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Explanation

Part of last week's Raeford City Council meeting explained indirectly the difference between privately owned housing and the land planned for it and publicly financed housing on land to be provided by a public agency.

The subject came up during the council's consideration of a City Planning Board recommendation that the subdivision plans for an apartment project in the North Fulton Street area be approved. The project last year drew opposition from home owners of the area because the apartments will be open to low-income people on the federal rent subsidy program. In this program, the government pays the difference in rent between the owner asks and what the prospective tenant can pay.

In the past, property owners of another area adjoining Raeford successfully opposed proposals to establish federal government-financed housing for low-income people in their neighborhood.

The North Fulton Street project, however, is a different matter. The land for the apartment sites is privately owned, and the apartments will be built and financed by private funds and also will be managed by the owner. The only role the federal government will have in the project is the role of provider of financial help to the tenant for paying the rent.

Under the American free-enterprise system, the original property owner had the right to sell his land to whomever was willing to pay the price, regardless of the feelings of owners of adjoining property. The buyer, also, has the right to use the property for any purpose he chooses, so long as the use complies with the city zoning ordinance, regardless of how owners of adjoining property feel.

As far as the subdivision plan for the project was concerned, the planning board had found it met the city's requirements for subdivision. Consequently the only action the council had to take was to accept the recommendation, thus approving the plan; or reject it. If the council had rejected the recommendation it would have had to give a reason or reasons for rejecting.

In that situation, property owners fearing what their neighborhood might become can do nothing more than appeal to the owner of the property not to sell. But the owner has the right to decide.

That's the way the free-enterprise system works.

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Letter To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*.

Winston Smith's crime was unforgivable. After an adult lifetime of rigid self discipline, adhering to the dictates of "Big Brother", he had erred in succumbing to the natural instincts of a young man. He fell in love with Julia. And with the normal instincts of a young woman, Julia fell in love with Winston. This proved to be fatal to them both. For as George Orwell has so brilliantly pointed out in his prophetic (?) and powerful classic, "1984", the party must smash the last impulse of love, the last flicker of individuality.

And so after their apprehension and incarceration, following by the inevitable beatings, sadistic torture and starvation, reduced to the state of mental vegetables, Winston even denounced Julia, the one he loved. He meekly conceded that he had finally won the victory over himself.

HE LOVED BIG BROTHER.

As all governments, including our own, become increasingly more oppressive, all for our own benefit, of course, occasionally even the establishment media will rather facetiously make reference to "Big Brother". And yet we had better begin to understand the mentality of an oligarchy with an insatiable lust for power that brings 1984 closer every day. For, as Orwell makes clear, when O'Brien, the merciless interrogator of the then battered Winston arrogantly spells it out, "If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face ... forever".

I suppose our Polish friends could tell Americans something about that, this New Year's Day of 1982.

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Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, January 10, 1957
John W. Flannery was installed as 1957 president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the weekly meeting Thursday night.

A delegation of citizens of Little River Township with former County Commissioner John William Smith as their spokesman appeared before the Hoke County Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday and made a formal request to have the township annexed to Moore County. The Hoke board approved the request "with regret."

Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High boys basketball team got their first victory of the season over Elizabethtown here Tuesday night, 40-42, while the girls took their first beating of the season 77-56, in two non-conference contests.

15 years ago

Thursday, January 12, 1967
Raeford town officials were left in a somewhat of a tizzy this month when they learned that expensive sewer and water lines must be laid to the site of Hoke County's new elementary school on Bethel Road.

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors have named Mrs. J.M. Andrews of Hoke County to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Judge Junius M. Andrews, who was president of the Co-op at the time of his death in November.

Mrs. Agnes E. Page, supervisor of instruction for Hoke County Schools, and teachers from grades 1-12 will present the "New Math" at PTA on Monday night, January 16, at 7:45 o'clock in Raeford Elementary Auditorium.



CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues

EVOLUTION...In recent days we have been reading right much about Arkansas' creation law which was struck down by a Federal Judge who ruled that it violates the U.S. Constitution in separation of church and state. The judge called the law, which requires the teaching of creation science to balance evolution theories, "an effort to introduce the biblical version of creation into the public school system."

Many years ago, in the middle 1920's, Rep. D. Scott Poole of Hoke County introduced a bill in the N.C. House of Representatives to prohibit the teaching of evolution in public schools. It gained right much support but failed to pass after college professors and some newspapers opposed it. Poole was editor of the *Hoke County Journal* in Raeford.

The next year, in Dayton, Tennessee, a young man by the name of John T. Scopes was indicted for teaching evolution in the Dayton High School, followed by a famous court trial.

William Jennings Bryan, who had been three times the Democratic nominee for president, volunteered to prosecute Scopes. Bryan's entry brought another famous lawyer into the trial to defend Scopes, Clarence Darrow, the nation's most famous criminal defense lawyer.

Dayton was a little country town but newspapers from throughout the United States and foreign countries sent reporters to cover the trial.

Bryan said: "No, my friends, no court, and no jury, great or small, is going to destroy the issue between the believer and the unbeliever."

At the conclusion of Bryan's plea, fundamentalist and evolutionist, broke into applause.

Dudley Field Malone, a defense lawyer, in a stirring speech, answered Bryan, declaring that truth must always and eventually prevail.

After spending many hours in preparing his decision, Judge Raulston ruled that the expert's testi-

mony could not go to the jury. It was allowed to go into the record for the higher courts in affidavit form.

Some years later, my recollection is that it was ruled unconstitutional.

Bryan died in Dayton, Tennessee a few days after the trial. We doubt that any court will decide the case of evolution with lasting finality.

Any person who wants to claim that he sprung from a monkey or baboon, may do so but as a protestant presbyterian, I cling to the Genesis story as revealed in the Bible.

S & W CAFETERIA...We note that the S & W Cafeteria in Charlotte closed last Friday because it was losing \$50,000 a year. We remember the S & W Cafeteria in Raleigh when it was the most popular eating place in the capitol city. It has been closed since the late 1960's. At one time the S & W Cafeterias were located in several of the top cities in North Carolina from Atlanta to Washington. John Sherrill was president of the Charlotte-based cafeterias.

SAM C. MORRIS...My long-time friend from our neighboring town of Raeford, retired as managing editor of *The News-Journal* with the beginning of the New Year, a position which he held for 41 years with the newspaper, serving since 1935, except for five years active military duty in WW II.

Morris will continue to write his "Around Town" column on the passing scenes. Morris was greatly surprised when the newspaper employees and many others in town and from other places gathered to honor him and hollered "Surprise!"

MILLIONAIRES ... We have been reading in the papers about how to become a millionaire for "\$166.67" a month. In 1982 it may sound possible and inviting!

Back in the 1930's in the days of the Great Depression, \$166.67 per month was far more than most people made. Times change and we hope many will attempt to save for their senior years.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

Sometimes it looks like U.S. foreign policy is designed to teach a lesson to every country except ours.

For example, two years ago we shut off grain sales to Russia when she invaded Afghanistan and it sure taught her a lesson. It taught her that if she couldn't buy grain from American farmers she could buy it from Canada, Argentina, etc.

Now Washington is going to cut off caterpillar tractors, drill bits and a lot of technical stuff because of Russia's hand in Poland. Other countries are grinning and rubbing their hands.

One group that probably wishes something else had been cut off a lot earlier is some big city banks. They've loaned the Communist government of Poland millions of dollars and can't get it back. Can't even collect the interest.

In fact, the Polish government has asked for \$350 million more in loans to pay off the interest. I don't know if the banks will be interested, but if they are I'd like to get in touch with them. If a person could borrow money, then borrow more to pay the interest every time it comes due, he could live comfort-

ably the rest of his life, although from the looks of things Poland wouldn't be the place to do it in.

If banks won't go for this, I have hit on another idea you might say is up on the international financial level.

As I understand it, the economy is sagging because people aren't buying and the reason they aren't buying is they're short of cash. There's a remedy for this, provided the Pose Office understands international finances.

Say you'd like to help get the car industry back on its feet by buying a new car but don't have the down payment. Go to the Post Office and buy a money order equal to the down payment and drive off in the model of your choice. But, and here's the revolutionary new idea, buy the money order on the installment plan at \$2 a week from now on.

Thus for a few dollars you can buy a brand new car and get the economy booming. If you don't have a few dollars, embargo grain and caterpillar tractors to Russia and maybe that'll do it.

Your faithfully,
J.A.

It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

Being a member of The Press for any great length of time can make a body drunk with power.

Just the other day, I cut Della Maynor's term of office in half. I had the county register of deeds' office among those up for election this year.

She straightened me out not long after the papers came off the press: she's serving till 1984, at the least, and won't have to run again till then, if she wants another term.

I really didn't cut her term in half on purpose, and wouldn't even if I could. She was re-elected without opposition in primary or general election in 1980. Then, too, in some other counties, practically all the county offices have terms running in the same periods of four years - sheriff, clerk of court, register of deeds, coroner, for instance. This year, the sheriff's, court, clerk's and coroner's offices are up for election in Hoke. So are three places on the board of education and three on the board of county commissioners. Better get those in, though they're in a different category. In the first election story, I forgot to mention the three school board places up for election in November, since candidates for school board seats don't run as members of any political party, even if most of the voters know what party they're in. They're not listed on the ballots as Democrat, Republican, or whatever party they belong to.

Speaking of political parties, Charlie Justice, the UNC All America tailback, had been out of school and was in business in Hendersonville back in the 1950s when he decided to run for sheriff of Henderson County. He was a Democrat, and still is far as I know, but when he went to sign up he misunderstood the question. The secretary asked him what organization he was running in, and he thought that meant who was backing him, so he answered he was running "independent," meaning he wasn't tied to anybody. So he was put down as an Independent.

And that made him ineligible to run in the Democratic primary, which in those days before the Republican uprising was the only election that counted; the winner of the Democratic nomination was a cinch for election in the November general election.

Then there was the five people in Graham County who voted for Luther Hodges for governor in the 1956 election because they thought they were voting for Brandon Hodges. Brandon Hodges, the state treasurer, had come to Graham County campaigning for Luther but the five people had gotten mixed up.

And then in the '50s also, commissioners in one county voted to fire the county farm agent. The reason was he was suspected of voting a split ticket in the general election. The county attorney, however, got wind of it and told them they couldn't do that. So they met later the same day and re-hired him.

The agent didn't know what was going on till he returned home. When the commissioners were meeting, he was in Chicago -- getting a national Distinguished Service Award.

Christmas lingering in memory brings to mind a sort of Christmas story I heard in Waynesville about 1949 or '50. At the time, a song titled, "The Thing", was popular. It is a comic piece about a horrifying "thing" that appeared, from the sea, I think. The song doesn't say what it is.



Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

I laughed when I saw the parrot making a great fuss about getting from its perch to the ground. It seemed to be struggling so hard and so much in vain. "Funny bird," I said. "Come on! Why don't you just fly?" Then the owner told me that the wings of parrots are clipped to keep them from flying away.

I watched the parrot struggle--swinging from one foot, turning itself upside down, hanging on with its beak, and finally falling and lying dazed on the ground.

Now there was no laughter in me, for the parrot had become a symbol. It was like all those people who appear to be free in our world,

Mrs. Prevost of Hazelwood, next door to Waynesville, remarked a day or two after Christmas: "Now I know what 'The Thing' is. I got it for Christmas."

Mrs. Prevost is a sister of the great All America tackle of 1933 who played for Duke, Freddy Crawford. While he was in high school Freddy used to stay in top condition for football all year around by running up to the top of Eagle's Nest Mountain which was near his home in Hazelwood. It is about three miles to the summit and back to the Crawford home. He also helped himself stay in shape by training his German shepherd to grab people trying to break into the house. He had the dog so he'd attack anybody who tried to go in the house any way but through the front door without busting in.

Freddy would sneak up to a side window of the house and try to climb in, and the dog would attack and fling him to the ground. Freddy used to do this five or six times a day. It was hard on Freddy's clothes and body, but Freddy and the dog got a lot of exercise that way, and the dog got in good shape to take fare of burglars. It worked, too. I never have heard of anybody successfully breaking into Freddy Crawford's house in Hazelwood. Hazelwood, incidentally, had the distinction of having produced two All American football players, and both played for Duke under Wallace Wade. The other is Charles E (Bill) Milner, who made the honor team at guard in 1943 while he was at Duke in the Navy's V-12 officer training program.

The reason why both went to Duke was both played their earlier football at Waynesville Township High School, and the head coach there was Carleton Weatherby, who played tackle for Wade at Duke regularly before graduating in 1929.

Weatherby, incidentally, used Wade's double wingback formation all the time he was head coach at Waynesville, long after the double- and single-wing went out of style in favor of the "T" and its variations, the split- and winged-T. Weatherby's system, with the talent he managed to have regularly worked well, season after season.

Weatherby also had his boys use the same set of plays, season after season, so that practically every coach whose team played Weatherby's Mountaineers every season were familiar with them. "Sure they know them," Weatherby would admit. "But they can't stop them."

One important reason for Waynesville's success was the Waynesville players wore their opponents down with superior physical condition. Though Weatherby had good talent regularly it was not available in large numbers. Consequently, he concentrated on physical conditioning, so that in a pinch a starter could play a whole game without substitution. One of the 60-minute men was Carl Setzer of Maggie Valley, who played center at Waynesville in 1949 and the early '50s, Crawford and Milner very probably were others.

Speaking of good condition, the paratroopers pride themselves on being and staying in super physical shape and being contemptuous of pain as well. One story from Ft. Bragg goes like this. The 82nd Airborne men were out on their customary daily long-distance run before breakfast when one of them stepped in a hole and fell to the ground about four miles out. When he didn't get back to his feet and resume running, his platoon sergeant asked him what the trouble was. "Broke my leg," the trooper replied unemotionally. The sergeant frowned, thought about the matter a minute, then said: "Okay, then just do 100 pushups and crawl back to the barracks."

but who have had their wings clipped--by poverty, by lack of education, by discrimination, by insensitive persons. And we tend to stand on the sidelines and say, "Strange people! Why don't they act the way the rest of us do?" But as we say this, we show that we are unaware of the pain and despair in those who, like the parrot, appear to be free but cannot fly. PRAYER: Help us, God, to be aware of those about us who need understanding and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THOUGH FOR THE DAY
What can I do today to allow greater freedom for myself and others?

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