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Help for Children's Center

Last week's appeal for county financial support to keep the Hoke County Children's Center open raised two questions.

One is: why is the federal government cutting down its support of this program (to 75 percent from 100 percent of the budget)?

The other is: why the private cerebral palsy program isn't helping?

Judy Hendrix told the Hoke County commissioners, then The Raeford City Council the Center needs to get \$15,000 of its \$60,000 budget locally for the next fiscal year or close up.

The reason is, she said, that the federal Title XX program will provide 75 percent for the next year instead of all the funds, as it has been doing the past two years.

Replying to a question, she told the City Council that financial support from the cerebral palsy group wasn't available to the Center, for reasons she didn't know.

The question arose because four of the children being helped by the Center have cerebral palsy.

Consequently it is natural to expect the Center can get money from that source. The annual campaign raises millions nationally, every year, and Hoke County people give to the campaign every year.

The value of the Center to the handicapped children has been and is being demonstrated regularly. It is one program that has been worth what has been spent on it and should be maintained.

Some help certainly should come from the cerebral palsy account, and the rest should come from the federal government.

There must be an explanation of why it hasn't come from CP and why the federal people have cut their support, but it hasn't been made public yet.

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Separate wardens necessary

The Hoke County commissioners made the right choice last week in providing for appointment of a county dog warden instead of looking for a joint, cost-sharing program with the City of Raeford.

Though a joint program would save some money for the county, the combined city and county responsibility is more than one warden can handle properly.

Archie Clark, whose death left the county position to be filled, picked up about 1,200 dogs a year in the county areas outside the city.

The warden is subject to call at any time of the day or night.

The city also has a leash law the warden must enforce. This says essentially dogs must be kept on a leash or under other control by their owners. The purpose is to protect people and their property, the latter from damage to ordinary nuisance (such as overturning of garbage cans).

In this connection, newly arrived dog owners in town should be informed immediately of the leash law. This was suggested by a writer to *The News-Journal*.

"New people who move in don't know it," the writer says.

The card also adds that "people who do know are getting less and less inclined to enforce it. And soon this will create as bad a situation as before it was passed."

The writer likes dogs, he notes, but not when they are allowed to run loose.

Besides picking up dangerous and sick strays and others wandering loose and those showing no tags indicating they've been inoculated against rabies, the dog warden has the responsibility of taking care of the animals in the pound and notifying people their dogs have been impounded.

Doubling up on city and county dog control is not so simple as doubling up, for example, on trash collection. Handling dogs also takes some one with a humane attitude toward animals, as Mr. Clark had.

It's not a job that should be done in a hurry, which it would have to be, if it covered both city and county.

Then, too, Hoke County's reputation must be considered setting up the best system possible.

A mismanaged dog-control program can give a county a bad one far beyond its boundaries, and rather quickly.

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This Is The Law

In the trial of a case, civil or criminal, the various "officers of the court" have various functions. The principal officer of the court is the judge. He rules on points of law and insists upon an orderly trial procedure. In addition, if there is no jury, he also decides the facts. The sheriff and his deputies keep order in the courtroom and take charge of the jury.

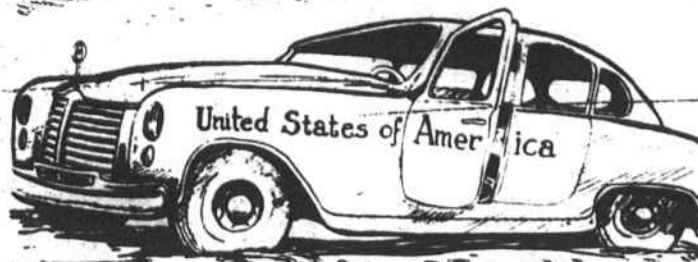
The court reporter makes a transcript of the proceedings and marks exhibits for identification. The Clerk of Superior Court, or

one of his assistants, keeps the records of court proceedings.

The lawyers, even those in private practice, are also officers of the court. Their duty is to present the evidence and argue the law for their clients. Trial lawyers are advocates. They put forth their clients' side of the case so that the judge and jury may reach a just decision. In a criminal case this could mean that the client's side of the case is merely a statement of "not guilty" since the State always has to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Coconut oil? Olive oil?
Peanut oil? Cottonseed oil...?



It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

Spring arrived March 1, no matter what the calendar says.

Ann Webb said so the other day. The reason is the first tourists of the new year stopped at her house.

They are two purple martins. They took up in one of the gourd nests she keeps on the premises. Two more moved into another apartment the next day.

Between then and March 7, six more couples arrived.

Ann expects they'll keep coming in pairs till all 24 of the gourds are occupied.

The nests are up on a home-made tree.

Since most traffic accidents are caused by bad manners, good

manners ought to be encouraged.

The Asheville Jaycees, for example, once had a practice of giving recognition to courteous drivers.

Driving his personal (unmarked) car, a Jaycee would pick a vehicle at random and follow it for several blocks, observing the way it was handled, like refraining from cutting across another vehicle's path, and slowing down to allow pedestrians to cross the street before making a turn, generally observing all the traffic rules and signals, and respecting the other driver's right-of-way.

If the observed driver's conduct satisfied the observer, the Jaycee would signal the driver to stop, then congratulate him or her, give the driver a certificate complimenting him or her for courteous (safe) driving, and the story of the courteous-driving citation would be published in the local newspaper.

I still remember it after experiencing it about 25 years ago. I got one and I still feel proud of it.

It was a particularly remarkable achievement because at the time I had two children and a large dog named Duncan in the car with me.

It's something that Hoke County Jaycees or any other organization might consider sponsoring in cooperation with the county law enforcement officers.

A bad night on the tube can become an educational thing.

On checking the ABC, NBC and CBS stations one evening, I found nothing I considered worth the time to watch.

So I switched to Channel 4 (the educational channel, UNC-TV).

There I was greeted with a discussion of the progress being made in the development of controlled thermonuclear fusion reactions as a source of energy.

So naturally I switched back to one of the situation comedies.

After watching that for a couple of minutes, I switched back to the thermonuke program.

It was informative at least, and also more entertaining than anything else on the tube.

Incidentally, it will be quite a while before controlled thermonuclear fusions will be heating and lighting the old home place.

For the information of those who haven't poked around in nuclear matters, the blast of a hydrogen bomb is a thermonuclear fusion reaction that isn't controlled. The energy is produced by the coming together (fusion) of nuclei of atoms.

This is the opposite of the so-called atom bomb. The energy of the atom bomb is created by the splitting of nuclei.

When the fusion work becomes successful -- meaning when fusion reaction can be maintained continuously -- it will provide a source of energy whose fuel will be sea water and will produce no radioactive waste.

This means that, eventually, thermonukes could be running cars, trucks, trains, planes, generators and every other gadget that now needs gas, oil, coal, or gasoline.

That, of course, is years away, maybe 100, since no reaction up to now has been sustained even for more than a fraction of a second, and the best way to achieve a sustained fusion reaction hasn't even been found yet.

But the hope itself is a bright light in a dark sky.

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



JIMMY GREEN -- I haven't talked with Jimmy Green or any of his inside advisors regarding the rumors that are going on about his joining the Republican Party and running for governor on that ticket in 1980.

My first thought was that it was preposterous. As time passed and the talk continued, I thought about Jesse Helms leaving the Democratic Party in North Carolina, joining up with the Republicans and winning the election. That, of course was in 1972 when McGovern was the Democratic candidate for President, and Nixon, running for re-election carried every state except Massachusetts.

I also thought of Strom Thurmond in South Carolina who seems to win on any ticket he chooses to run on -- even by a write-in vote, which was the way he won his first election to the United States Senate many years ago. Thurmond had served as a Democratic governor of South Carolina. In 1948 along with Governor Wright of Mississippi, Thurmond bolted the Democratic Party and ran for President on the States Right Party, carrying four states, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. In 1972 Thurmond sought re-election to the United States Senate as a Republican and won, and again in 1978, he won as a Republican.

A few years ago U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. switched from that of a Democrat to that of an Independent and won.

Here in North Carolina in 1972, Helms who had been an active Democrat, serving as administrative assistant to the late U.S. Senator Willis Smith, signed up with the Republican party and won over Congressman Nick Galifianakis, a Democrat, for the U.S. Senate, by a vote of 795,248 to 677,293. Last year -- in 1978 Helms won re-election over Insurance Commissioner Ingram by a vote of 619,151 to Ingram's 516,663.

On the other hand, Governor Jim Hunt is regarded as a strong vote-getter. He won big for lieutenant governor in the primary and general election in 1972 when Nixon and Holshouser were carrying the state. Again in 1976 he won over a field of able candidates in the first primary

for governor, and again in the general election by a vote of 1,081,293 to 564,102 for David F. Feherty, Republican. Hunt has a built-in organization ready to go against any opponent.

Yes, just some musings concerning 1980!

DRINKING -- The Vietnam era saw 18 states accept the argument "old enough to fight, old enough to be an adult" and dropped legal drinking age to 18.

Now, with teen-age alcoholism on the rise, lawmakers in several states have changed their minds. Maine, Michigan have restored the age limits of 20 and 21 respectively. Minnesota, Montana and Iowa compromised at 19. In Massachusetts the Senate has acted to raise the age to 19 and the House wants to raise it to 21.

Mike Donovan, an assistant in Boston's police commissioner, termed the lowering of the drinking age to 18 "a disaster."

State Secretary of Transportation, Tom Bradshaw, says: "North Carolina has more driving under the influence arrests per capita than any other state." Continuing, Bradshaw said: "Studies indicate this is especially true as the consumption of alcohol increases every year."

DINNERS -- On Friday, April 6, the annual Democratic Legislative Alumni will hold its meeting at the Hilton Motor Inn in Raleigh.

The annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner will be held in Raleigh on Saturday, April 7, at the Civic Center.

WATER -- Water, an absolute necessity of life; too much of it can be as destructive as fire, and without it man or beast cannot live. People seldom become concerned about it unless there is too much or too little, or when it becomes polluted to the extent that it is unusable by man or animal.

Meetings have started this week -- the first being held on March 12 in Greenville. Others will be held across the state as follows, Monday, March 19, Carmichael Humanities Lecture Hall, Asheville; and Tuesday, March 27, Hall of Justice, Winston-Salem both at 7 p.m. Citizens concerned about water quality are urged to voice their opinions at one of these meetings.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

15 years ago

Thursday, March 11, 1954

The State Highway Patrol got one of its "Whammies" working in the county again last week with the result that there were 32 cases of speeding on the docket for Tuesday's session of Hoke recorder's court before Judge T.O. Moses.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the American Red Cross, announced this week that the officers and men of Battery 'A', 130th Antiaircraft Battalion, local National Guard unit, has accepted the responsibility of conducting the annual Red Cross drive in Hoke County this year.

The need for a "permanent, bi-partisan, long-range National farm program which will not be jeopardized by every shift in the political winds" was stressed here Friday by State Agriculture Commissioners L.Y. Ballentine.

From Rockfish News:

The landscape gardening is still going on Fayetteville St., but some of the lawns look very much neglected.

Baseball practice started at Hoke High last Wednesday with 21 hopeful candidates out to win starting positions.

One of the finest and best coached girls basketball teams ever produced at Hoke High won the Fayetteville Invitational Tournament Friday night over a scrappy Lumberton team by a score of 76 to 69. Hodgins, Guin, Dark, Scull, McLean, Everleigh and Linthicum all turned in a fine job for the Hoke team.

Thursday, March 12, 1964

The Board of Directors have accepted the resignation of R.B. Stone as manager of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, Harold Gillis, president, announced.

Hoke County Recorder's Court completed its 10,000th case since January, 1950, this week and began a new with case number one.

Sheriff's officers destroyed two stalls and arrested four men in Blue Springs Township during the week-end.

Two cucumber sheds and grading stations are being erected in Hoke County by two firms which will encourage increased production this spring.

Three Hoke school basketball players, Nat Heyward, Don Koonce and David Hodgins, have made the second team of the District II all-star squad.

Robert Michael (Mike) Wood, 22, has passed examinations before the N.C. Board of Pharmacy and is now a registered pharmacist.

William Monroe McFadden, 84, a lifelong resident of Hoke County and a prominent farmer here, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville.

How much more money will residents of Hoke County have in their pockets this year, thanks to the new reductions in federal income taxes? The answer: about \$676,680.