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Your Honor with honor

District Court Judge Joseph Dupree deserves the public's highest respect and admiration for his action in his trial last week on a charge of driving under the influence.

Essentially, the judge admitted he'd made a mistake, and he was man enough to take the consequences. Over the years, we've seen others in public positions successfully attempt to get themselves off the hook in trials on charges as embarrassing as Judge Dupree's, rather than admit guilt and take their medicine.

Judge Dupree, however, chose the way of honor and dignity, and considering his position as a representative of the system of justice, it took guts.

By choosing that way, he showed he is a credit to his office and more than worthy enough to hold it, and set an example for people of any position who find themselves in similar circumstances to follow.

Chief District Court Judge D.S. Carter said last week he would return Judge Dupree to the bench, regardless of the result of the trial.

This is justice, in view of the character of the man, if for no other reason.

--BL

Good examples

David Walton and John Balfour merit a standing ovation for their performances in the production of soybeans.

In 1978, Walton produced the state's highest yield in 1978--66.2 bushels per acre -- and Balfour the fifth highest -- 58 -- in the statewide contest sponsored by the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association.

The yields were obtained with modern scientific farming practices on Balfour's land in the Lumber Bridge area.

Essentially what the figures mean is these men were practicing conservation of resources in the pure sense of the word -- getting as much as they could under the conditions from what they had to work with.

They are setting good examples for others to follow, especially in these times when waste is so common it's not even news, but also in any times.

--BL

The community colleges job

It would be a good idea for a nonpolitical administrator to be chosen for the job of director of the state's community colleges system.

The system doesn't need the political odor that the appointment of Robert Scott would give it.

Scott has been boosted by, among others, people in the General Assembly and friends of him and his father, Kerr Scott, the late former North Carolina governor, state agriculture commissioner and U.S. senator.

A bill in the General Assembly last week would require that consideration for appointment to a top state position be given first to a citizen of North Carolina. The bill doesn't mention the community colleges job but it obviously is designed for it and Scott.

The committee established to find a new director of the system chose Dr. Harry Blake, president of Fraser Valley College in British Columbia, to be recommended for the appointment.

Gov. Jim Hunt told new people he had no favorite, but had urged the committee to give Scott its fullest and fairest consideration. Hunt had been pressured by Scott backers to support Scott, and on top of that both Scotts had helped Hunt's political career.

Scott, with his experience as a state government administrator in the state's two top elective offices, may be qualified to run the state community colleges system.

But as a former governor and lieutenant-governor, he is associated with politics, and his appointment would have to be considered political.

Consequently, a qualified administrator with no state political aura would be the wise choice.

--BL

Letter To The Editor

P.O. Box 326
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Dear Sir:

I am looking forward in receiving "The News-Journal" for a year. The long article about the late, Dr. Julius F. Jordan was well written. He was my dentist for twenty-five years. I have visited the Hoke Memorial Library. It is a most interesting place to visit.

My father, Seaton J. Womble worked with the Sexton brothers in the old Raeford Hdwe. Co. long years ago. They opened up the Scotland Hdwe. Co. Inc. in Wagram in 1910. My father was in the hdwe. business over 65 years. He died in 1976 at the age of 91. He

was well known and loved by lots of people. Maybe you had the opportunity to have met him. If you are a "Jr." - he probably knew your father.

Do you know the whereabouts of Mrs. Lottie I. Thomasson? She and her (late) husband were family friends. I would like to get her current address, if possible.

I do a lot of trade in Hoke County and like to keep up with the news.

Thank you, for publishing an interesting and helpful news paper.

Do you have a list of all the churches with the addresses and minister's name in your paper?

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Lottie R. Womble



It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

Somebody ought to get gymnastics started in the schools. To me, it's always been the ideal all-around developer of coordination and balance for a lifetime, as well as of muscle and limberness. Besides, it's a lot of fun.

It's for everyone: kindergartener, to every senior senior citizen and those in between; boy, girl, man, woman; short and tall; flyweight and heavyweight; and even the blind, deaf, mute and, to some degree, the lame.

It's a sport itself and it's good training for any other sport.

My interest in gymnastics was revived last week mainly by the report of Linda Glisson's performance in the Eastern Sectionals at Burlington, and also by the television performances of a 7-year-old on the trampoline and a 10-year-old on the flying trapeze.

I learned gymnastics in New York in the early 1930s. It was a standard part of physical ed classes in many schools there in the 1920s and probably earlier.

Somebody said the other day gymnastics is too dangerous to be taught in the schools.

Under the supervision, there's little risk for the student by the time he or she becomes skilled enough to try the risking figures. No gymnastics instructor will tell a kid who can't even do a forward roll on the mat to try a flyaway off the horizontal bar.

The students are taught and practice the basic figures. This gradually develops their coordination and balance and their self-confidence.

The instructor also has safety equipment that keeps a student from getting hurt in a fall.

One of the few who can earn a letter in gymnastics at Carolina before World War II was a law student named Jack Wardlaw.

Wardlaw was blind. And it was a 65-year-old man who won the free exercise in the 1939 national AAU gymnastics championships at the U.S. Naval Academy I saw him do it. He was competing against gymnasts in their 'teens and 20s.

Gymnastics is one of those things you can enjoy doing for a life time, like golf, horseback riding, tennis or judo.

All you need is a yard. Gymnastics comes easiest to lightweights, but heavyweights become, to a degree, lightweights after they've been working out regularly for a while.

Those who will be heavyweights even when they're at their best weight, however, can look at Joe Galliambardo and find joy. Joe was national AAU tumbling champion in the '30s.

He also played tackle for the University of Illinois. He was about 6 feet tall and weight about 200 pounds.

Up to World War II, Carolina had no gym team.

You earned your letter (a minor) by performing a series of prescribed movements in tumbling, and on the horizontal bar, flying rings, parallel bars, buck and side horse. The judge and instructor was Dr. Robert Baker Lawson, a Chapel Hill physician who was on the UNC physical ed staff. He was in his 50s or even early 60s then, but he personally demonstrated the figures, and he did it gracefully and made it look easy.

Every now and then one of the athletes from other sports would drop in and work out. Dr. Lawson said work on the flying rings was

good for a pole vaulter, among others.

One of the visitors one day was Foster Fitzsimmons. He asked, and I showed him, some exercises on the parallel bars. He said he wanted to work at them to help with his ballet.

Linda, incidentally, also is studying ballet, her mother says, because ballet and her gymnastics "go together."

Practicing ballet helps the gymnast, and practicing gymnastics, as Fitzsimmons saw, helps the ballet dancer.

Learning gymnastics, though, isn't easy. I found it discouraging, more discouraging than anything else I ever tried.

I learned to do a simple handstand, for instance, only after I'd practiced it 10 times a day, on the mat, parallel bars and side horse. I don't know how many times I practiced it, before it finally came.

You go through the same figure a thousand times and fail. You say, "The heck with it." But then you say, "I'll give it one more try."

So you do, and you do it, perfectly.

The change you get more than makes up for the disappointment and discouragement of all those failures that went before.

And the benefit gymnastics gives comes from trying?

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, February 4, 1954

The fifth annual presentation of the Raeford Kiwanis Club's "Man of the Year" award to the man of the community considered most outstanding was made to Paul Dickson, for the year 1953 at the Kiwanis Club's "Ladies Night" last Thursday.

Officials of the Hoke County Health Department and the Hoke County Tuberculosis Association reported this week that the mobile X-ray unit which has been operating on Main Street in Raeford has taken chest X-rays of nearly an estimated 9,000 adults in Hoke County.

Dr. Julius Jordan, dentist, and his brother, Dr. Riley M. Jordan, physician, moved on Monday into their new office building on Campus Avenue.

Census report shows that 12,190 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke County from the crop of 1953 prior to January 16, 1954, as compared to 13,267 bales for the 1952 crop.

Joseph Calvin Campbell, died at his home on Shannon, route 1, at 2:15 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, and funeral services will be held at Antioch Presbyterian Church at 3:30 Friday afternoon.

The town commissioners of Raeford voted to sell \$50,000 in street improvement bonds at once.

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



HOOVER ADAMS... Hoover Adams, editor and publisher of the *Dunn Daily Record*, was elated when President Carter fired Bella Abzug as head of the National Advisory Committee on Women. A few days later, Adams, his wife Mellicent, and their son, Raleigh attorney Brent Adams, were at the White House to attend a reception given by President and Mrs. Carter for the National Democratic Finance Council. "Mr. President, I want to congratulate you for firing Bella Abzug," Adams told Carter. The *Dunn* newsman said the President broke out into a big smile and replied, "I'm afraid I made some people mad," to which Adams replied, "Yes, Mr. President, but you made more people glad." He said his remarks seemed to please Mr. Carter immensely. While in Washington, Adams and his son were at the White House a second time as the guest of White House aide Joel McCleary and Wallace Hyde. They went to see Vice President Mondale swear in Bruce Lewellyn as president of the Overseas Research Investment Corporation. Adams is a member of the National Finance Council but says he'll be spending the next two years raising money for U.S. Senator Robert Morgan's re-election campaign.

INFLATION CONFERENCE...

I attended the conference in Raleigh last Thursday called by Governor Hunt and Dr. Leo Jenkins, the governor's righthand man in fighting inflation in North Carolina. Chief speaker at the meeting was Alfred E. Kahn, chairman of President Carter's Council on Wage and Price Stability. Governor Hunt is an ardent supporter of Carter's program to hold down inflation and his conference last week, attended by some 450 people from over the state marked the first state-wide meeting of this nature in the United States.

Chairman Kahn lauded Hunt for his initiative in calling the meeting and said that they would attempt to set-up similar conferences in the other states of the union. Kahn invited Hunt to attend a coordinated inflation program in Washington Feb. 21 which will be headed by

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

It's hard to understand how the government can tell you how much farmers' incomes increased in 1978 even before farmers have filed their income tax reports, and at the same time can't find out who stole a billion dollars worth of coal from the government.

Yet the Department of Agricul-

President Carter.

Kahn is a former dean at Cornell University. In a humorous manner Hunt made mention of a college or university dean, saying he had heard it said that "a dean was to a college faculty what a hydrant was to a dog."

SCOTTS... Former Governor Bob Scott and his uncle -- State Senator Ralph Scott let out with some plain language last week against Governor Hunt, which was characteristic of the late Governor W. Kerr Scott, in characterizing Hunt's handling of the selection of the new president of the community college system in North Carolina.

HEALTH CARE... Speaking of inflation and how the cost of hospitalization has gone out of sight to many people, it may be a ready-made issue for Ted Kennedy come primary and election time 1980. Senator Kennedy is a fore-runner on this issue which is close to the hearts of many people.

PATTY HEARST... I was glad to see President Carter grant executive clemency to Patty Hearst, and believe the great majority of our citizens will applaud the action.

CALIFORNIA... When California voted for "Proposition 13" several months ago probably few people thought it would have the effect across the nation which has followed. It, in a civil way is somewhat like the "Boston Massacre" back on March 5, 1770 when British troops fired into a mob killing five men and wounding several other -- yes the shot that was heard half way around the world culminating in a seven-year war and a new nation!

LEGISLATIVE BUILDING... While in Raleigh last week I dropped by the legislative building for a few minutes and renewed acquaintance with some of the legislators, among them being Tom White, Jimmy Green, Jim Speed and others. ERA lobbyists were much in evidence. According to the National Woman's Education Fund, women make up 10.2% of state legislators, up from 9.3% before last November's elections. Colorado and New Hampshire are the only states where women hold 20% or more of the legislative seats, the fund reports.

ture has already announced that farm income in 1978 was up 25 per cent over the previous year so agriculture must be looking up. This is like saying a man who has been working for one dollar an hour and has been raised to two dollars should jump for joy because he's had a 100 per cent increase in his income.

I wish the Secretary of Agriculture would gather up all the farmers who NET incomes jumped 25 per cent last year and haul them around the country for the rest of us to see. It wouldn't cost much. He could get them in the back of his car.

Now about that stolen coal. As I understand it, the government owns a lot of land in some states with coal under it and people have been stealing it. They haven't been just picking up a lump at a time and toting it off in a sack, they've been strip-mining it with mammoth machines in broad daylight and hauling it off in hundreds of big trucks, up to a billion dollars worth.

You might ask, how could they get away with it? Why didn't the government notice?

You've got to understand how the government works. It takes time to uncover fraud. First you've got to find a committee to investigate the rumors and all the committees may already be tied up investigating frauds on other places, maybe frauds in other committees. Sometimes there just aren't enough committees to go around. Then you've got to hire special investigators to stake out the suspected theft area. This takes time.

Then the investigators have got to slip in, after dark when the bulldozers aren't operating, and spray a batch of the stuff with a powder that glows under an ultraviolet light.

Come morning, unless it's their day off, they set up a roadblock and red-handedly capture a trucker hauling marked coal. This gives them adequate evidence when the trial comes up six months or a year or two from now.

With an open-and-shut case like this, the trucker is tried, convicted and given a suspended sentence. The owners of the operation who've made off with a billion dollars worth of stolen coal are fined a thousand dollars apiece, or would be if they could be found and it turned out they failed to contribute to a single political campaign.

Your faithfully,
J.A.

Hoke County apparently has lost out on an experimental program being financed by the North Carolina Fund in an effort to cut down on poverty in the state.