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'So now do you need us any more, chief?'

The Christian Science Monitor

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## Sites study money

The \$30,000 Hoke County will try to get to finance inventorying of the county's best possible sites for industry sounds like public money that would be well spent.

As Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford - Hoke County Chamber of Commerce, told the county commissioners before the commissioners before the commissioners approved applying for the federal grant, it would provide for prospective industries an appraisal of each desirable site and also give the county the opportunity to decide what industries the county should encourage to come and where they would be established. Essentially it would provide the basis for sensible, orderly economic development.

In connection with site studies, the hope is an incoming industry would not be located on land good for agricultural production. At the same meeting last week in which the commissioners approved applying for the study grant, County Agricultural Extension Chairman Wendell Young told them speakers at U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland's meeting Nov. 28 in Fayetteville pointed out, among other things:

--Good agricultural land in the United States is being paved -- taken out of production or possible production -- at the rate of 27,000 acres a day. This amounts in a year to an area the size of North Carolina. The same concern was voiced about 25 years ago by leaders of the National Conservation Society in its annual convention in Asheville.

--Eastern seaboard states, which include North Carolina, will have to produce more food -- agricultural commodities -- in the next 10 years because West Coast farmers will be shipping their products to Japan and other Far East markets, to get a higher income after expenses than they can get from the Eastern U.S. markets. The reason is their income has been reduced by increased costs of shipping their commodities East by rail or truck.

Any consideration of land for industrial development will, of course, have the land's value for agricultural production, particularly of food, in mind.

## It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

I forgot to mention in last week's column about Don Marquis's book, "archie and mehitabel" that in their previous lives archie was an actor and mehitabel was a burlesque queen.

Mehitabel in her second "life" in the book is an alley cat.

This idea comes from one of the Asiatic religions which has the belief that when a human dies his soul passes into another creature, not necessarily human. It's called the transmigration of souls.

I heard the other day some kids have been snatching parsley and selling it to unsuspecting "customers" as marijuana.

A few years ago in Randolph County a kid sold a pack of "marijuana" cigarettes to a high school student.

A teacher found the cigarettes when she became suspicious because the student was acting groggy, as though drugged.

The peddler was found, but the only thing they could pin on him was taking money under false pretenses. The analysis of the cigarettes showed the "grass" was just that: real grass.

The student was acting groggy because she thought she had been smoking marijuana. What she was getting "high" on was the power of

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

The number of hard choices a person has is frequently determined by the amount of information he has. I'd have been better off if I hadn't read a newspaper one day last week.

One article in it reported that there's a mass movement of city people to the country. "People have been pouring from cities to rural areas at the rate of 300,000 a year -- one of the greatest migrations since frontier days."

I immediately began figuring how to stop this. Tell city people life in the country is hard, in some areas television pictures come in blurred, there's no garage pick-ups, no policemen, you're a long way from a doctor, your septic tank may overflow, it costs \$25 just to have a plumber come out to tell you he has to go back to town for more tools.

Then I turned a page in the paper and found another article. It said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is worried about nuclear power plants located near big cities and is thinking of putting future ones out in the country where there are fewer people to be hurt in case of an accident.

I slid to a stop. Which is worse, having city people over-run the countryside or keeping it rural and thinly populated and running the risk of having nuclear power plants thrown in our lap?

That's a hard choice. The anti-nuclear people contend a plant failure and the accompanying fall-out can damage generations to come. But the way city people are operating their crime-ridden cities, who's to say a fall-out of them into a rural area won't damage the countryside for generations to come?

I'm sorry I read that newspaper.  
Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

suggestion.

Mrs. John Glisson is getting a lot of exercise from gymnastics -- not hers but her daughter Linda's.

She helped dig a pit about 12 feet deep at the Durham gymnastics school her daughter attends. The pit later was filled with a cushioning material to provide a protective mat for the gymnasts while they are practicing figures on the apparatus. Parents of other gymnasts helped with the digging.

Gymnastics also has her traveling, since Linda is too young to get a driver's license to drive to the school at Durham and the tournaments she competes in. The big trip will be to Washington, D.C., soon.

Linda is going to observe the national tournament there and get familiar with the procedures as well as meet foremost U.S. gymnasts. The tournament is for Class I athletes, and Linda currently is in Class 11.

The cold weather of last week and stories of creatures, like the two-legged mouse found in Hoke County, reminded me of an uncomfortable experience a hitchhiker had in Haywood County one cold day.

Heading for Waynesville from his home in Maggie Valley, he got a ride with a young man in a closed car with a good heater running. On the way to Waynesville, about six miles down the road, the driver looked behind him in the rear at a sack on the floor every now and then. He seemed anxious, so the hitchhiker asked him what he was looking at.

"I've got a rattler in that sack," the driver explained, taking another quick, anxious look behind him, "and he's asleep because he was cold before I put him in the car. But he's warming up now, and I want to get him home before he wakes up and crawls out of there."

The hitchhiker left the car immediately, even before it stopped moving.

Then there was the story about the tourist on his first trip to Florida. On a beach at St. Petersburg, he started for the water to have a swim, but then he thought he'd better check on something.

"Any sharks around here?" he asked a workman. "Nope," came the reply.

The tourist was just about to dive into the water when the workman explained: "The barracuda scare them away."

Much-maligned commercial television came up with another good one the other day: "Aunt Mary," with Jean Stapleton, formerly of "All in the Family," in the title role, and Martin Balsam, who joined "All in the Family" this season, in the other leading role. It's the story of the real-life Mary Dobkin, afflicted with a painful, crippling disease, organizing and coaching a baseball team of young boys in a slum of Baltimore, Md., most of them headed for trouble with the law. Miss Stapleton plays her character so well you can't see any resemblance between her and Aunt Mary and her as Archie Bunker's "dingbat" in "All in the Family."

If you missed "Aunt Mary" last week, you'll probably have another chance to see it. It's certain to be rerun next year.

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



NORTH CAROLINA...North Carolina people should never forget Angus Wilton McLean of Lumberton, who served as governor during 1929 to 1933. In those days Governor McLean set North Carolina on a solid program and policy -- that we must operate on a balanced budget.

Throughout the Great Depression of the 1930's North Carolina operated on a balanced budget. A little over two years ago the people of North Carolina wrote Governor McLean's bill into the North Carolina Constitution -- that North Carolina must, under the constitution, operate on a balanced budget.

In good days, and hard days, McLean's idea has been good for North Carolina.

A similar bill, with exceptions for dire emergencies, would have served the United States well. And if we had such a national law, the United States would be in far better shape, financially and otherwise, than we find ourselves today.

OUTLOOK CHANGES... Three months ago the outlook was most encouraging for Teddy Kennedy to receive the nomination for president, come Democratic convention time 1980. Today, the situation is quite different, mostly related to the Iran crisis. President Carter is regarded as having a statesman-like approach to the Iran crisis.

Ted Kennedy, on the other hand, appears to be going down as Carter moves up. Kennedy's dialogue in the interview with Roger Mudd was poor indeed. Just recently his statement, lambasting the Shah, was regarded as poor judgment as it was upholding, to an extent, Ayatollah Khomeini who appears to head the list of those opposing U.S. policy and the safe return of our hostages in Iran.

For Kennedy to receive the Democratic presidential nomination would probably mean the death blow for Democratic victory come election time 1980.

INFLATION...With the intensity at which the inflation roars on, Carter will have his hands full once

the American hostages are released from Iran, which all true Americans hope is soon.

But December is a long way from July and almost anything can happen during this period of inflation and crisis.

Why, the Federal government, with supposedly intelligent men and women in the Congress can keep on going further and further into debt to finance additional social programs on top of social programs is more than most people can understand. Most of the programs are alright, if Congress had the backbone to levy the taxes to cover the cost.

But our strong feeling is that the Congressman don't have the backbone to vote the tax to pay the bill and the tax-payers don't feel they are necessary to the extent of paying the additional taxes to provide them!

NEW GENERATION ACT...People over the state appear to be coming aroused against the so-called "New Generation Act" which seems to be overlapping what already is within the wings of the several social programs now in progress at taxpayers expense.

Frankly, it seems that social programs breed social programs without much rhyme or reason!

Governor Hunt is catching most of the flack coming from the people who are against the provisions of the "New Generation Act." However, in the final analysis, the General Assembly enacted the bill and the final responsibility rests in their laps. They should have been more alert at what was taking place and should have seriously questioned the need for another layer of child bureaucracy.

A question is, will there be a serious move to repeal the act at the next session of the General Assembly in 1980, or the 1981 session of the General Assembly?

It now appears that the "New Generation Act" may be a live issue not only in the governor's race but also in the races for the General Assembly come voting time next year.

## Letter To The Editor

Many recent concerns of our community have caused me to question the role of educators, students, and parents involved in our school system. These concerns include the increased use of marijuana, alcohol, and other drugs by our youth; the apathetic attitude of many of our students and parents regarding school attendance; the apathy of parents toward the operation of the schools and especially toward the education of their children; the increase in the rate of teenage pregnancies and V.D.; the legislation passed by the General Assembly last year relating to the effectiveness of the Juvenile and District Courts; and the direct impact upon the entire community in the recent tragic death of a high school student in our county.

The use of marijuana, alcohol, and other drugs is indeed epidemic in our community. Young people, black, white and Indian, rich and poor, are involved in the drug scene. Rockfish Creek, the wooded area beside Burlington mill and numerous other locations are notorious sites for these activities. This drug program has been prevalent for many years, although the "ostriches" in our community may disagree. Students in our schools have been involved with drugs and indeed have been punished in accordance with the established disciplinary policies.

Truancy has been a common problem in schools for many years. In the past truant students were petitioned to juvenile court, placed on probation, given professional assistance, and, in a few cases, sent to training school. The amendment to the compulsory attendance law now directs the principal of the school to notify the district attorney's office of any student absent in excess of thirty days for an unexcused reason. The parent of the child is then summoned to district court on a misdemeanor charge for which the parent may be jailed or fined. Recently parents have said they "did not have control over their child to assure his attendance."

Recently we notified one hundred and twenty-one parents that their child was failing his grade because of the lack of effort rather than his inability to perform his work. Only two parents called or visited the school to jointly help their child. Few parents visit the school or express concern in their school system unless they are angered by an adherence to the immunization law, passed by the General Assembly for the health and safety of our children.

Several young girls twelve years of age and over have withdrawn

from school due to pregnancy. Sex education is taught in the schools, but twenty-four hour supervision and guidance is not afforded.

The General Assembly passed legislation that restricts the schools and parents from using the juvenile courts as a means to help our young people that need strict guidance and supervision. Recently five drug-related juvenile cases were dismissed by the court because a lab report from the S.B.I. laboratory was not available. "Children's rights" and "procedured restriction" are not providing assistance and guidance to the delinquent child. Once again, adult laws have proved to be harmful to the child.

The responsibility for these concerns must be assumed by the adults, both educators and parents, in our community. Many adults have neglected to assume the responsibility of sending their children to school, and supporting them when they are right and punishing their children when they are wrong.

I firmly believe that young people today want discipline that is consistent, fair, and appropriate. Our youth want to be told "No" when necessary and "Yes" when beneficial to their welfare. The problem is too many adults have not demonstrated their ability to use their judgment as parents or educators when responding to a child's request.

I believe that these concerns will be resolved, not by ignoring them, moving to another community or attending other schools, but by each of us analyzing our opportunities to provide guidance for all children. Through our perseverance, concern and love our greatest resource will be our YOUTH.

C.A. Edwards  
Principal  
Upchurch Junior High School



## New Generation Act

In view of the arguments over Gov. Jim Hunt's New Generation Act and its child health-care plan, it's best that people read the act before deciding whether it's right or wrong.

One side says that the act essentially merely coordinates present child-care services offered by public agencies in the state, that it won't cost anything and participation is voluntary. It also says the child health care plan, which has drawn fire from the critics, refers merely of existing health-care facilities-- local doctors, hospitals, and public clinics, not state-operated homes for children. On the contrary, the state is encouraging the development of privately operated child-care centers and pulling out of the field.

Opponents, on the other hand, say, among other things, that the act would promote a socialistic approach to health care that would erode the integrity of the family. Some say the plan would have the state taking over from the family the rearing of children, as totalitarian governments, the Nazi, for example, have done.

On the surface, the act looks like a good idea, but then all may not be as it seems.

This is why the people, including county commissioners and other lay members of county boards, should study the act before taking sides, not just accept the statements of one side or the other.

## Don't jump to conclusions

If you enjoy a run every now and then, don't let news of someone dying while jogging, don't blame the death automatically on the exercise.

Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan of the U.S. Center for Disease Control, which is in Atlanta, Ga., says: "Some could be expected by chance to die while running, just as some die while eating, reading, and sleeping."

His observation is contained in an article published in the most recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dr. Koplan writes that chance alone could account for up to 15 deaths of joggers from heart attacks.

To play it safe, the best advice for people who jog or want to take it up is the old one: have your family physician give you an examination to determine how much and what kind of physical exercise your physical condition can take.

## Infantryperson?

"She's determined to be an infantryman," says a headline in a daily newspaper.

Watch your language, bucko. Keep up with the times.

Change the head to read "infantryperson."

Old habits are hard to change. Some backward people still refuse to call them firepersons, policepersons, personholes, and chairpersons, and refuse to accept personkind, hu-person, or even wo-person.

Nevertheless we must keep trying to bring these people to enlightenment, so let's not just throw up our hands and quit.

--BL