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## About half voted

Nearly half of Raeford's approximately 1,400 registered voters helped choose their City Council November 3 for the next two years, and this was worthy of praise.

As it was, only two votes decided which one of the councilmen would be (incumbent veteran Graham Clark won over R.L. Carter). The count was 357 to 355.

Regardless of whether one's personal choice won or lost, the results can be said to represent the will of the majority of the city's citizens.

This is as it should be.

--BL

## Hoke Halloween

Judging from the way *The News-Journal* photographers were bouncing around all over Hoke County the last week of October, Halloween has become a big holiday.

Never have the local photographers seen so many kids and grownups costumed as goblins, Draculas, witches, heroes, heroines and monsters. These special parties did not include the private parties in homes and the traditional trick-or-treat excursions.

Halloween also was in the week's educational Reading Is Fundamental sessions in the elementary schools, with the teacher in costume, reading Halloween stories, and many of the children, also in costume as they listened.

Particularly heartwarming were the parties given for handicapped children, in schools. At Hoke High, the Halloween event has been held every year in recent years by the students of the Health Occupations Students of America chapter and their teachers, for the entertainment of handicapped children, as has been the party given at the Hoke County Children's Center.

This year, a new Halloween Carnival appeared, sponsored by the Parent and Volunteer Committee of the Trainable Mentally Handicapped Classes of the county schools. This was a benefit that entertained many children and at the same time raised \$1,244 for the TMH program.

Then, too, it was another year of the UNICEF Halloween in Hoke County, helping the world's poverty-stricken children through the United Nations agency.

Halloween in Hoke County, in fact, has grown to become a lot like Christmas; there's a lot of giving in it. Then, too, the grownups giving the parties were getting as much fun out of it as the children.

--BL

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

**Thursday, November 8, 1956**  
Hoke County voters gave Adlai Stevenson a far greater percentage of their votes Tuesday than he got in other North Carolina counties in carrying the state, and a greater percentage than he received here in 1952.

### 15 years ago

**Thursday, November 10, 1966**  
Hoke County commissioners this week gave the go-ahead to establishment of a planning and development office here by approximately \$3,000 for the project.

An estimated \$4 million worth of horseflesh was shown here Friday, but it was largely a matter of owners admiring the animals among themselves.

Friday is Career Day at Hoke High School, and throughout the day students will hear a variety of specialists in all skills, trades and professions, plus representatives from about 30 colleges.

Coach Ray Shelton's Wadesboro Tigers sewed up their third place in the Southeastern AA standings here Friday night when they handed Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High Bucks a 14-0 whipping in the Bucks' last home game of the season.

It seems strange that there is no cotton being ginned at Rockfish this fall, but they are buying beans there now, starting last Monday.

Newly-elected Representative Alton Lennon of the Seventh District said in Lumberton Wednesday he "is apprehensive about the future of the REA movement."

State Highway Patrolmen J.D. Robinson and E.M. Roberts had a morning off Tuesday. They went hunting and came home with a nine-point buck, which weighed an estimated 150 pounds.

"Out of This World," a three-act comedy packed with light-hearted fun, will be presented in the High School auditorium by the members of the Junior Class Friday evening. Mrs. B.B. Cole is directing the production.

An advertisement by A&P listed Boneless, top round steak at 79 cents per pound.

## It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

I got a compliment the other day I never heard of before, but I shall use it for comfort for the rest of my days, as the occasions arise.

A nurse told me I had great blood pressure (or words to that effect). She also asked me if I took medication for it, and I replied I didn't. She seemed to be mildly astonished.

Nobody ever complimented me on the state of my blood pressure before. I never heard of anyone else being told he or she had great blood pressure, though I assume somebody has been told that.

So from now on, whenever I'm feeling real low and everything looks terrible, I'll just recall that bit of praise and say, "Well, at least I get great blood pressure." Even after time has passed, I can still use it. I'll just change it and say, "Well, at least I once had great blood pressure."

Speaking of medical matters, I learned later the same day (November 4) that a Moore Memorial Hospital cook book is being published. Many jokes about the hospital food served to patients have been told, but I can't complain about MMH's. During the 10 days or so I was there in 1980 I got

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There seems to be a misunderstanding about the right to vote in a Raeford municipal election. One citizen asked on election day (November 3) whether she could vote. She was afraid she couldn't, because she's registered as a Republican.

She was informed that it didn't

...  
No newspaper in its right mind deliberately lays out a page that will cause embarrassment to somebody, but sometimes a layout happens that way by accident.

For example, at the end of an obituary column in the *Asheville Citizen* years ago, a classified ad was tossed in by a printer to fill up a blank space. The ad read, "We buy carcasses." It had been bought by a local meat packer.

Then one in the *Asheville Times* had a mixup in lines of type. They were under a picture of a newly elected PTA president. The caption gave her name and address. Then it referred to "her" production record.

Those latter lines, however, had come from a caption intended for the picture of a prize-winning Holstein. "Her" meant the cow, not the human.

These are some of the things that give editors and publishers nightmares.

One city editor, also in Asheville, after reading a front page proof for the third time, had second thoughts about a caption after the presses started to roll. He hollered "Stop the press," just like in the movies (or some similar request). So they stopped the press, and the editor sent a note down.

The pressman read the note, then had an assistant chisel part of the caption off. The assistant had to chisel just one word out.

I've forgotten what the word was, but the city editor had feared it might lead to a false impression.

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



EVERY VOTE COUNTS -- Every vote counts and that was demonstrated in my home town of Aberdeen in the Tuesday, Nov. 3rd election.

Commissioner Hugh M. Styers, a 12 year veteran Town Commissioner in Aberdeen lost by one vote to Mrs. Betsy Mofield. The vote was Betsy Mofield, 209 and Commissioner Styers, 208.

This proves that in close elections, every vote counts, and in many contests you never know how close the race will be.

In Hope Mills in Cumberland County - a county adjoining Moore, Mayor Edward Herring lost by one vote, 463 to 464 for his opponent, R.E. "Ed" Angline.

Re-counts may be called in both instances. These contests simply show how "one vote" can often be decisive, and quite important.

VIRGINIA -- Lt. Governor Charles S. Robb, a conservative Democrat, won the election for Governor over the Republican Attorney General. That race was watched by politicians over the nation. His wife is the daughter of the late Lyndon B. Johnson. Robb ran as a conservative, whereas his father-in-law was an out and out liberal, leading for liberal programs established throughout the LBJ administration.

TOBACCO -- With one tobacco battle won in Congress, it looks as if another one is brewing - which may be just as hard to stop if not harder than the first one. This is the proposed 16 cent increase on a pack of cigarettes. Such an increase, doubling the present Federal tax.

DRUGS -- It appears today that drug traffic is one of the major offenders of the law, just as was the liquor traffic a potent part of lawlessness during the days of the 18th Amendment which outlawed "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the importation thereof, into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby forbidden." The 18th amendment concluded: "The

Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

WOMEN -- In Aberdeen, which adjoins Southern Pines, the women have moved ahead of the men in the Southern Pines city government, where they have a majority - three women and two men. The Mayor, before the election was a woman, Mrs. Hope Brogden. One of the men is former Mayor Emanuel Douglas, a black. He may be tapped for mayor again as Southern Pines generally elects the high vote-getter mayor, and Douglas was the high vote-getter, leading the incumbent, Mayor Hope Brogden, by 1065 to 960.

FALWELL -- Rev. Jerry Falwell, pastor of the 18,000 member Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, and President of Moral Majority Inc., will appear in person at a "Look Up America" rally with Don Norman and 14 Liberty Baptist College Singers at the Cumberland Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

BILL FRIDAY -- Dr. William Friday will likely resign as UNB President in 1982 according to reports. Friends say that Dr. Friday may then, give serious thought to running for governor.

Two new names have been mentioned this week for State offices, Lauch Faircloth for governor; and Former Governor and Lieut. Governor Bob Scott for Lieutenant Governor!

SCHOOL MEALS -- An interesting column in the November issue of *The Roanoke Beacon* concerned School Lunches for children. From the news article, it appears that the children are not finding the food bad at all. "They eat everything on the table," said Mrs. Ann Taft who manages the cafeteria at the Washington Street Elementary School.

HARNETT -- Here is the way Hoover Taft, publisher of the *Dunn Daily Record* headlines Harnett's results of the election: "Coats Election Cleans House; Brown Defeats Lillington Mayor."

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

The loudest environmentalists, I've noticed, live in cities. It's only natural.

Like ivory tower economists who advise business men although they themselves have never been in business, city environmentalists never take bold stands on environmental matters although they never experience much environment themselves. If they live in high-rise apartment buildings and work in high-rise office buildings, they can go for days without running into any.

Now country peopel, they're surrounded with environment. There's a mass of it every way they look. Step out the back door and there it is.

This brings up the subject of coyotes. City environmentalists are in favor of them. They don't even want a rancher to bother one when it's after a lamb or a baby calf. Oh, it's all right to chase it away but don't hurt it.

Therefore I was as astonished as I would be if I heard an economist say he didn't know what he was talking about when I read that people in Los Angeles are up in arms over coyotes.

The animals, finding few lambs and baby calves in pastures that have been paved over for shopping malls and parking lots have turned to garbage cans and table scraps inside the city. They've even attacked children.

At that point, the romantic yawping of a pack of coyotes ringing out across the land in the stillness of the night has been found to be no longer environmentally desirable. Those city people want the blamed cut-throats shot on sight.

At this point, no further comment is necessary.

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

## Letters To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*.

For several years I've resisted the impulse to write this letter concerning our "little small town newspaper". I've been reading it for more years than I aim to make public. It has progressed quite a lot - but thank goodness, it's basically the same. I'm getting old enough to admit I'm in favor of progress - it's the change I don't like.

Yes, I do read other newspapers - and they are my reason for hanging on to my *News-Journal*.

When John Doe and his wife have a new baby I love to know who the mother was before she was married.

When our local girls become brides I'm very interested in the whole affair - even to what the mother of the bride was wearing.

I always search the pictures for the Kindergarten parties to see if I know any of them - also the school parties or activities.

"Browsing In The Files" is always fun, especially when you remember most of the incidents.

The coverage you give on the Children's Center and the Hoke County Association for the Retarded is heart-warming.

I'll admit that I always read Sam's "Around Town" first - there's a special reason for that. I knew Sam when he was learning to write.

I hope this will make you feel good enough to tell me who "The Puppy Creek Philosopher" is. I've been guessing for years.

Sincerely,  
Della Maynor  
Register of Deeds  
Hoke County

## "Things That Matter"

by Lucien Coleman

A THOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Funny, isn't it, that nobody worries much about "the true meaning of Independence Day"?

Now, Christmas, that's different. Just start decking the halls with boughs of holly, and you'll begin to hear all sorts of pronouncements about the "true meaning" of Christmas. Seems we worry about that a lot.

But not on the Fourth of July. As everyone knows, that's the time of charcoaling, sunburning, boozing, ball-playing, and, in our more reverent patriotic moments, watching red, white, and blue fireworks burst in the air.

To raise sober questions like, "What's the true meaning of Independence Day?" would be--well, sort of un-American.

Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea, though, as we ice-down the six-packs, or squirt mustard on the hotdog buns, to spend a few moments pondering the revolutionary ideas that created the spirit of 1776.

The idea which led, more than any other, to the shaping of American independence was republicanism (not spelled, please note, with a capital "R"). The basic creed of American republicanism was the belief that must be free to enjoy "Life, Liberty and

pursuit of Happiness." Government, therefore, must be based on laws designed to protect these rights, not on the arbitrary whim and personal impulses of absolute rulers.

It's an easy creed to believe in, so long as you're talking about my rights and yours. But some folks in our society have a little trouble swallowing those words, "all persons" have natural rights, especially where they apply to racial minorities, women, Asian refugees, the poor, the elderly, the handicapped.

A second idea uppermost in the minds of our nation's founding fathers and mothers was the conviction that America was a land chosen of God to foster human freedom. No, they didn't all subscribe to the same theology.

Some were Deists, some Puritans. Some were Anglicans; others were Baptists, Methodists, and Quakers. But all were sure that divine providence was shaping America's destiny.

As Independence Day rolls around again, it might be worthwhile to mention these ideas to the family, while they open the potato chips and spread the mayonnaise. Without them, the fourth of July would be just another day.