

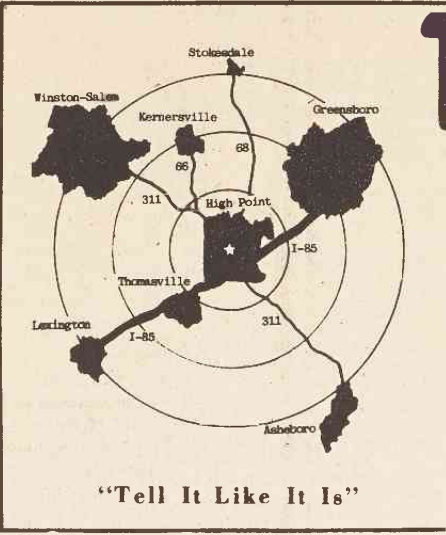
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"Tell It Like It Is"

Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

On Thursday of last week, President Ford signed a proclamation that would boost tariffs on imported oil. According to White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen, the tariff which is to be \$3 per barrel by April 1, 1975 will conceivably hike gasoline prices by about 3 cents a gallon.

Prior to signing the proclamation, Ford met with governors from 10 Northeastern states, most of whom were opposed to his tariff boosting program. The opposition was expressed by governors primarily because many of the states were heavily dependent upon imported oil and the tariff was viewed to cause undue hardship for their respective states.

In other economic developments, the Labor Department reported that consumer prices decreased a little in December, 1974. It further noted that for 1974 as a whole, consumer price inflation had not been worst since 1946.

The Ford administration extended aid to the hard-pressed housing market by earmarking \$1.1 billion for programs to aid the poor, elderly, and the handicapped. This action reflects the initiation of the President's commitment to a "decent home and a suitable living environment for every American."

There has been a reduction in the interest rates for Federal Housing Administration and Veteran Administration loans. The reduction from 9 per cent to 8.5 per cent is expected to increase activity in the housing market as well as provide a savings to the consumer.

STATE

Last Monday night Gov. James Holshouser recommended repeal of the states' sales tax on food beginning in July 1976. He told legislators that the three per cent sales tax on food could be ended without any increases to offset revenue loss. The Governor's proposal met with opposition, however, when his plans were presented in package form and other taxes were raised to offset revenue lost through repeal. Other opposition resulting from the Governor's plan is because the repeal is not proposed to go into effect until July 1, 1976.

In response, to the opposition that he is receiving (mostly from democrats), the Governor stated, "I'd like to be able to do it (repeal the tax) right away, but I couldn't figure out a way to do that without wrecking the budget which has already been recommended."

LOCAL

High Point

George Harrelson, executive director of Housing Development Corporation (HDC) submitted a proposal to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) requesting \$513,000 in Community Development fund from the city of High Point. The request was denied by the CAC and it seems unlikely that an endorsement of this program will be given to the city council.

According to certain members of the CAC, "the reason the HDC proposal was rejected was because it (HDC) has a bad track record."

Greensboro

Rev. Cecil Bishop recently resigned his pastorate at Greensboro's Trinity AME Zion Church to accept a like position at the John Wesley National AME Zion Church in Washington, D.C.

While in Greensboro, Rev. Bishop was chairman of the board of the Greensboro Housing Authority, President of the N.C. Council of Churches, active in the civil rights movement, and a highly respected member of the Greensboro community.

A Nurses Fair was held at A&T State University Friday and 99 per cent of the attention was focused on the nearly 200 senior nursing students. There were approximately 41 recruiters who came from as far away as Boston and Mississippi. It was interesting to note that jobs are available to nursing students when the state of the economy is so uncertain.

MRS. LIGHTNER, NOT GUILTY

From The Neighborhood Council

"FIRST IN FREEDOM?"

by Janie B. Durant

WINSTON-SALEM - This year, North Carolina license plates bear the eye-catching slogan, "First In Freedom". Amateurish and superficial investigation of this slogan reveal that it is a carry-over from the American Revolution. It seems that the State of North Carolina was the first colony to instruct its delegates to The Continental Congress to vote for independence on April 12, 1776. Since we are approaching a Bicentennial Celebration, The Department of Motor Vehicles apparently feel that the slogan is befitting of the time.

without representation in the government. Now almost 200 years later, we see a government that still caters to the rich and leaves poor, hungry, neglected and repressed Americans to fend for themselves. It is inconceivable that one of the richest countries of the world cannot find the resources to assure all of its citizens the basic necessities of life. Food, clothing, shelter, and adequate health care seem little to ask of a country that can boast such a high standard of living.

It is also inconceivable that the state of North Carolina can boast of this slogan, "First in Freedom", when we rank first in the number of death row victims, first in the number of repressive institutions, such as prisons, and rank among the first in job unemployment. Many people are daily subjected to the unrealness of this hypocritical evaluation of our "freedom-loving" state. For example, take the case of Mrs. Janie Murdock of 824 Graham Avenue. This mockery of a home is representative of many of the worst houses in this city. Welfare recipients are

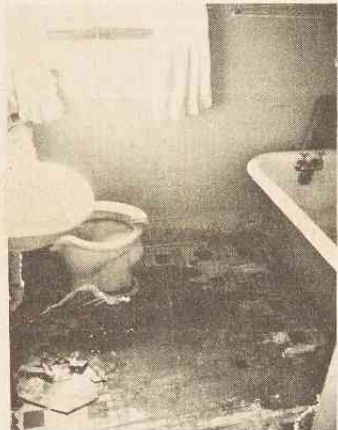


Stopped-up Kitchen Sink



Only Heating Source

However, there is some irony in the statement when one considers that there are people still existing under some of the oppressive conditions that, necessitated, and existed during the American Revolution. The American colonists felt the need to free themselves from the tyranny of a rich British Government that consistently taxed poor Americans



Bathroom?

the last ones considered for public housing, and fall below the income level necessary to be considered for public housing.

Mrs. Murdock's home consists of a 2 bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen. Her only source of heat is a fireplace in the living room unless her wood stove might be considered as a heating device. If her wood stove doubles as a heating device, it leaves something to be desired as a cooking instrument.

Mrs. Murdock's preparation of food is limited in that her wood stove can be used to cook only certain foods in a certain manner, since wood stoves are not modernized to the point of having heat regulatory devices. At any rate, both

sources of heat are inadequate in supplying heat for her entire "home", especially when you consider that most of her broken windows have been substituted with cardboard.

The lack of heat is certainly not the best medication for Mrs. Murdock. She is currently under the doctor's care for a respiratory condition. Her bathroom facilities are not in good working condition and her bathtub is sooty from the black soot and smoke that doesn't quite escape from her faulty chimney. Her kitchen sink has been stopped-up for over a year now.

Mrs. Murdock is a welfare recipient with three children. She worries about the safety of her children, especially her seventeen year old daughter. Recently, the tortured and burned body of a seventeen year old girl was found in an

abandoned house in the area where she lives.

The irony of the slogan, "First in Freedom", when not too long ago this State witnessed 10,000 people demonstrating and proclaiming North Carolina, "First in Repression," cannot escape people like Mrs. Murdock.

Mrs. Murdock is representative of many people living under the same or worst conditions who question whether the recently appropriated community development monies will be used to develop the community by improving deplorable living conditions or will the poor continue to be neglected. It might not be difficult to convince the many people like Mrs. Murdock that North Carolina is indeed "First", but first in what? Freedom, or Repression and Hypocrisy?



Crumbling Cook Stove

Sanitation Worker Honored

HIGH POINT--Sometimes being a sanitation worker is a thankless job. You know that people whose garbage you pick up only bother to think about you when you miss their house or drop something on the ground by the can and neglect to pick it up. But, there are some rewards, even if they are only in knowing that you have done as good a job as you could, and that you have been fair to all men.

In recognition of his loyalty to his City and his job, and for his constant cooperative attitude, James Archie, a City employee since 1948 and presently a motor equipment operator in the City's Sanitation Division, was recently recognized formerly by a Letter of Commendation presented on behalf of the City Manager's Office and the Public Works Department by Assistant Public

Works Director, Dave Smith and Sanitation Superintendent, Clyde Weeks. Archie has also been recommended by his supervisor, Weeks, for recognition as the "Outstanding Operator of the Year" in the City of High Point.

Governor Selects Black Judge

RALEIGH -- Donald Earl Ramseur of Gastonia has been named by Governor Jim Holshouser to fill a district court judgeship in Gaston County.

Ramseur was selected from four names submitted by the judicial district bar association, which includes Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties.

Dr. Larnie G. Horton, Special Assistant to the Governor for Minority Affairs, noted that the Ramseur appointment brings to six the number of black judges in North Carolina.

the law firm of Ramseur and Gingle.

A Cleveland County native, Ramseur is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. He received his law degree from North Carolina Central University in 1954.

Ramseur has been active in various governmental and civic affairs, including holding memberships on the Gastonia City Board of Education, the Gastonia Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, and the Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. He is also the founder and current Board Member of the Gaston Boys Club.

Bennett To Honor Former President

GREENSBORO --The Bennett College community will pay tribute to Dr. David Dallas Jones on Sunday, January 26 at 4 p.m. in Pfeiffer Chapel. Guest speaker for the vesper for the annual Service of Remembrance is Herbert O. Edwards, Associate Professor of Black Church Studies at Duke University's Divinity School.

Under the leadership of David Dallas Jones, Bennett College grew from a campus of four ugly buildings, several acres of corn and turnip patches, ten students, and no endowment to a well-landscaped campus of 42 acres, 31 buildings, an enrollment of 438 young women, and assets into the millions.

During his inauguration in 1927, Dr. Jones clearly stated the mission of the College: "Bennett College for Women does not aspire to be a college of numbers. In this first year of our operations, we have definitely limited our numbers and have taken only such an enrollment as would

allow us to know personally our students, and in measure give individual guidance...We are more anxious about the quality of our students and the help that we can give individuals than we are about mass production."

This was the philosophy upon which Dr. Jones labored. Bennett College gained national attention for its well-mannered women, its "Beauty work," and its stock of traditions.

Dr. Jones, who served as president from 1929, to

1955, extended his services to civic, religious, and social organizations.

The guest speaker, Dr. Herbert O. Edwards, received his undergraduate education at Morgan State College and his S.T.B. degree from Harvard Divinity School. Doctoral work was done at Brown University.

Dr. Herbert has received several major academic awards from Brown University. He has published

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LEXINGTON--The Missionary Society of Union Baptist Church gave a birthday party in honor of Rev. B. T. Thomas, Assistant Pastor, on Sunday, Jan. 19. He was 77. He was presented several gifts, including money, and a boutonniere. Attending the party were members of the Society along with the Pastor, Rev. J. L. Stowe.

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