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Let us pray

Let's all pray that the House of Raeford's proposed system to pre-treat grease-loaded waste will work, for the sake of the future, as well as the present economic development of Raeford.

This is far less expensive alternative to the quarter-million-dollar-up system considered as the effective one to cut down the grease ratio to the level acceptable to the state and federal environmental agencies.

The House of Raeford president, Marvin Johnson, says, there's no way the company can get the \$250,000 to \$400,000 estimates say would be necessary to build the more expensive layout.

The Raeford City Council decided the other night to give it a try, in telling the turkey processor to have the equipment in place by November 1. The same order regarding pre-treatment equipment was issued to Faberge, Inc., but this company will have the equipment ready to work, the council was assured.

While untreated discharge from the other two industries on the town sewer system have had to be corrected (Burlington already has), the House of Raeford waste, primarily the grease, constituted the major block to bringing the waste system up to state and federal standards, the town administration has found.

If the turkey plant's system does work, then Raeford area will be reopened to new job-producing, tax-revenue-producing industries. The removal of that problem will not guarantee any such industrial development. But, it will give the area a good chance to grow, now and in the distant future. And, barring unforeseen economic disasters, it also will guarantee continuing employment for 925 people, the number now on the plant's payroll.

Without it, the area has no chance.

So let us pray.

--BL

Winning equation?

Mrs. Tom Jones is joining her husband, the head football coach, at Hoke County High School starting this new school year. They say she's one heck of a mathematics teacher.

After clearing up mysteries of mathematics for her students in class, each day maybe she can work out an equation in her spare time that will help her husband help his grid students win all their football games this season.

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Cutting programs

U.S. Budget Director David Stockman says Congress will have to cut billions of dollars more from social programs next year to hold down budget deficits.

Stockman didn't mention Social Security by name. But there was no doubt about what he was referring to when he said there was a need to curb the "excessive growth" of programs that pay benefits directly to citizens.

Perhaps our patriotic, generous, public-spirited, compassionate, brave senators and congressmen would be willing to help solve the problem by voting themselves a cut in pay and in office expenses, so that the people struggling to make ends meet, or who will be struggling to make ends meet, on their Social Security payments can entertain some hope of making ends meet.

Perhaps also the various public administrators on the state and local payrolls will help their struggling counties by giving up their four- and five-figure local "supplements" to their \$30,000 to \$60,000 a year state salaries.

Of course they will.

Just a week or so after a snowstorm is reported in Hell.

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State-al-izing business?

It's not unusual for Third World governments to nationalize businesses. But it's going to take a while to get used to a recent California Supreme Court decision that local government there can do the same thing. The ruling says that Oakland can invoke eminent domain to tackle the Raiders football team, which wants to move to Los Angeles.

Oakland wants the team to stay put. The city built a stadium for the team on the theory that it would be good for business -- and tax revenues.

A lower court agreed with the Raiders that football teams aren't exactly the same as land needed for roads or sewers. But California's high court ordered the lower court to reconsider. "If acquiring, erecting, owning and/or operating a sports stadium, is a permissible municipal function," the court argued, "we discern no valid legal reason why owning and operating a sports franchise which fields a team to play in the stadium is not equally permissible."

And we can see no reason why Charlie Finley shouldn't be on California's supreme court. If the decision stands not only could Brooklyn ask for the Dodgers back but companies that do any



business with public authorities better start thinking of ways to avoid expropriation at home. As Chief Justice Rose Bird asked in a separate opinion, if a rock concert producer decided not to use a city stadium any longer, "may the city condemn his business, including his contracts with the rock stars, in order to keep the concerts at the stadium?"

We are confident that somehow the courts will find a way out of this silliness. The Raiders should be allowed to move to L.A. And Oakland should be allowed to try to buy a franchise of its own Whether the National Football League would judge the city fathers worthy of a franchise would be an interesting question. We don't know how much coaching experience Oakland's department of public works has had. But how's this for a name for the new team: The Oakland Boondogglers—The Wall Street Journal

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



AYCOCK & OTHERS... It does a person good to take down an old book about some outstanding leader and read again the greatness of the man.

I have just read again "The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock," a great man around the turn of the century in North Carolina.

Charles B. Aycock was a native of Wayne County and under his leadership were associates Dr. J. Y. Joyner and Charles Duncan McIver. They were the great "triumvirate" of their times in education, although Edwin A. Alderman was an outstanding educational leader of the Aycock Era.

From *The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock* by R.D.W. Conner and Clarence Poe, which I read as a high school boy many years ago, we quote Bishop Kilgo: "He lived out his whole life under the despotism of duty."

Archibald Johnson wrote: "He won great love because he was a great lover," and Elder Gold: "He had the simplicity of sincerity, and the sincerity of simplicity."

Aycock recalled the fact that, "during his first year at the bar, he received but \$144, saying, 'I worked night and day to make it. I paid twelve dollars a month for my board and borrowed the money to pay for my clothes. I made \$144, and that is all I ought to have made'."

AYCOCK & EDUCATION... Governor Aycock in Birmingham, Alabama, April 4, 1912, delivering his famous "Universal Education Speech":

"You are going to educate your girl; I know you are. You are going to sit up all night to educate her; you are going to save to educate her; going to economize; going to be stingy to educate her. Maybe you want her to make a musician. Well, I am going to tell you. You can send her to all the schools; you can let her burn the midnight oil; you can let her study under great musicians until she is almost blind; you can send her to the conservatory of music; you can send her abroad until her whole soul thrills and feels the glory of her gifted music, but she cannot make music to people that do not understand. You cannot talk to an audience that cannot hear. Governor, did you ever try it? Well, I have. When I was Governor I made speeches all over North Carolina. I canvassed the State for four years in behalf of the education of the children of the state, right straight along;

sometimes on Sundays they would ask me down to the churches to talk, and I always talked about education--" (At this juncture former Governor Aycock fell dead).

Aycock's death was on April 4, 1912. He had already announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate against Furnifold M. Simmons of New Bern.

SIMMONS AND BAILEY ... Simmons was re-nominated and continued to serve until after 1930 when he was defeated for the Democratic nomination by Josiah Bailey of Raleigh.

Simmons, in 1928 had opposed Governor Al Smith of New York who was the Democratic nominee for president that year.

AL SMITH... Governor Al Smith of New York was a Catholic and a "wet" Democrat. North Carolina and the South had helped adopt the 18th Amendment and prohibition. The South was "protestant" and Democratic. Smith was defeated badly in North Carolina, receiving 286,227, to 348,923 for Hoover.

A goodly number of the Tar Heel Democrats were "wet" and they didn't like Hoover carrying the state.

DEMOCRATS WIN... Just as there were groups of "anti-Al Smith Democrats" there sprung up a group demanding that Simmons, who had led the "Hoover-crats" to victory, have opposition.

Josiah W. Bailey was willing. He announced his candidacy and won the nomination over Simmons who had been a leader in the Democratic Party since the turn of the century.

However, O. Max Gardner, Democrat, was elected governor by a vote of 362,009 to 289,415 for H.F. Seawell, Republican of Moore County.

1928 was a high-watermark in Moore County for the Republicans for many years to come. However, in the last dozen years Moore County has been veering toward the Republican side on occasions.

TWO PARTY... In the last 20 years there have been many Republicans coming to Moore County from the North, and while the North is pretty much Democrat, most of those who have come this way have been Republicans, happy to leave snowy winters and come to the Mid-South where they can play golf in January as well as in March and April. Today, Moore County is pretty much a two-party county.

It's a Small World

By Bill Lindau

You won't be seeing Jennifer Caldwell's byline in the Fayetteville papers after September, for a while at least.

She's going back to school -- the Joseph Pulitzer Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University in New York City -- and on a scholarship at that. The Columbia school is rated by many in the profession as the nation's finest.

Miss Caldwell is a native of Southern Pines, daughter of an Episcopal minister, the Rev. Martin Caldwell, now serving in Richmond, Va.

The only other North Carolinian I know who attended the Pulitzer School is Bob Campbell, a native of Asheville.

And by a strange coincidence, his father also was a minister, a Presbyterian.

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Looking through a Pogo Possum book published nearly 30 years ago made me realize what a great and kindly imagination the cartoonist and author, Walt Kelly had, and why no one could imitate his Pogo comic strips after he died. Someone tried to keep the strip going but it had to be dropped. It just wasn't the same, though the little animal and bird characters looked exactly the way Kelly used to draw them.

Take, for example, the words of "wisdom" dropped now and then by a character.

Like "There's nuthin' like a day with the lumps took out of it," -- Albert Alligator.

Then there's the Pogo version of "Deck the Halls with Holly." Pogo's "chorus" sings it, "Deck the halls with Boston Charlie." And another line goes, "Nora's freezin' on the trolley."

At times, the strip got political. In the 1950s, when U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy was on his Communist hunt, Kelly came up with a character, Wiley Cat, a wildcat with the distinguishing marks of McCarthy's features. Kelly lost some customers who loved,

honored, and respected McCarthy, but it didn't stop him from taking shots at the senator, who was known for his willingness, in his zeal to seek out Communists, to stomp all over constitutional rights (which, ironically, gave him something in common with the Communists he was out to destroy).

Aside from those editorial ventures, Kelly's strips were known for their warmth, gentle humor, and gentle creatures. Like those three little bats, Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildred, who periodically had trouble remembering which was which.

Incidentally, those three characters I can't help thinking of whenever I hear that sentimental old ballad that inspired their names: "Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered."

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Our favorite column these days is, one on etiquette. That's a mighty courageous thing for a grown man in this great American macho society to admit.

But if you've read the column you might concede that it's not so strange a favorite for a grown man, or anybody else.

It's "Miss Manners," written by a Washington Post lady, Judith Martin, who is 43.

Here's a sample, from an interview published in the August 9 edition of "People" magazine. Miss Manners gives this advice to girls on how to behave when rejected by a lover spouse.

"If you want to get even, pretend you haven't noticed. You want to make him think it really didn't make any difference to you ... No matter how eager he was to get rid of you, when he sees you don't seem to care, he'll go mad."

Mrs. Martin, incidentally, speaks of etiquette and protocol with authority based on experience. She's been to diplomatic functions throughout a good part of the world with a relative, who was in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Letters To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*.

A couple of weeks ago, the employees of Burlington Raeford Plant were treated to steak dinners with all the trimmings. This was a result of achieving nine million safe hours of work without any lost time by the employees.

The menu, which consisted of steak, baked potatoes, tossed salad, rolls, tea, and ice cream sundae, was superbly prepared and served by the hands of the capable management and staff of the Raeford Plant. This was also done upon completion of six million safe hours by the employees.

There have been various rewards given at the end of each million safe hours completed without loss of time. However, I feel that the beautifully served meals go far beyond the call of duty and I think that it is time for us, as employees, to say thank you for a job well done. I feel that I speak for all those who appreciate your efforts to make our plant a more safe place to work.

May God ever bless you, the management and staff of the Raeford Plant.

Robert McRae
(Weave room)

Editor, *The News-Journal*.

We the inmates of Robeson County Prison Unit would like to have you consider publishing these truths.

Here on this camp inmates are not being rehabilitated by the Administration. Neither are they encouraging inmates to rehabilitate themselves.

Daily, the majority of the inmates have to sit around in the sun without proper sitting area or shade. Not only in the sun, but, sometimes, in the rain.

The inmates, that are caught in this situation, have tried to find hobbies and/or crafts to fill their unoccupied time. Recently (July 23, 1982), the inmates were given direct orders to not be caught doing their hobbies and/or crafts on the camp grounds or inside the dorms. Only a few can work in the craft shop at a time. In order to get assigned to the craft shop, an inmate must have at least one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in his trust fund. Therefore only about three or four men are allowed in the hobby shop. This number is out of about two-hundred and fifty men.

About forty men work daily at road squad work. About thirty-five work on work-release. Approximately thirty more are doing odd jobs on camp and/or going to assigned school. The schools include: GED, welding, carpentry, and art. These schools are only part-time and in most cases are funded by the inmates. With all

this taken care of, it leaves about one-hundred-forty-five men sitting around with nothing to do. Since, the orders came down to stop all hobbies and crafts except for the classes.

The hobbies and crafts include building boats, picture frames out of matches and other materials. Most of the matches and other materials are picked up off of the ground. This helps keep the camp area and also there are inmates that can't afford to buy materials anyway. Inmates make these little crafts to have to share with their families and friends. We recognize that we have been convicted of various crimes, and that we must be punished. But punishment, without rehabilitation is cruel and unjust. Through hobbies and crafts inmates are influencing other inmates to use their time wisely toward better perspectives in life. Also it (the hobbies) relieves much tension among the men. We feel that without anything to do disciplinary problems will occur more frequently. We are also aware that "An idle mind is the Devil's workshop."

We need counseling and more worship services to attend to the many problems of the men at this camp. Our main purpose is to know what is contained in the rehabilitation program of the North Carolina Department of Correction. And how we may receive its full benefits.

If given an opportunity we would gladly discuss these matters, along with others, with the camp's administration.

However, unless things have changed abruptly, since the writing of this letter that is a "No-Null!"

A Concerned Inmate,
Joseph R. Monroe, I



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