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## Night accidents

The State Highway Patrol reports at least four pedestrians in Hoke County alone this year have been hit by vehicles.

All the accidents, the report adds, had these things in common: they happened at night on unlighted roads; and all the victims were wearing dark clothing. This obviously means drivers didn't see the victims till it was too late to avoid hitting them.

The same kind of accidents have happened, of course, in other counties, some on lighted roads, but in many the victims were wearing dark clothing. Bicycles have been hit and riders injured in night accidents in which the riders were wearing dark clothing, making them virtually invisible to approaching drivers.

Then there have been the near-misses. A pair of light-colored socks or a shirt on a bike rider or a pedestrian could prevent injury. Exactly what happened that caused the fatal accident the night of August 8 won't be known till the driver is found, but the investigating officer reported all the clothing the victim was wearing was dark.

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## Jobs program

U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy's bid to get into the Democratic national platform a plank calling for government spending of \$12 billion on job programs to help eliminate unemployment raises many questions and is objectionable on at least one point.

That is setting the amount the government would spend, and President Carter was right in rejecting the fixed amount on the grounds it left no room for flexibility.

The questions the proposal raises include: how would the money be spent, and what kind of federal jobs would it provide?

The Depression federal programs like the Work Programs Administration's and the Public Works Administration's were derided by critics in and out of Congress as "make-work" projects, equivalent in usefulness to paying someone to dig a hole, then fill it up again. That, of course, was an exaggeration, and many valuable construction jobs, among other works, that wouldn't have been done otherwise were done.

The Carter forces say inflation is the most serious problem, and Gov. Jim Hunt of North Carolina said at last week's Democratic national convention in effect that the unemployment problem cannot be solved until the inflation problem is.

However, the attack should be made on both problems at the same time. It's hard to live without a job and on nothing better than public welfare handouts till sometime in the cloudy future inflation is licked.

A federal jobs program would provide a temporary remedy till that time comes.

But it must be one that is truly useful, doing things that need doing, and no specific price tag should be set on it, for the simple reason it's impossible to estimate how much such a program will cost till the jobs for it are specified.

--BL

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

**Thursday, August 18, 1955**  
 While Bethel Presbyterian Church is somewhere between 160 and 180 years old the building itself is 100 years old this year, and several hundred members, former members, descendants, relatives and friends gathered at this historic place Sunday for a homecoming celebration.

Members of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, of Raeford, along with other tank units of the battalion and of the 30th Infantry Division began their first tank training under instructors of the Regular Army at Camp Stewart, Georgia, on Tuesday.

Army M/Sgt Clyde B. Gillis, whose wife Erna, and mother Mrs. Ada F. Gillis, live on Route 2, Raeford, recently arrived on Okinawa and is now a member of the 663 Field Artillery Bn.

Joe Huffman of Wallace is the new manager of the farm implement division of Johnson Cotton Company of Raeford, Eldon Martin, manager, announced this week.

### 15 years ago

**Thursday, August 19, 1965**  
 A weekend ABC roundup turned up 12 bootleggers on 32 charges of possessing and selling intoxicating beverages of various descriptions and this week added \$2,680 in fines to the county school fund.

James F. West, former taxi-cab driver and nighttime police radio operator, has joined the Raeford Police Department.

Funeral services for Martin McKeithan, who died Friday at his home at 113 Magnolia St., were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

SFC Charles M. Fennwald, Jr. of Raeford Rt. 1 has received the air medal and another commendation from the United States Army for meritorious service in Vietnam.

Two Hoke County men, Tom Cameron and Sam Hendrix, returned from a trip to Delaware and Maryland where they made a tour of several industries.



## It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

In last week's story about the infant opossums, I mentioned that the opossum is one of the animals called the Seven Sleepers. The beaver is another. I said the Seven Sleepers are called that because they sleep during the day and do their business at night.

After taking pictures of these Raeford 'possums, I should have said they sleep during the day, except when they find something to stay awake for.

An ABC "20/20" report the other night covered preachers' participation in politics, like the "Moral Majority." These clergymen and their followers are fighting abortion-funding by the federal government, abortion in general, and ratification of the proposed women's Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, and others. They also, of course, work to defeat any candidate who favors these, and to help a candidate who opposes them.

It looks like something that's developed in the past few years, but something I heard 'way back in 1972 has me wondering.

Congressman Nick Galifianakis, a Democrat from Durham, and Jesse Helms of Raleigh were campaigning for election to the U.S. Senate.

In Asheboro, a Galifianakis campaign worker said she'd heard that day a reason for not supporting a candidate that she's never heard before, and she'd been working in politics a long time.

While making her rounds trying to win votes for her boss, she asked a woman if she was going to vote for him.

"No," the woman replied firmly. "Why not?" the campaign worker asked.

"Because he's not been 'saved,'" was the answer. After the campaign worker recovered, she asked the woman what made her believe Galifianakis wasn't "saved," but the woman didn't answer.

Helms, of course, won the election though obviously not because the majority of voters believed Galifianakis wasn't "saved," but Helms did receive at least one vote for that reason.

As everybody knows, 1972 was a year of a Republican sweep, and North Carolina even got its first Republican governor in 100 years, and another Republican sailed into the White House. There were some Democratic winners but generally anyone or even anything wearing the Democratic label got clobbered.

That development certainly sickened oldtime Democrats whose "good old days" were those in which a Republican was as scarce as a Hen's tooth.

Take, for example, the story that came out of Madison County. It was election day 1928, the polls were closed, and the election workers were counting the votes. Al Smith, the Happy Warrior governor of New York, was the Democratic nominee, and Herbert Hoover was the Republicans' in the presidential race.

In one Madison precinct, a worker was counting the votes. "Smith...Smith...Smith...Smith," he chanted to the tally clerk. "Smith...Smith...Hoover..." He stopped and frowned. "Hoover?"

he muttered. "Somethin' wrong there. I'll put that aside."

He resumed his count: "Smith...Smith...Smith... Hoover. Hoover?" he said. "Son of a musta voted twice. Throw them both out."

Fascinating headline in the August 13 *Charlotte Observer*: "S.C. Delegates Drink In Excitement."

Does this mean they were taking all that excitement in? Or that during the excitement they were drinking? Or drinking excitedly?

Kind of like the headline: "Father of 10 Shot In Hunting Accident: Mistaken For A Rabbit."

A tourist found an empty stretch of beach in Florida and decided to take a quiet swim. But first he asked a man working in a yard: "Are there any sharks around here?"

"Oh, no," the man replied. "I been living here 20 years and never even heard of a shark in that water."

"In that case," the tourist said, "I'll just for a swim."

"Better not," the other advised.

"Why not?" the tourist asked.

"You just said there are no sharks in there."

"There's no sharks in there," his informant said, "because the barracuda run them off."

Until recently, Mrs. Jack McGinnis always believed a rooster didn't start crowing till sunrise. But then she got two roosters. They start crowing at 4:30 in the morning.

It's a good, country sound, though, one that is rarely heard anymore. The McGinnises, who own and operate a mobile home park near Rockfish, are surrounded by oldtime country sounds, and they are responsible for a lot of the country living. Mrs. McGinnis besides the roosters also recently acquired some baby chicks the original owner couldn't keep any more. These joined the dogs, cats and two goats Mrs. McGinnis already had.

Across the road is a herd of cattle.

The goats make nice pets, but they also have "practical" value: they get rid of a lot of trash. Besides food, they eat just about anything.

Popular belief to the contrary, goats don't eat cans or bottles. Just the paper on them.

After getting this far writing this column last Wednesday morning, I saw the front page of *The News-Journal*, just off the press.

I discovered I'd made a typographical error. It was contained in a story correcting an error made in a previous week's paper.

To correct the Correction: the man who told us about the earlier error is Buel Stevenson, not "Tevenson" as printed in last week's paper. (I haven't used a typewriter yet that knows how to spell.)

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



**CONVENTION** -- From our 550 miles from New York and a part-time view of the TV and newspapers we comment:

**KENNEDY** -- From an oratorical standpoint we feel that Ted Kennedy "took the cake" so to speak at the Democratic convention last week.

He was the William Jennings Bryan of the 1980 convention and under less binding restrictions might have won the nomination after his Tuesday address.

However, he could have hardly won the presidential nomination had the delegates had time to reflect on Kennedy's theme which called for more and more deficit spending.

But frankly, the national debt seems to concern all too few in these modern times!

Kennedy's call for \$12 billion to put the jobless back to work sounded good to the ears of the delegates. But that philosophy is what has brought us to the situation in which we now find ourselves - a huge national debt almost too heavy to carry.

Kennedy and his followers did not appear to have a thought in mind as to just how the \$12 billion would have been raised to pay the bill. Just more deficit spending.

Carter has been a "big spender" - having increased the national debt every year since he has been in the white house. However, he was not for Kennedy's extra \$12 billion. This year he was going to balance the budget but instead billions will be added to the national debt for some future generation to wrestle with.

**BROWN** -- Governor Brown of California, another liberal governor who can adjust himself to the changing political winds, made an impassioned speech before the Democratic gathering, but did not receive much newspaper and television space. Brown, like Kennedy and Mondale is looking to 1984 for another try at the presidential nomination.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:  
 Americans have always had the ability to rise up and meet practically any challenge and despite what some people say that ability still exists.

Take the problem of lawyers. According to an Article I read the other day, the United States has 20 times as many lawyers per capita as Japan. This is hard to understand, as you'd think that a government regulation written in Japanese would take more lawyers to interpret than one written in English.

Nonetheless, the Federal government now has 15,532 lawyers on its pay roll, many of them spending long hours interpreting government regulations which neither the bureaucrats who wrote them nor the public which has to follow them can understand.

But these 15,532 lawyers are just a tiny fraction of the total number of lawyers practicing around the country, with law schools turning out more and more every year, and for a while it looked like lawyers, if they were all going to make a living, would have to start suing each other, like the college drop-outs who tried to finance themselves by taking in each other's washing.

The American people however

**REP. DELLUMS** -- For sheer oratory Ronald Dellums of California, a black congressman, proved his great ability as a speaker. He was nominated for president in order to give him an opportunity to speak in behalf of the liberal cause.

**SPENDING** -- Kennedy and Dellums appealed to the emotions of the delegates to remember and help jobless and down-trodden. In a great nation like the United States we should never turn our backs on them. In a great majority of the years since 1950 and for years before we have been doing just that, in good years and bad years, taking the route of deficit spending, which some feel cannot go on forever!

The sick and the crippled, the feeble-minded and the old and all others who need help and can't help themselves should and must be looked after. A great people like the Americans can do no less.

**ERA** -- The Democratic convention's decision to allow no National Committee Contributions to candidates who oppose ERA may have sounded good to the liberals at the National convention, however, it will hardly help in the several Democratic states like North Carolina where the General Assembly year after year has failed to ratify the proposed amendment.

While President Carter and Senator Ted Kennedy had been strong advocates of ERA neither was not for the convention idea of cutting off funds for states that had opposed it.

**ROUGH CAMPAIGN** -- From the Carter and Mondale speeches Thursday night, you can expect a "no holes - barred" rough and tumble presidential campaign this fall.

The reason, of course that Carter and Kennedy came out so strong against Reagan is that the polls show Reagan ahead and the Democrats will be fighting hard to narrow the gap.

are meeting the challenge. They're thinking up brand new ideas for suing each other and thus keeping lawyers busy. You read about the wife who sued her husband for \$35,000 because he failed to shovel the snow off their sidewalk. Or the couple who sued the school because their son graduated without being able to read. And convicted "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz is suing a writer for saying he shot at 32 people when actually it was only 15, six of whom were killed and seven wounded. He says it's slandersous to exaggerate the number and wants 10 million dollars in damages to his reputation. And one batch of refugees fleeing to this country is suing the government because they say another group is getting better free financial support.

I could go on but this is getting hard to believe. If a typographical error shows up in this letter when it appears in *The News-Journal* I do not intend to sue, although clearly there may be grounds for it and possibly a lawyer willing to take the case.

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

## Letter To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*

Dogs have become so powerful in this state that Raleigh, the capital, has not been able to control the dogs in the county or the city of Raleigh until now.

The county and city of Raleigh have a law now to control the disturbing dogs. The officials of Raleigh have finally learned that the owner of the dog is responsible for the conduct of his dog. They have passed a law that will sting the dog owners when their dogs disturb people.

If a disturbance is reported to the law officials, they must go to the owner of the dog and tell him he will be charged \$5 per day for every day his dog disturbs that person. This would wake up the dog owners to their responsibility.

This is the law that Raeford needs. We have plenty of laws to control the conduct of men and women in Raeford, but there are no laws to control the conduct of dogs.

If you call an officer he tells you he has nothing to do about the conduct of the dogs, and it irritates him if he is called. If we can get this law passed, then the police will have a law to enforce. We must get a law like this passed in order to wake up the dog owners to their responsibility to their neighbors and friends.

When my neighbor's dog barks five or six hours without stopping, I go over to his house and request that he quiet his dog so I can sleep. The neighbor slams the door in my face and says, "You are a damn poor preacher."

This does not just happen to me. Many old and young people are complaining about the disturbance and the treatment they receive when they try to get something done about it.

This is my 25th year living in Raeford, and I have lived in many other towns in the state, but this is the only town and the only year I have seen dogs take over the town and disturb so many people.

If I, as a citizen of Raeford, would stand in one place and scream at the top of my voice from four to six hours without stopping, the police would come and put me in jail, and rightly so. But when the dogs do the same thing about this disturbance, if they come at all, the police come and are mad with me for calling them.

We must give our police a law to enforce, then they can help us control the dogs and make Raeford a pleasant place to live, not only for dogs but for us human beings who pay the taxes and keep the town and county going.

Rev. P.O. Lee