

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



PERPLEXED? ... People throughout North Carolina and undoubtedly among the majority of tax-payers in the United States are perplexed and confused by high unemployment and recession and should keep in mind where inflation and red ink in government is carrying the country.

CONCERNED. ... Democratic Congressman Andy Ireland (Florida) recently stressed these causes:

"In the past 10 years federal spending tripled. In the last five years federal taxes doubled. The national debt has risen to more than \$1 trillion. The \$100 billion plus taxpayers now pay in interest each year, to carry it, is larger than the entire federal budget in 1961!"

"Total payments to individuals for social programs have grown by 400% in the last ten years. The 1980 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (formerly HEW) was \$250 billion! Only two nations in the world -- the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. -- have total federal budgets as large.

"Sixteen years ago we were spending \$65 million on food stamps. In 1981 we spent \$11.3 billion, an increase of 16,000%. And food stamps have become a source of organized crime and racketeering. By 1980, one of every three Americans was receiving a federal check for one thing or another!"

ONE WAY. ... We don't think there is but one way to bring the budget into balance, and that is a hard way: Cut Federal salary spending by an average of 10%. About 10% might seek other work, but if so their positions could be filled.

We would think that it would set a good example for President Reagan to turn back 10% of his salary. It would do something about the \$100 million plus. The Cabinet officers, the U.S. Representatives and Senators should all take a 10 percent reduction.

It will take something like this to balance the budget, and set people to thinking.

HELMS AND HEFNER. ... We suggest that Senator Helms and Rep. Bill Hefner challenge their colleagues to do the same thing.

Senator Helms, in a recent column, pointed out that since he had been in the U.S. Senate nine and one-half years he had turned back to the U.S. Treasury \$1,427,311 of the funds allocated him for operating his office.

We would think others could do the same thing.

Some government officials might not want to take the cut. If not the nation would go on.

Remember in the final days of World War II when President Franklin D. Roosevelt died, on April 12, 1945. He had just been inaugurated for his fourth term and people thought he was indispensable, but the war went on and ended in a few weeks.

None of the high-ranking people in government are indispensable. Roosevelt's sudden passing proved that.

Back in the late 1930's, I believe it was, Congress raised salaries and several months, or maybe years later it was discovered that U.S. Senator William E. Borah turned back the increase each month, and said nothing about it. Senator Borah was not a rich man but he was a powerful man in Congress. He was from Idaho and served in the U.S. Senate from 1907-1940 when he died.

INTEREST RATES. ... According to news reports government and conventional home-loan rates decline another full percentage point are pumping new life into home building industry.

In Charlotte we hear reports that a flood of applications for home loans, especially since rates on government backed loans have declined to 12 1/4% last week.

It was the first time in two years that rates on loans through FHA and Veterans Administrations fell below the teens.

Heretofore, for months, rates for home-building and other things have been out of reach for the average family.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we recognize the substantial economic and social contributions of the textile industry in our community;

WHEREAS, we recognize that the North Carolina textile industry provides directly over 250,000 jobs and some \$2 billion in annual payroll, and indirectly generates thousands of other jobs and billions of dollars in payroll through related industries, which depend heavily upon textiles;

WHEREAS, it is a fact that textiles provides 1,900 jobs and annual payroll of \$20,000,000 in Raeford and Hoke County;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of our community, county, and state that we maintain a healthy, dynamic textile industry;

THEREFORE, I, John K. McNeill, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raeford, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17-24, 1982 as

NORTH CAROLINA TEXTILE WEEK IN RAEFORD

and respectfully request that all who live in our community take advantage of this occasion to learn more about the Textile Industry, through the many activities that will be offered during this period.

WITNESSE, THEREFORE, my signature and the Seal of the City of Raeford, this 4th day of October, 1982.

By the Mayor:

John K. McNeill

SEAL

The week of October 18-24 has been proclaimed North Carolina Textile Week in Raeford by Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr.

Deaths & Funerals

James Lide, Jr.
James Lide, Jr., 38, of Washington, D.C., died October 8.

The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at Nazareth Baptist Church by the Rev. S.C. Fairley. Burial was in Silver Grove Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lide of Raeford; his sisters, Mrs. Fannie M. Stewart and Miss Joyce Lide of Newark, N.J., Miss Mattie Lide of New York, Mrs. Martha McDonald of Fuquay-Varina, and Misses Lillian, Christine and Margaret Lide of Raeford; and his brothers, Connell, Vonnie C., Larry and Laverne Lide of Raeford.

Buie Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Marcus Williamson
Mrs. Marcus Williamson, 62, died Thursday in Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville.

The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon in Sandy Grove United Methodist Church by the Rev. Russell Knoles and the Rev. Robert Gustason. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Burnice Williamson; her son, Leroy Williamson of Raeford; her daughter, Mrs. Francis C. Bradshaw of Raleigh; three grandchildren; and her sister, Mrs. Mac Boone of Clinton.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Russell K. Lyle, Sr.

Russell K. Lyle, Sr., 51, died October 13 in Womack Army Community Hospital.

A memorial service was conducted Sunday afternoon in Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, by the Rev. John Hedgepeth.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Doris C. Lyle; his sons, Russell, Ronald and Rodney Lyle of Raeford.

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ford; his daughter, Mrs. Sharon Laundry of Tacoma, Wash.; a grandchild; his brothers, Kenneth Ray Lyle of Red Springs, and Bobby Lyle of New Jersey; and his sisters, Mrs. Billie Virginia Warner of Nashville, Tenn.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Norris
Richard Norris, 69, died October 13 in Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville.

The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon in Raeford United Methodist Church by the Rev. Arthur Winstead. Burial was in Highland Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Williamson Norris; his daughter, Mrs. Kitzy Jones of Raeford; two grandchildren; and his sister, Mrs. Thelma White of Columbus, Ga.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Dog's Death Exaggerated

If Delton Ivey's dog could read and talk, he'd probably say what Mark Twain said after Twain saw a newspaper story reporting he had died: "Reports of my death are grossly exaggerated."

The dog was reported killed in the October 10 traffic accident that injured his master.

Raeford Dog Warden John Riley reported Thursday after reading the story, however, that the dog was alive and well.

The dog was taken home Thursday from Raeford Animal Clinic by Mrs. Ivey. Riley had taken him to the clinic from the scene of the accident after being called that a

dog appeared hurt. But an examination, including X-raying, at the clinic showed the dog hadn't been injured.

"He was just scared by all the people (spectators who had gathered at the wreck) and the excitement," Riley said.

His master, however, was not so fortunate. Ivey suffered a fracture of an arm and a cut on the head when the pickup truck he was driving was struck by a car at Vass Road and U.S. 401. The car had failed to stop at a stop sign on Vass Road at the intersection, the State Highway Patrol reported. Ivey was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Music Booster Club Dinner Set

The annual dinner of the Hoke County Music Booster Club will be held Friday from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke County High School.

Tickets are \$2.50 per person and can be purchased from the music directors or from the members of the club. Tommy Summers is club president.

The proceeds will go to the Hoke

County music program. All junior high and high school music groups will perform at the dinner.

The schedule of performances follows:

Hoke High Chorus and Chorale, 6:15 p.m.; Upchurch Junior High Seventh Grade Band, 6:30; Upchurch Junior High Eighth Grade Band, 6:45; Upchurch Junior High Chorus, 7:15; and Hoke High Band, 7:45.

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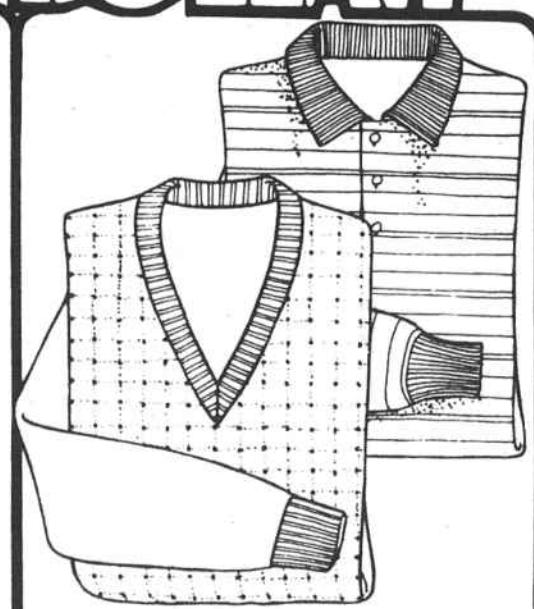
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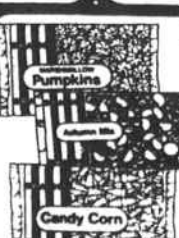
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