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Appropriate program

The dedication October 5 of what has been known as the New County Office Building in honor of T.B. Lester, Jr., Hoke County's first county manager, was appropriate in quality to the man it honored -- simple, sincere, and dignified.

The program as well as the naming of the building for Mr. Lester was a tribute to the man who served the county with devotion for the last 16 years of his life, first as county accountant, tax supervisor, and purchasing agent, then as county manager.

Speakers described Mr. Lester as a person dedicated to carrying out his responsibilities in service to the people of Hoke County, and one with the special talent for working with other people, and still a man with a sense of humor, and a family man, and one with other interests outside his professional life -- in short, a whole human being.

The dedication program was proper for the man it honored.

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Airport's future

In the near future, the Hoke County and Raeford city governments will have to decide whether the outlook warrants joint investing in expansion of the airport.

Raeford City Manager Ron Matthews told the City Council last week the city needs help with the airport operation and that the airport is a key to industrial development. The City Council then authorized Matthews to ask the county government to participate in the operation, making it a city-county airport.

Earlier, Herbert G. Vance of Vance Aircraft Sales, which is leaving the airport October 31, told the council that the airport needs to be expanded in area and another hangar added if it is to grow. He also indicated the time to acquire the land is in the next two years, for in two years, he predicted, it won't be available, because it will be taken up for homes.

The decision to be made is whether to leave the airport as it is or to expand it. Matthews said that what needs to be decided is what direction the local governments want the airport to go, and what its needs are. He has recommended a blue-ribbon commission be established to work with the city and county managers to get this information.

Besides serving private aircraft, the airport is an international sports parachute training center, operated by Gene Thacker. Last summer, for example, parachutists from as far off as Australia as well as Europe, Canada and the United States trained for an international meet held in Bulgaria.

The airport also is used regularly for practice and meets by sports parachute clubs (including the Army's Golden Knights of Ft. Bragg). This role of the airport is not widely known to the general public, outside the fraternity (and sorority) of the sports parachutists.

For commercial aircraft, a study must consider the future possibilities. For one, could the Raeford Airport become part of a regional air shuttle service for north-south and east-west airline flights at the major airports, in connection with the development of a public transportation system in the current and future fuel situation? And will the airport be needed much more than now for public service 10 or 20 years from now?

For another, what are its possibilities for handling air freight for the area's businesses beyond convenient distance from the Fayetteville and Southern Pines-Pinehurst Airports?

Then, too, of course, a study should find out how much help the Federal Aviation Agency would give, and how much matching money the city and county governments would have to put up to get it, if an airport expansion is decided on?

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Upper Room

Read Exodus 20: 1-17

The dinner had been superb. Our host and hostess were charming and the conversation stimulating. Our discussion had focused on ideas and events. Then, when someone mentioned a mutual friend who was not present, conversation suddenly changed to monologue. One of the guests began to repeat some ugly gossip about the friend. The other guests remained silent while the woman continued the rumors she was spreading.

Then in a firm tone a lone voice inquired whether the speaker had verified the tales she was telling.

"No but I don't need to. Everybody knows it's true."
"But everyone doesn't know it's true," the objector insisted. "I, for one, know that it's not true, and I insist that you stop making these

false accusations. You're maligning my friend by repeating cheap, untrue gossip."

What courage that protest took! But what a Christian act it was. It was just as effective a demonstration of discipleship as coming to the physical defense of a helpless person.

We do not need to stand in a pulpit to witness. Opportunities come every day for us to make an effective witness. All we have to do is recognize them and act.

PRAYER: Lord, give me the courage to speak when I can be a witness. In Christ's name. Amen.
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Not to challenge a lie is to be a part of the lie.

..copyright--THE UPPER ROOM
--Lynn M. Nichols (Oklahoma)



It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

At the dedication of the new County Office building on South Magnolia Street October 5, to the late T.B. Lester, Jr., Hoke's first county manager, some people were saying that a public building in the county ought to be dedicated to another conscientious county official, John McGoogan.

John Balfour, chairman of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners, mentioned the next day he'd heard these comments. He pointed out that a building has been named in Mr. McGoogan's honor -- the Hoke County Health Center. An old printed program in the county office files shows the dedication to Mr. McGoogan was held May 19, 1957.

Mr. McGoogan was Hoke County's first superintendent of public instruction (county schools superintendent), serving from 1911, the year the county was formed, till 1917.

Then he became county tax assessor, serving the next 10 years, till July 1, 1927, when he began service as county auditor and tax supervisor, doing the job till he died. Mr. McGoogan was born July 18, 1884.

The McGoogan Health Center is the home of the Hoke County Health Department and is the building on Central Avenue just east of the National Guard Armory.

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A headline in an October 8 newspaper says: "Report: Killings Hurt City's Race Relations." That'll do it, all right. That headline ranks in the class for unnecessary statements as the one that said a government study has found smoking cigarettes is habit-forming; and the one, still the prize, x-winner, which appeared in *The Winston-Salem Journal* a few years back: "South Carolina's Electric Chair Found Unsafe."

Any day now we expect to see a headline saying a million-dollar government study has found that drinking liquor makes your head swimmy.

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The other night proved for us another slow one on commercial television. I forget what was playing, which shows how slow it was. I turned to Channel 4, though, and found a good story going about Chinese doctors' efforts to find causes of cancer of the esophagus and their efforts to prevent it, through public education.

It was interesting but when they got to showing details to treatment of seed for planting, I chickened out and went back to old Bill Cosby records. There's a comedian with the imagination to show the humor in everyday experiences.

Take, for instance, his account of this from his childhood. When his mother found him playing with his navel, she warned him, in other words, "You keep doing that, and it's gonna come out, all the air is going to run out, and you'll fly around on the ceiling for 30 seconds and then fall down on the floor flat with your eyes buggin' out." He's also the only comedian I know who has the talent for taking a potentially vulgar subject and make it funny without being offensive.

Too bad he's confining his talent, at least on television now, to jello commercials.

Incidentally, Cosby is black, but you can't tell the race he is from his humor, since it's not drawn from any race but is enjoyable for all.

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Note for women: has your car ever conked out while you were driving alone, and you didn't know what to do about it except call or wait for help?

Noah Vaughn's night classes at Hoke County High School can at least cut out a lot of your helplessness. The classes are for men and women out of school, and Vaughn teaches tune-up. Three women are in the class now.

The course doesn't cover major repairs or overhauls, but anyone who takes the education will know how to fix simple trouble and at least have a good idea of what's wrong if the trouble is serious.

Vaughn is also the regular fulltime automotive teacher for Hoke High. He teaches the tuneup course for Sandhills Community College.

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I forgot to mention last week in writing about my old neighborhood in The Bronx that, in the mid-1950's it gained the "distinction" of being one of New York City's highest-crime rate areas, for juvenile delinquents. It said so, right in *The New York Times*. The paper even published a map of it.

That was about 25 years after we moved south, into the Borough of Manhattan, so they couldn't blame that reputation on me.

It was in our years in The Bronx, though, that ole dad, whom I called Pappy, demonstrated that winning can be a mixed blessing. There was a tavern called the Red Mill, which was just north of Jerome Avenue, which was about two blocks west of our apartment. Pappy used to go there every now and then to slake his thirst and socialize. He used to play checkers there, for drinks. The loser bought the winner a drink.

Pappy was undefeated for a long time, and he had to retire that way, as some days he won so many games he had a hard time making it home.

Just goes to show you again that winning can be a mixed blessing.

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George Small, the ex-Hoke County High School and North Carolina A&T University football star appeared on the television screen October 5 between plays of the New York Giants-Dallas Cowboys football game, (the Giants lost). When I saw him he had his back to the camera, but I identified him by his name on his jersey. I didn't see much of the game, so he may have shown up on the screen more times.

Small joined the Giants last February for training and signed his contract on Labor Day. He made the 1978 Black All-America team as a linebacker.

Rhymes of the Times

SAVE UP FOR A SUNNY DAY. SAVINGS BONDS ALWAYS PAY. Agent: ABB

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



UNUSUAL!...Recently I observed two incidents which impressed me very much that I shall long remember.

First, on a Saturday evening in September I attended a reunion of the 1951 Vass-Lakeview High School graduation class. While I am a graduate of the Vass-Lakeview High School, I was not a member of the 1951 class, having passed that way several years earlier. Along with wife, Gala, I was an invited guest at the class's reunion. It was the class's first reunion since graduation over 29 years ago.

All members were asked to tell something about themselves as most had not seen each other in years.

What impressed me most about the remarks of the several members was the note which ran through almost every one's remarks telling how they had found the "Christian" trail that all of us need to follow. Yes, it was almost like a testimonial after a series of gospel services.

It was an inspirational meeting, one which I shall never forget.

SECOND INCIDENT...Sunday, October 5 as our family was finishing lunch after attending church services, a knock came at the front door. I opened the door and there stood an attractive lady who inquired if we had a cat and if so was it gone.

We have a cat, "Shadow" 18 or more years old which demands our attention when it is awake. We looked and the cat was ok. The lady had discovered a bleeding cat which had been run over by a auto on busy Highway 1 a block from our home. Her son was with her and had gone to other homes. She was very much concerned about the badly injured cat and asked for the use of our phone to call Dr. Currie at the animal clinic. She located him at his home and carried the cat to the Animal Clinic between Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

My thought is that not many people speeding along Sandhills

Boulevard Highway 1 would have stopped to help the injured cat which the Animal Clinic found necessary to "put to sleep."

But for Mrs. Carolyn Grande and son Jeffrey of 801 E. Main Street in Aberdeen, N.C., it was a matter that necessitated human concern and attention.

JOHN HENRY MOORE...An evening last week we attended a "roast" honoring John Henry Moore, retired editor of the *Laurinburg Exchange* in Laurinburg where 250 people from Laurinburg and other parts of the state attended the fun-filled program at the Scotch Meadows Country Club.

For some 20 years John Henry had followed in the footsteps of his late father, O.L. Moore, as editor. The stories told about John Henry were hilarious and kept the after dinner crowd in a roar. He is highly regarded as attested by the large crowd in attendance to do honor to a native son.

The *Laurinburg Exchange* was established or bought by the late O.L. Moore about 1916 and operated by the Moore family until it was sold some years ago. John remained as editor until retiring a few months ago. Still a young couple John and Mrs. Moore live in retirement playing golf and taking life easy.

Sponsors of the Roast included Ralph Saunders, Jim Mason, Dick Brown, R.F. McCoy, Thurman Williams, Jim Graham, and Charles Wentz.

POLITICS & RELIGION...We hear people faulting church people and churches which become political.

Some have heard politicians criticizing Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority for his involvement in the presidential election. Then on the other hand we see Jimmy Carter preaching politics from Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta.

It seems that the candidates and the politicians think that if their candidates receive the nod of the church people, it's good, but if the nod goes the other way it's bad!

Letter To The Editor

Dear editor:

I have not lived in Raeford since 1957, but when someone asks me where I'm from, I still respond that I'm from Raeford, N.C. I am very proud of my hometown and quite interested in what is going on in Raeford and Hoke County. I read each addition of *The News-Journal* from cover to cover.

As an educator, I am particularly interested in what is going on in the Hoke County schools. *The News-Journal* certainly provides Mr. Autry, superintendent of schools, an excellent forum for keeping the people of Hoke County informed regarding the school system.

I certainly sympathize with Mr. Autry's problem of people calling

him at home with school-related concerns, as he wrote October 2. Maybe if Mr. Autry used his column to keep the taxpayers informed about curriculum, instruction, athletics, and other school-related business, he wouldn't have so many after-hours calls.

Since this semester started, Mr. Autry has written some clever and entertaining articles, but none about education in Hoke County. Let's hear something from behind the superintendent's desk about what goes on in the schools.

Sincerely,
Lilmar Gatlin Taylor - Williams
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Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

A new medical theory has originated in Washington that requires a close examination.

According to a National Educational Committee's report to the Department of Health and Welfare, by 1990 there will be 70,000 surplus doctors in this country. This, the committee said, will run the cost of medical services billions of dollars above the 200 billion a year it now costs, because "more doctors will be doing more things to more people, without necessarily improving their health."

In other words, the more doctors there are, the more they're going to find wrong with you. Or, the amount of sickness increases in proportion to the number of doctors around to treat it.

I don't believe doctors will agree with this theory, but if it works, if the more doctors the schools turn out the more we'll have to pay for medical services, then I'd like to see the theory put to a wider use.

For example, apply it to ranchers. The more cattle they produce, the more they get per cow or calf. Or apply it to farming. The more soybeans farmers produce, the more they get for it. I don't know of any doctors agreeing with this new theory but farmers and ranchers would endorse it unanimously.

Come to think of it, this theory has already been adopted in some areas by Congress. For instance, the more lawyers the schools turn out, the more laws Congress passes to give them something to do. And the people who make x-ray film have discovered the theory, The more film they produce, the more x-rays hospitals have to take.

For some reason, this theory hasn't worked with car manufacturing.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

This Is The Law

So You're Going To Be A Juror!

You've survived the jury selection process, and now you're ready to perform your civic duty of being a juror.

Here are some hints to help you understand what is expected of you:

Don't be late for court sessions. Always sit in the same seat in the jury box. This helps the judge, the clerk and the lawyers identify you more easily.

Listen carefully to every question and every answer. You will be expected to base your verdict on what was said in the court room.

Don't talk about the case during the trial. Don't even talk about it to another juror. Obviously, you shouldn't let anyone talk to you about the case.

Don't be an amateur detective. That is, don't go visit the place involved in the case to perform your own investigation.

And finally, let the judges and lawyers ask the questions. A juror who starts asking questions of the witness may find himself taking sides.

Your local library has free pamphlets on this subject, furnished by The Lawyers of North Carolina.