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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1982

Tougher court action

The campaign to get drunk drivers off North Carolina's highways is highly commendable, obviously.

But it's going to take more than tougher law enforcement. The officers can do nothing more than charge the driver and get the evidence, including the result of the Breathalyzer test, together, and present it in court.

District Court records show, however, that people charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor can escape loss of driving licenses by pleading guilty to lesser offenses with the court accepting the plea.

To take a license from a drunk driver is going to take tougher court action as well as tougher law enforcement. In fact, the record shows the law enforcement has been fairly consistently about as tough as it can get without violating a driver's civil rights.

--BL

Got it backwards

Kent Kelly's book condemning abortion in the United States is fronted by a map of the United States over which is superimposed the Nazi swastika in black on white surrounded by red, which is dripping, like blood.

The impression is the Nazis formed abortion. Kelly should have done a little homework in the history of Germany during the Nazi reign.

He would have discovered that the Nazis vigorously supported and encouraged production of children, by "Aryan" mothers and "Aryan" fathers. This attitude obviously condemns abortion.

--BL

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, April 18, 1957

The county-wide tax appraisal board of J.H. Blue, J.H. Blythe and Tom F. McBryde, of which Blythe is chairman, is spending much time these days working with the appraisal experts of the Southern Appraisal Co. to make certain that values are applied to all property in the county the same way.

Lawrence J. Campbell, 59, died in Scotland Memorial Hospital Saturday after a short illness.

Hoke High School Principal W.T. Gibson, Jr. spoke at the Hoke - Raeford Parent - Teacher Association Monday night in favor of the Kiwanis - sponsored youth recreation program for the community.

The Bank of Raeford, which reported deposits of \$3,611,609 at the close of business on December 31, 1956, gained 638 places in its standing among the 5900 largest banks in the United States during 1956.

Graham Monroe, chairman of the agriculture committee of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, said this week that the Chamber had endorsed the principles of the *News and Observer's* "Farm Income Contest" and that arrangements are being made to considerably expand the list of prizes available to Hoke County farm families who enter.

Bill Clark, president of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, said this week that the club had contributed \$100 to the Hoke High School Glee Club for use toward the purchase of their robes.

15 years ago

Thursday, April 20, 1967

Israel Mann, Raeford merchant and civic leader, has been declared the first North Carolinian to win the Shofar Award by Boy Scouts of America.

Low bids totaling \$135,888 were tentatively accepted here Friday on four of six contracts for a new county jail.

Raeford "art lovers" turned out in large numbers during the weekend to view paintings, statues, carvings, ceramics and other works exhibited by local "artists" in an all-local art show sponsored by the garden and literature departments of the Raeford Woman's Club.

About 100 Hoke County students have applied for transfer to schools other than those they are attending this year, according to W.T. Gibson, Jr., superintendent of schools.

A Hoke County steer, belonging to Kenneth Hendrix, placed third Tuesday in the Fayetteville area fat stock show and sale.

Doug Wallace was elected president of the Raeford Jaycees Thursday night. He will succeed Al Bauketa.

Some 150 to 160 golfers are expected to take part in the second annual Raeford Lions Club Golf Tournament on May 6 and 7 at Arabia Golf Club.

'You can lead a horse to water —'



The Christian Science Monitor

It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

There's the mythical postman who takes a walk on his day off.

Then there's the veterinarian who performs surgery -- several of them, in fact -- on HIS day off.

Dr. Russell Tate isn't mythical. He's real. And that's what he did one Wednesday (the first one of this month). He drove over from his home in Vass to his Raeford Animal Clinic. While he was there, with time on his hands, he operated on LuLu to prevent pups.

LuLu is the unidentified, collarless dog I picked up in Southern Pines and brought over to Raeford as, through no fault of her own but because of that periodic thing that comes automatically to female dogs, she was attracting male dogs -- three or four of them. Fred didn't care for all that attention to his new friend, and the result was he got into three fights in two days, all with the same dog. The worst injuries were a few scratches (animals of the same species don't try to kill each other; only people do). But I took LuLu to Raeford to keep her confined till the period passed.

Dr. Tate came over on his day off, which happened to be about the time LuLu was in the last stages of her period; so he went and operated.

Lucky thing he came, though, as after LuLu was taken care of along came three emergencies.

Dr. Tate loves animals, which is common to veterinarians and their assistants as well. But he also enjoys working. Which is why he has clinics in Raeford, Vass (now a boarding place), and Southern Pines, which he opened last summer. He also has a young veterinarian -- Dr. Keith Harrison -- to

share the medical work, and two veterinary technicians, besides the non-veterinary professionals on his staffs.

He is one of those people whose families knew the Depression, so Dr. Tate went to work in childhood, not because he was crazy about it then but because his family needed him to. That was up in the mountains of Watauga County -- around Blowing Rock, I've heard.

Anyway, he's been working all his life, including earning his way to first a college degree then through veterinary medical school. He started his practice 27 years ago.

Now he really doesn't have to work nearly so long or hard, and certainly not on his days off, because he did work hard and long. But now it's his habit and he enjoys helping animals. Which is a blessing to all the little and big critters, and their human owners, when the animals need any kind of treatment, from a "shot" to emergency treatment for a heart attack, to major surgery.

Incidentally, I found out where LuLu lives. The morning after I brought her home from Dr. Tate's establishment, she ran off across the neighbor's yard, to her home. She'd been confined when her period had started but she'd escaped, her owner, whom I met a few days later, explained. He had been worried about LuLu's absence and was greatly relieved when she showed up again, and also grateful for all that expert attention she had been given.

I named her LuLu as all vets need names for their patients, for the records. I haven't found out yet what her owner calls her.



Read Psalm 91

You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

—Isaiah 26:3 (TEV)

One year a late frost had struck the fields of southwestern Ontario. The same devastation was expected as had occurred several years earlier when a similar frost destroyed hundreds of acres of young plants. To everyone's surprise, no such damage occurred this time.

Baffled, agriculturalists looked more closely to see why the plants had not died. They discovered there had been a particularly heavy dew that night. As it lay on the tender leaves, it formed a protecting blanket between them and the frost, shielding the plants from harm.

Just so, God's loving care comes between danger and those who love and put their trust in God. This loving care may not prevent all danger from reaching us or evil from doing its worst, but protected by the blanket of the everlasting arms, those who trust God find security and peace.

PRAYER: O God, in times of weakness help me to find Your strength; in sickness, Your health; in confusion, peace; in sadness, joy; in sin, forgiveness; in doubt,

faith, I come to You through Christ, who never leaves nor forsakes me. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's loving care is a shield to protect me.

This Is The Law

CONSIDERATION

Not all promises are enforceable.

There may be a moral obligation to keep a promise, but unless there is something called "consideration" there is no legal obligation (and, no contract).

Consideration is the benefit one party receives at the other party's expense as part of an agreement. A bare promise to do something is not enforceable unless the person on the receiving end of the promise is giving up something in order to receive it.

Without consideration, the transaction is merely a gift.

Consideration does not have to be a large sum. It may be a very small amount of money or other property, or it may be a promise in return for a promise.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



OPINION POLL...We have just run an Opinion Poll in our newspaper, *The Sandhill Citizen*. When the 50th ballot came in just before press time, we ended the poll and counted up.

Here is the way the ballots tallied:

1. What kind of a President do you feel Ronald Reagan is making? Answers: Good 18, Average 20, Poor 12.

2. What kind of a Governor do you feel Jim Hunt is making? Answers: Good 21, Average 18, Poor 11, Neither 2.

3. Who do you favor for U.S. Senator in 1984? Answers: Hunt 16, Helms 31, Neither 3.

4. Do you favor increasing the Sales Tax from 4 cents to 5 cents which the Board of Education has endorsed? Answers: Yes 3, No 43, Undecided 4.

5. Are you registered to vote? Answers: Yes 50, No 0, Race: White 48, Black 2, Politics: Democratic 41, Republican 7, Other 2.

The ballots were not from one section of the county. They were scattered over the county and a few from out of the county.

Comment: This was strictly a straw vote without any pressure from anyone. We were a little surprised at some of the results. However, in number this was a greater percentage of the votes in the county than the national polls say they question percentage-wise in the nation.

This was a strictly "straw vote" and sometimes straws bend with the wind, sometimes one way, and sometimes another.

Moore County is a two party county, even though the registration books show the registration about 60% Democratic and 40% Republican. The State House member, the Sheriff, and three commissioners are Republicans; with the Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds and Coroner, Democrats.

TOM GILMORE...Former State Rep. Tom Gilmore is doing an outstanding job arousing the people against the proposed four-year term for legislation.

The opposition was asleep at the bat when they didn't fight having

the referendum for four-year terms set for the general election, rather than at the primary election. Fewer people vote in the primaries than in the general elections, when most changes to our constitution are voted on.

Proponents to the bill in the General Assembly evidently realized that in the primary with a smaller vote, their chances might be better than in a larger vote in the general election.

INFLATION...It doesn't look as if the Carolina Power & Light Company is doing much to hold down inflation when the company executives receive pay raises of 21.8% to 34.4%. Robert Fishback, director of the Utilities Commission's Public Staff, called the salary increase "abusive," which the public will likely agree with.

According to a USDA report, statistics point to a dramatic drop in the rate of rise in electricity used by rural people, causing a U.S. Department of Agriculture official to doubt the accuracy of future consumption forecasts.

UNC POLL...A UNC Chapel Hill Journalism recognition poll for candidates for governor, showed John Ingram was the leader with 84% recognition followed by former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan with 82%.

The School of Journalism poll indicated that Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, 1980 gubernatorial candidate I. Beverly Lake, Jr. and Attorney General Rufus Edmisten were also recognized by more than 70% of those surveyed.

Among other possible candidates mentioned were Dr. William Friday, U.S. Rep. Charles Rose of Fayetteville, Charlotte Mayor, Eddie Knox, former Deputy Secretary of Human Resources, Thomas Gilmore and Ben Cass Ballenger. Recognition ranged from 39 to 14%.

Several other potential candidates were not listed in the Tar Heel poll, one being former Mayor Belk of Charlotte, along with Dr. Leo Jenkins, former President of East Carolina University and Dr. Wiggins of Campbell College. 593 people of voting age responded to the UNC Journalism phone calls.

Letter To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*

The Hoke County commissioners voted April 5 to allow three Hoke County residents land use value on property they either owned or operated.

Aside from the fact a deadline for filing had passed, the tax supervisor made a statement to the board that he believed that the board could accept the late request of said property owners (reading from the N.C. law).

Personally I see nothing wrong with the property owners' request, or with the decision of the board if the tax supervisor had made available to all who qualified the same favor (noticing as he phrased it). I did not see a form for these property owners. I wrote letters to some inquiring as to why they hadn't filed.

I do not suggest that impropriety exists for the upper crust or upper crust (as you prefer). I do suggest that we as tax payers should look closely at the habitual voting patterns of the present board.

Since January 1982 one commissioner has made 28 motions seconded by the same board member (by my calculation). Two members make motions that have minor importance such as, acceptance of previous minutes, or non-monetary matters. Another board member's motions traditionally die for lack of seconds or are countered by other motions; when (according to chairman and others) a motion can carry without a second, in the past 16 months not a single motion has.

Yes on occasion there's a tie. When this occurred the records show that (except for one occasion) the same three commissioners vote together. By now some readers have become inebriated by so much jockeying to at least this writer has.

On another matter some commissioners are upset by what they believe is an infraction of county policy regarding construction of low- or moderate-income housing if it is not carried through what is described as Channels. Now that's O.K. if Federal, State or Municipal funds are used. But what about good old fashion independent enterprise? Not to mention democracy.

And Easter just passed, some politicians did not see the kiss, the Betrayal, the Cross, the Crucifix, the stone rollaway or even the Resurrection, but they may see so

great a cry for political rejuvenation throughout this little hamlet of Hoke that truly the people may let the commissioners GO -- or is it Candidates?

Robert Warren

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

I don't know about others but I had managed to make it this far in life without ever having heard of the Falkland Islands.

Such ignorance wasn't something I was losing sleep over, as there must be thousands of islands scattered around in the oceans of the world most people haven't heard of. And if a man is going to be ignorant of something, tiny islands are about as good as anything else.

The reason I am now aware of the Falklands is that the world is too thoroughly televised.

As I understand it, Argentina has been arguing for 150 years that the islands belonged to her, not the British, although England has been in charge of the place. So, after debating for a century and a half Argentina, with what might be called Congressional speed, decided finally to take over the territory and make everybody there speak Spanish instead of Cockney, not to mention drill for the oil that may lie under the ocean floor nearby.

So the TV networks, tickled pink to get rid of the El Salvador story, which they couldn't make heads or tails of anyway, leaped on the Falkland Islands. A place with only 1,800 people and 600,000 sheep is a lot more photographic.

It makes a person wonder, if Argentina hadn't charged on to the island, what would the three networks have lead off their evening news shows with that day and for day thereafter? For one thing, I still wouldn't have heard of the place.

At this writing, there's no telling what will happen. Forty-six British ships are steaming toward the Falklands 8,000 miles away and eventually will get there, if the mortgage holders don't foreclose and call them back to port. All wars are waged on credit and most nations are already over-extended. People who finance via taxes ships, submarines, airplanes and nuclear bombs are reluctant to see their investments risked in combat.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.