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School lunch awards

Five Hoke County public schools lunchroom managers won eight awards this month in competition with food service people of school systems throughout the state.

These were won in the Culinary Arts Show of the North Carolina School Food Service Association and included the grand prize and two first-prize and five second-place awards.

The awards, however, show not only highest-quality professional skill but most important willingness to make whatever special effort it takes to provide students, educators and members of the schools' staff with healthful meals that also are joys to eat.

—BL

Coach's integrity

Coaches applying for jobs should show by their records they can coach teams to win games, or at least win more than they lose.

They also should show they respect integrity and have it, which covers honesty, adhering to sportsmanship, and meeting their obligations, and keeping their promises, even when it's painful.

The ability to coach teams into winning the coach can show by his or her record in coaching. The attitude toward integrity, however, shows only in subsequent performance. Of the qualities a coach should have, like any other teacher, integrity, obviously, is far more important than the ability to teach healthy young athletes the skills necessary to win.

The reason, obviously, is the integrity the coach shows is copied by his or her students between practices, games and seasons, as well as in them, and probably for the rest of the athletes' lives.

Best wishes to Hoke High for success in its search for a football coach who can serve as a wholesome model for his students off the field as well as on, and produce a winner as well.

—BL

Court would be overruled

If the General Assembly approves a bill introduced in the House recently it will be overruling a judgment of the State Supreme Court.

The bill would restore retirement benefits to former District Court Judge Linwood T. Peoples of Henderson. Peoples has been barred by the Supreme Court from serving in a judicial office and from receiving retirement benefits.

The news report about the special legislation says he would get about \$66,000 from the retirement system, which includes \$14,000 Peoples has contributed to it, if the bill is enacted. (At this writing the bill was awaiting consideration by the State House, which had voted June 18 to consider it.)

Restoring retirement benefits should be sought through the court, since it is the court which banned them. Peoples should, however, get back the \$14,000 he put into the retirement fund. But it would be improper for the General Assembly to overrule an order of a court by enacting the special legislation.

One serious result would be the action would set a bad precedent if it successfully overruled a court judgment once, it could do it again in other cases legislators chose to bring up.

—BL

Irony

Two members of the Communist Workers Party were convicted in Greensboro recently of desecrating the American flag.

There's an irony in their action, since they destroyed the symbol of the Constitution, which guarantees their freedoms of speech and peaceful assembly, which they were exercising just before they decided to desecrate the flag.

—BL

Talent for films

Disaster, horror, and science-fiction films are all the rage these days, and a tremendous amount of top-quality talent in the arts, engineering, and management have been devoted to producing every one of them.

Too bad all that creative, engineering, and managerial genius cannot be devoted more often to improving people's understanding of people, as well as entertaining them.

—BL

Upper Room

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2: 12)

THERE was a lovely little lake near where we stayed in Florida, and we spent many hours watching a flock of sea gulls. It seemed that they preferred to feed on the easy pickings of the park benches rather than fly to the bay only a few blocks away and forage in the sea.

Here in Toronto we have 300 Canadian geese who refuse to fly south for the winter. Why? They have been spoiled by people feeding them! It seems incredible that they would prefer the zero weather of a Canadian winter to the warmth of

the south. But, they seem to have it all figured out. Why fly a couple of thousand miles when they can get plenty of grain and other birdseed right here in Toronto?

"Endure hardness," Paul wrote, "Put on the whole armor of God." Fight "the good fight" of faith! Again and again his ringing cry inspired the Christians who were living in the midst of corrupt and idol-worshipping pagans. Many of them responded to his call and were determined to rely on God's word rather than compromise with the heathen practices all around them. Paul promised them "a crown of life"—one that faded not.



The Question: Where's the Monster?

It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

James Bonnie Douglas found some rare money on June 17. It was an Indian head penny. Douglas says it bears the date 1907.

Douglas found it on a dirt road in Bowmore. He was advised to check with a bank to see whether it was worth a lot more than a cent now.

When it was new in 1907 it was worth probably what \$5 is worth today.

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For about three weeks, this strange, nasty odor had been hovering around the kitchen sink.

I hunted for its source: in the garbage can, behind the sink, in the cabinet under the sink, and in the basement where the pipes come through the floor to the kitchen. I couldn't find it. Then I thought it might be coming from the grease trap. So I went to the place where the grease trap usually is.

That wasn't the source. I had no grease trap.

Since the odor wasn't making anybody sick or even coming from a gas that might explode, a possibility I also had considered though just briefly, I decided to let it go on and maybe it would go away.

But then I got tired of it. I called a plumber. He was going to come over the next day and fix us up with a grease trap.

Then Betsy reminded me that her car needed working on.

So in view of the high cost of plumbing repairs and car repairs, I called the plumber and cancelled the appointment. Betsy couldn't ride very close to the office on a grease trap.

A few days later, though, the strange odor went away. It hasn't been back since.

I spilled something, so I grabbed one of the two sponges that had been on the kitchen sink for maybe a year or so, and used regularly, and ushered it to the spill, which was on the other side of the kitchen.

The strange odor, I happened to notice, followed me from the sink.

That's when I got rid of the odor. I threw away the sponge in my hand, and its brother on the sink.

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Thought for the day: "Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness." —James Thurber, cartoonist and writer.

I ran across that in the foreword written by his widow, Helen, to *Credos and Curios*, a collection of his short stories and essays she found after he died.

"He showed all three at times," Mrs. Thurber continues. "Anger certainly, fear perhaps — but he always put awareness above the others. This, I think, is the real key to James Thurber as a person and as a writer."

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Television critics sometimes bad-mouth a TV show, snarling and ranting in rage over its "senselessness," "worthlessness," "padding to the worst situation in the human soul, and declaring it should be put off the air.

What they forget is nobody forces anybody to watch a show. A show gets cancelled when enough people get tired of watching it, or turn to something else that has come along and they find more entertaining.

Some critics try to play sociologist. They talk about "trends" coming and going and come up with all kinds of intellectual reasons for a show being a success or a failure. It doesn't seem to occur to them that the reason why cop and Western series became unpopular was people got tired of watching them, not because of some sinister thing happening in the old psyche of half the population of the United States at the same time.

I don't take critics seriously, though. Not since I took one seriously, and found out later I had missed a great show.

I could never be an entertainment critic, because I believe one man's meat is another man's poison.

And just because I don't care for something, why should I spoil a million other peoples' fun by bad-mouthing it? I don't mind breaking my rule by plugging something I think is good, though.

I'll leave criticizing to the intellectuals. An intellectual is somebody who watches "Lavern and Shirley" instead of Monday night football.

Incidentally, speaking of entertainment, "Julia Child and Company" is one show (Channel 4) that's both entertaining and informative even though I'll never attempt to try to whomp up anything Julia whumps up so cheerfully and often humorously on her show). Then too, "Yusuf and Friends" is entertaining schooling in music. One night, for example, he had a "pop" string quartet working with a classic string quartet, which played some "pop" and jazz. Yusuf operates out of Chapel Hill, on Channel 4 (UNC-TV).

Speaking of Chapel Hill and Chapel Hillians, isn't there somebody out there who can remind the executives of TV land that UNC graduate Andy Griffith (a native of Mt. Airy) is a good comedian, and find him another comedy series? He's been in two series the past year, and neither used his comic talents, as the screen and stage versions of "No Time for Sergeants," and the TV series "The Andy Griffith Show" did. Both the past year's were "serious" series. Being a general all-purpose good actor Griffith can handle any kind of role (even Sir Walter Raleigh in "The Lost Colony" summer productions at Manteo in his UNC student days.) But in my opinion he's best in comedy.

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CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



THE SPOILERS — Vermont Register, a Tar Heel Native before his retirement as editor of the *Wall Street Journal* and who now still contributes a weekly column for its editorial page, wrote about "The Spoilers" — referring to Teddy Kennedy and John Anderson.

About Kennedy we quote Register: "Teddy Kennedy isn't ready to abandon the party of his forebears or siblings but he won't abandon it either to Jimmy Carter. He says he intends to fight it out at the Democratic convention if it takes all week. Whether, if defeated there he will then graciously support Mr. Carter he hasn't said."

Another Register quote about John Anderson: "It would be a miracle enough were he to carry a single state. But votes he will get if he's on the ballot. The questions are how many, where he will get them and from whom he will draw them. The prevailing view is that he will take the most of them away from Democratic votes, perhaps just enough in some key states to put them in the Republican column where they might not otherwise be."

In his final paragraph, Register wrote: "Be that as it may, it looks right now as if the spoilers between them might wreck what chances President Carter has for a second term. Except for one thing, Jimmy the Greek would never underestimate the Republican knack for snatching defeat from the jaws of victory."

C. LACY TATE — A long-time friend, C. Lacy Tate, of Chadbourne who married a childhood neighbor of mine, Olive Seagrove, died a day last week at the age of 87. Mr. Tate was instrumental in setting up the Chadbourne Marketing Company which provided auctions for strawberries and other farm commodities which tagged Chadbourne as the "Strawberry Capital." He was a banker and a civic and church leader. As a member of the board of trustees he pioneered for private rooms in the Columbus County Hospital during his 24 years

as chairman of the hospital board. He repeatedly maintained that "If a person is sick enough to go to the hospital, then it is inevitable he is due the dignity to suffer and die in privacy."

Lacy Tate not only left big tracks in Columbus County but in the state at large, having twice served as president of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

TAXES — For the past few weeks budget-making and taxes have been a prime obligation of our county commissioners and town and city board members.

It has not been an easy job. With the demand growing faster than the property valuation it puts the taxing authorities in a most uncomfortable situation. Some have held the line but a majority, we believe, have raised the rate. In counties with strong two-party systems, arriving at decisions was quite excruciating.

JOHN GUNN — Many years ago it was my pleasure to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly with John O. Gunn of Caswell County. Last week I noticed in the *Caswell Messenger* that Caswell County people turned out in a big way to honor John and Mrs. Gunn on their 50th anniversary. In Caswell's Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 John Gunn was selected "Man of the Year." In the General Assembly John Gunn was a quiet but solid representative, winning the respect of all. He didn't speak often but when he did speak the members took note.

RESEARCH TRIGANGLE PARK — In recent weeks we have been talking with some of the founders of the Research Triangle Park located between Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham. Among those in the forefront were Romeo Guest and William P. Saunders who served as C&D Director during most of the Luther H. Hodges administration. An interesting book could be written on the ups and downs of the early days of the project which is now a potent part in the growth and progress of North Carolina.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

Since one of the qualifications for speaking out on a subject is a basic ignorance of it, I feel qualified to talk about a new Canadian law I read about last night and to warn against its spread to the United States.

The law bans TV commercials aimed at children 13 or younger.

If it spreads to this country, the television industry will go broke. Ninety percent of its commercials, as best I can judge, are aimed at 13-year-olds or younger.

For instance, for over a year now an ex-movie star has been straightening our nervous people who drink too much coffee of the wrong brand. When they switch to his they settle down to shooting better golf, practicing better law, etc. I had no idea there were that many golfers and lawyers with 13-year-old minds.

Now that brand of coffee is not to be confused with the brand that's grown on a mountain and picked

one bean at a time, hauled down by a donkey and shipped to every grocery store in the United States. I've never understood how that donkey could make that many trips. Maybe a 13-year-old could explain it to me.

Now I won't go into the mental age of soap commercials, detergents, floor waxes, baby diapers or cars some ex-football player told you to buy.

I feel sure no Congressman will read this letter when it appears in *The News-Journal* and it's a good thing, because if one did and thereafter got a bill passed banning TV commercials aimed at 13-year-old minds or younger, sooner or later the bill would be expanded to include banning TV programs of the same mental caliber, and then what would we have left?

What's on for tonight? Somebody has misplaced my TV guide.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Letter To The Editor

To whom it may concern:

I would like to thank you for all the pets you have given our family this last year. Since we built our home near the twin bridges on St. Road 1427 we have had more dogs than one can count.

Thanks for them all, the sick that were so afraid of people that we couldn't get close enough to feed them; the little puppies that were so starved that they could hardly walk; and even the wooden box that were in such terrible shape that it makes me sick to think about them.

Sure hope you can sleep at night knowing how you have disposed of your pets, because I can't sleep for their cries.

If you have a pet you can't find a home for please call your dog warden, William Hales, at the Hoke County Health Clinic. (Editor's note: he also can be reached through the Sheriff's Department, 875-5111.) He will be glad to pick them up at your home and he will try to find a good home for them at no charge to you.

Mrs. Linda Miller
Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge

(Editor's note) people also have found good homes for pets they can't keep, through radio and newspaper advertising, after getting the animals whatever treat-

ment they need at veterinary clinics. The clinic in Hoke County is Raeford Animal Clinic on College Drive, just off U.S. 401 South and Harris Avenue, at the southern edge of Raeford).

This Is The Law

ARRANGING FUNERALS

It is often said that the law touches the lives of all of us from birth to death. That being true, it should be no surprise to learn that North Carolina law looks after the person arranging a funeral service.

At the time that funeral arrangements are made, and prior to the service, the funeral director is required by North Carolina law to give to the person making the arrangements a written statement showing the price of the funeral service and also showing what is included in the service. It is not required that the funeral director itemize the bill. That is, he does not have to assign a dollar amount to each component of the funeral service.

This is another instance of the consumer's right to know what he is purchasing and how much it will cost.

