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## CETA falls short

The idea behind the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) was a good one -- provide federal money to hire the unemployed and train them so they can compete in today's job market.

But the practical results of the program have largely defeated its purpose.

Hoke County has gotten word that 27 of its CETA workers will very likely be without jobs at the end of this month. The federal money has run out. It comes as no surprise. The program wasn't meant to last forever.

Since the county can't afford to retain these workers on its own (it would cost \$181,000), they have been notified to sign up with the Employment Security Commission for job placement. So the question is, where are these people going to find their next jobs?

Nineteen of the CETA participants worked as teacher aides in the local school system. Other counties and other states have also employed CETA workers in this capacity. And so, when the federal money stops, it's going to place many more teacher aides in the job market than there will be openings to accommodate them.

It means many of them will end up drawing unemployment, which is exactly what the program sought to prevent.

## Bucks on the move

The Hoke High School football team played an excellent game against Clinton last Friday night. It was a non-conference contest, the first home game of the season, and the Bucks just plain trounced 'em.

The score was 21-6, but Clinton only managed to get on the board in the final 30 seconds. Our defense harassed them unmercifully, and our offense rolled over top of them. It was a fine effort all around and indicates grand possibilities this season for the Bucks.

It's hard to beat the color and excitement of a football game, and Hoke County has one of the nicest stadiums in the state. You can't find a field in better condition, even at a lot of colleges.

The Bucks take on Lakewood here this Friday at 8 o'clock. It should be another exciting game. Make plans to attend.

## Public health week

This week is being observed here as Public Health Week, and local residents are urged to become acquainted with the various programs and services offered by the Hoke County Health Center, located on Central Avenue in Raeford.

Health officials presented a program at the library Monday night, outlining services that are available. Among them are: immunizations, blood pressure checks, sickle cell testing, VD testing, cancer screening clinics, chronic disease control, chest x-rays, family planning, maternity clinics, and an eye clinic.

The staff is eager to help, and if you have health problems or just want to make sure you don't have any, call or go by the center. The number is 875-3717.

## LAW FOR LIVING

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



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Judges and judicial proceedings are "absolutely privileged" in most states and in most cases. The idea is that a court officer must not be afraid to do his duty. He must not be in fear of being sued for damages if he makes a mistake that causes injury to someone.

This is why even judges who act maliciously and with deliberate intent to injure a party in a lawsuit usually are held to be immune from damage suits. The theory is that a judge who is incompetent or vicious will be disciplined, or removed, by the other judges (the "judicial council"). It is a nice theory, but lawyers know that removal or even scolding of a bad judge is so rare as to be practically non-existent in fact.

But this "absolute judicial immunity" does have limits. A recent 1977 case from a state court, in the U.S. Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit, did hold a state trial court judge liable under the federal civil rights statutes. Sparkman v. McFarlin, 552 F.2d 172, concerned a judge who ordered the sterilization of a 15 year old girl. But he had had absolutely no statutory or case law right to do this.

The girl's mother had applied for a court order to sterilize her child. There was a statute in the state permitting sterilization of a person being kept in an institution, under specifically stated reasons (e.g., insanity or the like). But plaintiff

girl was not institutionalized. She and her husband pointed out that there was no statutory authority at all for a judge just to order anybody at all sterilized, as he saw fit. Under the statute, too, an order could be resisted and appealed from.

Here the judge could not even successfully claim to be using his common law authority. He had failed even to follow elementary "due process" principles.

The Court of Appeals, in holding the judge liable, said: "Not only was the plaintiff not given representation, she was not even told what was happening to her. She was afforded no opportunity to contest the validity of her mother's allegations or to have a higher court examine whether the substance of those allegations, even if true, warranted her sterilization."

Thus, this judge was acting "extrajudicially" (outside the law), and had no judicial immunity in so doing.

It is sad how often some judges develop enormous egotism, and think of themselves as possessing godlike power and immunity. An honest mistake should not be grounds for a damage claim against a judge. But when a judge acts in arrogant disregard of law and fairness he should not be immune from punishment and personal liability.

'I read somewhere that white smoke means they agree and black smoke means not yet ...'



The Christian Science Monitor

## HOKUM

By Charles Blackburn

### PLEASE SPARE US

There was a young Corsican, a law student at Padua, who could, without hesitation, repeat 36,000 Latin, Greek, or barbarous words, significant or insignificant, after hearing them only once.

### NEW SHOES

A Raleigh father was taking his young son to have corrective shoes fitted. The lad, who loved his tennis shoes, protested vigorously.

"My leg's gonna hurt a whole lot," he promised.

"Yeah, I know," said his Dad.

"And I won't be able to play ball."

"Maybe you can."

"Well, I'm probably gonna flunk arithmetic!" he threatened.

### HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

In the year 1609, an Englishman named Banks had a horse which he had trained to follow him wherever he went, even over fences and to the roofs of buildings. He and his horse went to the top of that immensely high structure, St. Paul's Church. After many extraordinary performances at home, the horse and his master went to Rome, where they performed feats equally astonishing. But the results was that both Banks and the horse were burned, by order of the Pope, as enchanters.

### FLATTERING REMARKS

During a campaign an opponent

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor: I have never believed that human nature doesn't exist in Russia but according to an article I read the other day the Russian government has set out to prove it doesn't. It's seeking a "psychological breakthrough" that'll make a person like whatever job he's told to do.

Discovering that its high schools are turning out too many college prospects and not enough manual labor prospects, the Russian leaders have issued a mandate to cut it out. Stop teaching so much literature and other fancy subjects, they say. Too many students are trying to make high grades in high school so they can get into college and wind up with a desk job.

The school teachers naturally will comply. I can hear them saying to their students: "This morning we will take up the subject of the Joy of Digging Post Holes." Next day it'll be "The Delights of Changing A Flat Tire In Mid-August." The text books will be written by somebody who's never done either.

I don't know why, but there are people who like physical work and would be miserable behind a desk, and there are others behind desks who'd be flops anywhere else. If Russia can change that she's working with a different sort of human being I'm acquainted with.

Personally I like working with my hands, like turning the pages of a newspaper or hitting the keys on a typewriter, but as for digging post holes and changing flats, those courses never were offered in the school I went to.

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

said to Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, "I hear you have been going around lying about me."  
 "You're lucky," Smith answered. "If I told the truth about you, you'd have to leave town."

### EXPENSIVE SEDATIVE

A prominent officeholder wrote the Collector of Internal Revenue as follows: "I have experienced great difficulty lately in getting proper sleep because of a guilty conscience in not having fully paid my income tax. I am, therefore, enclosing my check in the amount of \$1,000. If I find that I still cannot sleep, I will forward to you the balance."

### ARTISTIC LICENSE

Tintoret, an Italian painter, in a picture of the Children of Israel gathering manna, took the precaution to arm them with modern guns. Durer, in his scene of Peter denying Christ, represents a Roman soldier very comfortably smoking a pipe of tobacco. In a Dutch picture of Abraham offering up his son, instead of the patriarch's "stretching forth his hand and taking the knife," as the Scriptures inform us, he is represented as holding to Isaac's head a more effectual and modern instrument -- a blunderbuss. In a picture by Verrio of Christ healing the sick, the lookers-on are shown with periwigs on their heads. A French artist drew the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve in all their primeval simplicity and virtue, while near them, in full costume, is seen a hunter with a gun, shooting ducks.



Read I John 3:1-3

"When he appears we shall be like him." (1 John 3:2 RSV)

When I was newly entered in Chaplain's School, a drill sergeant lined us up. He chose eight men who were of an even height and said to us, "You are the Honor Squad. You will represent this school in the drill competition."

After we were dismissed I went to him and said, "Sergeant, you will have to get someone else. I have no sense of rhythm. I am awkward. I am dumb. I will foul everybody up."

He said to me, "I've noticed that. You are awkward. You are dumb. You are on the Honor Squad."

Then he worked us, and we were all what I said I was. But he worked us. When the day of competition came, we were good. We were very good. We won. We were the Honor Squad.

You and I are not what we ought to be, but we do belong to Jesus Christ. He can take us as we are and make us what we ought to be. We are His, and He will shape us.

PRAYER: O Lord, fashion us after Your will. Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: We are not pushed by the past, but pulled forward by the future.

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 --John B. Warman (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



**FREE MEALS** -- In Washington County and probably others, free meals were provided to more than half, or 57.7 percent of students in the county last year while 29.8 were paid. Reduced price meals amounted to 12.3 percent. No major changes are expected this year.

**GENE ON CARTER** -- Gene Smith, editor of the *Havelock Progress* in Craven County, in commenting on President Carter's standing in the polls, writes: "Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and now Carter have all faced this problem, losing support in mid-term when it is weighed against their first week after election or first week after inauguration. We've often thought the incumbents let such happen, wanting to see their popularity polls drop during the first two years so they could 'bottom out' and then catch the groundswell of the rebound as they began their serious re-election campaign."

**TODAY & 20 YEARS AGO** -- An editorial in the Halifax County "This Week" newspaper says:

"Twenty years ago there were fewer than 100 federal-aid programs for state and local governments, totalling \$2.2 billion, and amounting nationwide to 10.4 percent of all state and local government funds. Today there are more than a thousand federal grant, loan and subsidy programs scattered through a confusing bureaucratic maze... The total of the various programs today is more than \$85 billion and represents 26.2 percent of all state and local revenues." No wonder Uncle Sam is in debt head over heels and more so with each passing day.

**CHURCH SCHOOLS** -- With the low rating of a number of the public schools in North Carolina, many people may feel that it would be in the interest of quality education if the State remained hands-off the church schools, as indications are that they are getting along as well, if not better, than the state-supported schools.

**COMPETENCY TESTS** -- While some people have been critical of the Competency Testing program in our public schools, from what we can hear the great majority feel that it is one of the best approaches to determining the quality of class-room teaching that has been initiated in North Caro-

lina in quite a while. We think it's a move in the right direction.

**CHEROKEES** -- The county commissioners in Cherokee County are concerned about road making decisions. According to the *Cherokee Scout* the county commissioners recently criticized state secondary roads policy in a meeting with state highway engineers. While the Cherokee commissioners declined to take official action on the matter the discussion was spirited and the commissioners made their views known.

**SHERIFF GOODMAN** -- Sheriff R.W. Goodman of Richmond County has requested and secured a commitment from the county commissioners stating that the county will support law enforcement officers if legal action is brought against them. Goodman said the officers need to know they will have the county's support if they go into a situation with good intentions and an error in human judgment is made. The commissioners agreed that the county will provide defendants in such action with legal assistance.

**BREATH OF FRESH AIR** -- An editorial in the *Franklin Times* has this to say about Governor Hunt's proposal for tax relief: Governor Hunt's proposal for a tax rebate to North Carolina taxpayers is a breath of fresh air to taxpayers who realize that as long as government income increases government expenditures increase accordingly... Although state officials and possibly state workers may oppose the tax rebate, Governor Hunt would do well by the people to give that relief if possible as inflation eats away at their spendable income.

**AN OPPORTUNITY** -- While at this writing we do not know what the outcome of the Camp David meeting between President Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, we feel sure that President Carter made the most of his Christian background and teachings to bring the two leaders of the Bible land of old together to work out their problems in a friendly and Christian atmosphere of "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." The meeting was a great opportunity for President Carter, and also for Begin and Sadat. We hope that the three made the most of it.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 10, 1953

At its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night the board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford began to get the machinery in motion to get several of the town's streets paved in the next few months.

Representative H.A. Greene announced this week that there would be a meeting at the courthouse at 8 o'clock Monday night of citizens interested in passage of the two bond issues by the voters of the state in the election on October 3.

At the final game of the 1953 Carolina League baseball season in Fayetteville Monday night Mal McKeithan, Raeford's contribution to professional baseball received a nineteen-jewel Elgin wrist watch for being the most popular player on the Fayetteville squad this year.

Tobacco prices on the Aberdeen market for September 8 was for an average of \$57.71 per hundred.

A large crowd is expected for the opening football game at Armory Park Friday night when the Hoke High Bucks open against Chadbourne. Captain Benny McLeod will lead the backfield forces from the left halfback position and the speedy swiftness hipster is one of the few bright spots in the present setup.

J.M. Broughton, Jr., Raleigh attorney and son of the late governor and United States senator, spoke to the Raeford Kiwanis Club at its regular weekly meeting in the high school cafeteria last Thursday night.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 12, 1963

Hoke County airport committee was advised last week to hire an engineer to develop the project, which must get under way before Jan. 2 if \$10,000 in federal funds is to be available.

Hoke County Public Library today neared its goal in a drive for \$3,270 with which to renovate the library building on West Elwood Ave.

Neill Adams McNeill, 78, longtime resident of Raeford, died in Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst last Thursday night after a brief illness.

Bryan Miller of Rockfish has accepted the position of choir director at Raeford Methodist Church.

Halfback Eddie Baker, just out of the bed with a virus infection, came off the bench, Friday night to score two touchdowns for Hoke High, giving the Bucks a 14-7 come-from-behind victory over Lumberton.

Hoke County Civic Center has been equipped with 100 folding chairs and 12 six-foot folding tables and is ready for use. Charles Hostetler, president of the center, told the clubwomen at the Home Demonstration Club County Council Tuesday.

A quarterly report filed by Mayor H.R. McLean shows that of the 88 cases handled by him in Mayor's Court, 67 were for traffic violations.