices

Tobacco is making news again, but this time the anti-smoking forces aren't involved. Record prices are making the headlines, as markets begin to open throughout the state. And the early results point to a good year for growers.

Of course, you can't judge an entire season by the opening day, but prices on the Border Belt were as much as \$40 per hundredweight higher than last year's opening.

The experts tell us the higher prices are indicative of a higher quality leaf. Apparently many farmers are cooperating with the government in an effort to market cleaner leaf. They're leaving the lower leaves in the field.

In Lumberton, opening day prices hit an all-time high of \$155 per hundred. But even at these prices, farmers are saying inflation is eating up their profits. The cost of production, particularly farm chemicals, has gone out of sight in recent years, and growers say they need record prices just to keep up.

Hoke County tobacco growers came through the drought last season a lot better off than those in other parts of the state, where 50 percent of the crop was lost in some instances. And even if inflation has stationed the wolf at the door on a permanent basis, there is reason to be optimistic that high tobacco prices this season will certainly help local farmers stave him off.

Boards and committees

How did past generations ever get along without all the boards, councils and committees in operation today?

Many of these boards seem to have been spawned by the bureaucratic rationale that without supervision and a wad of paper work, the affairs of humanity and nature are doomed to failure. As a consequence, there are committees that advise boards which, in turn, make recommendations to councils that, eventually, whisper into the ears of our elected officials.

All of this advice naturally leads to a great deal of confusion. Like looking at a drop of water under a microscope, a committee can see whole worlds of complexity in the most trivial issue if given enough time to study it.

It all goes to prove, once again, that American society has no need of satirists as long as the government continues to provide us inadvertently with its unique form of entertainment.

Just last week the Bicycle Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Department of Transportation met in Wilmington. By all accounts, the bicycle isn't nearly as intricate as the machinery which propels it along the highways and byways of state government.

Items on the agenda included: (1) a status report on recommended policy pertaining to bicycles for the Department of Transportation for consideration in the near future, (2) final recommendations for supplemental materials relating to bicycles to be included in the North Carolina Driver's Handbook, (3) a sub-committee report of programs, plans and policy for the Moped (a motorized bicycle) and (4) a discussion of proposed bicycle legislation for the 1979 session of the General Assembly.

It makes one feel secure, somehow, while pedaling along, to know that the Bicycle Advisory Committee is hard at work ruminating over programs, plans policy. The committee may not help you up a hill, or pick you up when you fall off, but keep on pedaling -- these problems may appear on the next agenda.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

15 years ago

Thursday, July 30, 1953

Thursday, August 1, 1963

Names of players from Raeford and Aberdeen teams of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League were announced this week and the boys got down to hard work in preparation for their play off game against South Wilmington in Aberdeen Monday. The roster included three Raeford boys, Dickie Hendley, Jerry Williams, and Willie Hodgins, Jr.

Thursday, August 1, will be another historical date in Raeford. It will mark the official opening of the Hoke Civic Center, Inc.

J. Lawrence McNull of Raeford is to be appointed to another term on the board of trustees of the North Carolina Sanatoriums.

Aviation Cadet Roy W. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Wood, 507 Main Street, Raeford, is nearing completion of jet pilot training.

The Chamber of Commerce has now signed up 14 new members, membership chairman, J.D. McMillian, announced.

From Addenda:
Someone has remarked after the article on boll weevil last week that farmers should pray for rain instead of spray for weevils.

The new library will have mahogany walls!

J. Ed Williams, Raeford's first town manager, begins his duties today.

The Philadelphia athletics will hold a tryout camp and baseball school in Red Springs, August 3, 4 and 5. Scout M.C. Norris will be in charge assisted by Joe O'Rourke of Philadelphia.

The Hoke County Booster's Club will hold its annual kickoff supper Thursday, August 8, at 5:30 p.m., Jack Pope, president, announced.

'Fetch... fetch!'



The Christian Science Monitor

HOKUM

By Charles Blackburn

While it is by no means uniquely American, the custom of having the last word about one's own life has a special place in the literature of the United States.

Most epitaphs give us nothing more than the dates of birth and death. There are those scattered few, however, that tell us—usually in a few lines of verse, or, perhaps, in a single phrase—whole volumes about the deceased and ourselves.

The cemetery seems an odd place to go for a chuckle, but there are those among us who can't resist telling one last joke, even if it must be chisled into our tombstones.

For example, we feel an instant kinship with the gentleman who took a final opportunity to chide his wife: "Elizabeth, I told you I was sick." And how well, in just 13 words, we know John Auricular, buried in a New England graveyard: "Here lies John Auricular, who in the ways of the Lord walked perpendicular."

Our sympathy for Mrs. Ann Jennings is profound—"Some have children, some have none: Here lies the mother of twenty-one." And we cannot help but be touched by the

simplicity of: "Thorpe's Corpse."

The ring of the divine gavel is implicit in an auctioneer's epitaph: "Going, going—Gone!" And an image of the world as a stage is conjured by the headstone of a well-known Shakespearean actor: "Exit Burbage."

We suspect the orator is probably being truthful when he urges: "Here, reader, turn your weeping eyes./My fate a useful moral teaches:/The hole in which my body lies/Would not contain one-half my speeches."

Horace Brown, a dentist, instructs: "Stranger, approach these bones with gravity: Doc Brown is filling his last cavity." And a tailor displays a final flash of wit with: "Here lies W.W./Who never more will trouble you, trouble you."

And, finally, we turn to W.C. Fields for his last reflection on mankind's ultimate fate: "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
Ancient fables, like tax structures, need to be revised occasionally.

For example, one ancient fable has it that ants work all summer storing up food for winter while grasshoppers dance and frolic. When winter comes the hard-working ants are snug and well-fed while the carefree grasshoppers are cold and hungry. The moral is, we're told, don't be like a grasshopper.

Since grasshoppers have been acting that way since Biblical times you'd think they'd gradually play out and disappear from the earth.

A farmer in one infested state the other day counted 50 of the things to the square yard. They're so thick through a wide part of the country they're eating everything in sight, including trees. Worst infestation in years.

There goes that fable about the foolish grasshopper.

But I got to thinking. Is the ant the hard worker it's cracked up to be?

There's an ant bed out here I've been watching while I should be storing up food for the winter. To the untrained eye, those thousands of ants scurrying back and fourth along their trail appear to be the hardest working creatures on earth, storing up food like they expected winter to hit this afternoon.

Because you can't tell one red ant from another, I marked about 50 by sprinkling them with white talcum powder. I then kept my eyes on them.

You want to know something? They weren't storing up food. They were just running up and down the trail looking busy like bureaucrats stumbling over each other in the corridors of a government building in Washington.

I estimate only about half the ants were thinking ahead to winter. The rest were just killing time and enjoying themselves.

The moral of this revised fable is that the system must work, as there are more ants, grasshoppers and bureaucrats on earth than ever before.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



CARTER'S VISIT... President Carter will be in North Carolina Saturday in an effort to help John Ingram win the U.S. Senate seat now held by Jesse Helms in the November general election.

Some people question how much an outsider of national stature can influence a state election other than in his home state. Forty years ago, in 1938 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in his heyday had carried every state in the union except Maine and Vermont in the 1936 presidential election, set out to defeat three Democrat U.S. Senators for renomination — Senator Walter F. George of Georgia, Senator Ed Smith of South Carolina and Senator Millard Tydings in Maryland. He failed miserably. Each of the Senators won renomination and election.

There is a difference between the Roosevelt and Carter efforts. Roosevelt was attempting to defeat incumbent U.S. Senators in the Democratic primaries whereas Carter is attempting to help a Democratic nominee defeat an incumbent Republican U.S. Senator.

While Carter has been lagging in the polls, large crowds usually go out to see an incumbent President and few candidates shun an endorsement by their party's chief when he is the President of the United States.

TEACHERS... According to an article in the Fayetteville Observer by Pat Riviers two thousand teachers applied for 150 teaching jobs in the Cumberland County system this year. With supply exceeding demand, education has become an employers' market. Colleges and universities statewide produced 6,466 teachers last year, but only 2,032 found teaching jobs in the state. Will Brown, assistant superintendent for secondary education, estimates that there are 75 teachers applying for a job teaching English for every applicant to teach math.

CHEROKEE... Cherokee County -- furthest in the west, is coming to the top, having just received rewards at the National Association of Counties held in Atlanta for School Renovations, County Historical Museum, County Mapping for Planning and Bring-

ing Markets to the Producers. Also, it's Tri-County Technical Institute was changed to Tri-County Community College as of July 1, 1978.

ALARMING... An editorial in the Anson Record has this to say about the sentiment regarding taxes in Anson County, one of the state's oldest units of government, having been established in 1749 from Bladen County. We quote the first of a ten paragraph editorial: "An alarming state of affairs exists in Anson County at the moment with a number of the Board of County Commissioners apparently covering and swaying to the tune of a limited number of irate taxpayers and landowners, and in the process threatening the very foundations of county government."

FARMERS MARKETS... With the high price of groceries and fresh vegetables newly opened Farmers Markets appear to be catching on. One Record reports: "We are cheered by the apparent success of the farmers market that is evidently 'catching on' in the community for the first time after several years of effort." Yes, we strongly suspect that the ever-increasing prices of groceries attribute to farmers markets "catching on" in these two communities as well as elsewhere.

"I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU!"... When the recent president of the Ford Motor Company was having his tilt with his big boss, Henry Ford II, Board Chairman, Ford is reported to have told the company president: "I just don't like you." Well this is the way it is with many people.

The late R. Gregg Cherry and the late Dr. Ralph McDonald who served in the N.C. General Assembly together may have had the same feeling towards each other.

Cherry and McDonald ran for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1944 when Cherry won. In conversation one time Cherry was reported to have made the statement: "I love everybody but I am no damn fool about Dr. McDonald."

By the way to keep history straight, McDonald ran twice for governor, once in 1936 when he was defeated in a run-off by Clyde R. Hoey and again in 1944 by Cherry.

LAW FOR LIVING

By Professor Howard Oleck, Wake Forest Univ. School of Law



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North Carolina Bars Boycotts of Citizens

Foreign governments and persons who try to get Americans to violate American law have become a serious problem in recent years. Thus, the Communists and others persistently try to get American Communists and dissidents to betray U.S. security and other secrets to the Russians, Chinese, etc. -- to help to destroy their own nation. Obviously such cooperation with nations or persons dedicated to our destruction is treason.

A more subtle, but equally dangerous problem is the attempt of such nations and people as the Arab Oil Cartel to set American against American, for the benefit of the foreign powers. This is well illustrated by the Arab Oil Boycott and especially of their boycott of Americans who do business with Israel. The ugliest aspect is the Arab boycott of any American company that has in it workers of the Jewish faith -- on the assumption that Jews will be sympathetic to the Israeli objection to being annihilated by the Arabs. And the worst of this is the Arab League maintenance of a boycott list, barring trade with an American company that does business with an American company that has Jewish workers in it if it also does business with "Zionists."

It is ironic that this obnoxious form of anti-Semitism is carried on by the most Semitic of all people -- the Arabs -- against people who are of the Jewish religion but whose ancestors mostly never came from the Semitic world.

American legislatures, such as the North Carolina legislature, have responded to this kind of war-in-America-by-foreigners-against-Americans. Thus North Carolina enacted a statute in 1977 (Chapter 916; Senate Bill 515) effective Jan. 1, 1978, making clear that it is a crime to aid the Arab boycott by cooperating with it against fellow Americans. The loss of profit by those who want to, but are forbidden, to aid the boycott is small punishment for the vicious greed that is willing to destroy its own countrymen in order to make money.

The statute provides that it is unlawful for any person doing business in North Carolina to directly or indirectly agree "to refuse, fail, or cease to do business in the State with any other person who is domiciled or has a usual place of business in the State, based upon such other person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin or foreign trade relationships." This also covers employment contracts, and other kinds of business relationships.

Violators may be enjoyed by civil action by the Attorney General, with expenses to be awarded to the injured victim of the boycott. Also, treble damages may be awarded in cases of willful violation. Also, the victim may employ other remedies against the violator, such as anti-trust suit, etc.

This is a good statute, in the best tradition of American fair play, as well as in defense of the trust of Americans in each other as fellow citizens.

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