

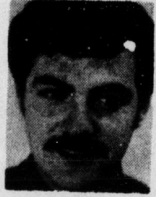
Gone With The Weeds!

The city, and especially the public works department is to be commended for a fine job they've begun of clearing away the brush and weeds on the banks of the railroad tracks, and around the overhead bridge. Although Public Works Director Roscoe Wooten says there's plenty more work to be done, especially on the north side of the bridge, it's already a big step toward the beautification of the city.

The department received some help from Ken Jenkins, who is in charge of the newly formed Urban Beautification project. Further steps in the beautification of these banks, now that the clearing has been done, would come under the new Urban Beautification Department. We wish the department much success in carrying out its work, and trust that the aesthetic improvements will be appreciated by all the citizens of Kings Mountain. -RD

Perspective

by Jay Ashley



Friday marks the first day of fall. Fall brings colored leaves and hayrides and football games. But the most important thing that comes with this season is the new programs on television. Yes, the moguls of T.V. programming once again, as in years past, try to slip some pretty bad programs across to us. On the other hand they forget themselves once in a while and let some good shows go on. These latter mistakes don't happen very often, but when they do they are quickly rectified by a process known as cancellation. As sure as a program hits the airwaves that appeals to a mass audience, it is usually struck down because of "low ratings." This week's perspective will be a prophecy column. That's correct. I will peer into my crystal ball and see how the new shows will fare.

Saturday night-ABC- Kung Fu will appear once a month during the Alias Smith and Jones time slot at 8-9 p.m. It will probably make it because Smith and Jones survived. 9-10 p.m. will have The Streets of San Francisco. Since it appears opposite of The Mary Tyler Moore Show, which seems to be immensely popular, it may have a little trouble. Although it does star Karl Malden and is a Quinn (FB) Martin production, it could be canceled for next year. I'll give it one year. CBS-8-9 contains the ever popular All In The Family, number one show, the second part of the hour is Bridget Loves Bernie. This show also explores ethnic relations and the critics have praised it as a possible landslide success. I saw it Saturday night and as far as content-forget it. However time slot will help it a lot. At 9:30 poor old Bob Newhart is trying again. Three strikes and you're out, Bob's funny but he won't laugh when he sees the ratings. NBC is sticking with Emergency! and the NBC Saturday Movie. Probably the wisest choice this network could have made. Sunday-ABC - FBI and ABC Movie.

CBS- Anna and the King. Trying to bring Broadway success to TV. Is nothing sacred. Sorry but it won't last. M*A*S*H another effort at bringing movies to TV. This show is a better attempt than Anna and the King. M*A*S*H is a little strained without Donald Sutherland and Elliott Gould, but it might just make it. Count it a possible. The Sandy Duncan Show- Well, what can you say? She had a program last year that was mercifully discontinued because of an operation on the star. Have to say no to it because of network competition at the time slot. NBC- Has the mystery movie at 8:30 p.m. with Columbo, McMillan and Wife, McCloud and a new one with Richard Boone, Hec Ramsey. This could be NBC's meal ticket for a long time. Monday-ABC- The Rookies. Another trite program about young cops who care. The

thought is good but I'm afraid the show will fold.

CBS- At 10:00 the new Bill Cosby Show- The show comes on a little too late and competes with the Football game. Bill's humor could cut it but he will be hindered by the time element.

Tuesday-ABC* 8:00 Temperatures Rising- Where do they find these bombs? Has Cleavon Little (Vanishing Point DJ- Super Soul) and James Whitmore and that's it. Competes with CBS Maude- Another strained attempt at relevancy but will go over big. Side note for NBC. They have switched Bonanza to Tuesday opposite Maude. As they say in boxing, Sir you just dropped your guard. (Changing an established biggie and the loss of Dan Blocker might, just might be the beginning of the end). Wednesday- ABC 8:00- Paul Lynde has a show by that name. Paul's public appeal comes from his guest shots. He, like Cosby, could cut the mustard but the competition is steep. Lynde will get bad scripts and the show will fold.

At 10:00 comes Julie Andrews-Mary Poppins comes to TV. The show is not chock full of variety but her lovely voice is pleasant to the ear. She will be received well but two years worth of Julie is doubtful, even to her.

NBC has its second Mystery Movie with Banacek, Cool Million, and Madigan. It will be a winner. (Cool Million may be edged out by the seasoned Peppard and Widmark). Search is the other new show on Wednesday for NBC. Gadgetry and far out sets may be this programs downfall. It won't be around next year.

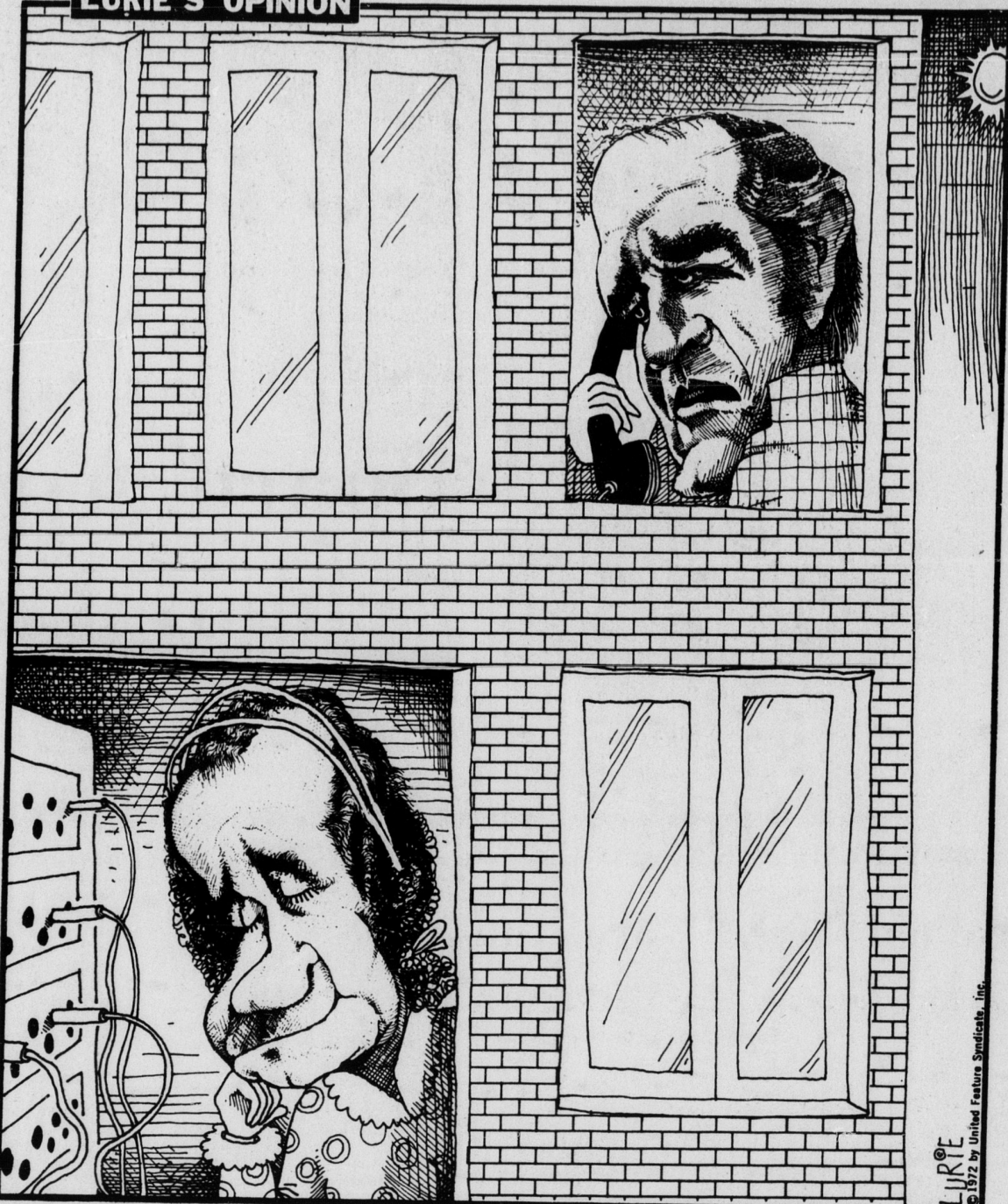
Thursday-ABC- The Men- has too much competition Flip Wilson. Only well known is Robert Conrad of Wild, Wild West fame. The show could be a toss-up if you used a two headed coin.

CBS- has a talent for bringing in successes and screwing them up. First Anna and the King, then M*A*S*H, and now the Waltons. Adapted from the book and special last Christmas, the Homecoming is now a series. It's tolerable, but I fear for its survival.

Friday-NBC has all the new ones which says something to me. Starting at 8:30 with back to back performances is the Little People with Brian Keith. (Please go back to Family Affair reruns). Won't make it. Ghost Story-Tries to copy Night Gallery. Night Gallery was cut from one to one-half hour so Ghost Story will most likely follow the same road, or worse. Banjo had potential from the pilot film I saw last year, but the new show is a bit drab. Don't be surprised if it is cancelled before the year is out.

So there it is. The predictions may sound harsh but TV has no conscience when it comes to programming. Just grin and bear it. Besides, look what they might have on tap for next fall!!!

LURIE'S OPINION



"OPERATOR-I WANT TO REPORT ANOTHER BUGGING INCIDENT!"

Some Political And Other Observations

By JOHN KILGO
KQ SYNDICATE

When Attorney General Robert Morgan spoke to Dunn Rotarians recently, he was introduced by newspaperman Hoover Adams "as the man who will succeed Sam Ervin in the U.S. Senate two years from now." Adams and Morgan are close friends, and if anyone knows what Morgan is planning for his political future, it ought to be Adams. Morgan recently returned from a trip to Southeast Asia and said President Nixon's war policy is correct.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Holshouser has already begun to slam away at Gov. Bob Scott's decision to spend about \$4.3 million on roads in his home county of Alamance.

"It's a clear indication of the kind of inequities we've had in this state that have come because one party has

been in power for too long," Holshouser said. "It means that one county in the state has had more money spent in it on roads than more than half the counties in the state combined."

Alamance County officials defended the expenditures, saying their county had been almost completely overlooked by previous administrations.

Robert Oakley of Dayton, Ohio, isn't prepared to testify on behalf of auto seat belts.

Oakley was driving his car the other day when a wasp flew into his car and crawled under the seat of Oakley's pants.

"I could hear him buzzing," Oakley said, "but I was strapped in and couldn't get up."

And as Oakley said, that's a bad place to get a wasp sting.

A Charlotte man, invited to an exclusive luncheon on behalf of U.S. Senate candidate Jesse Helms, had to send his regrets.

"My 15-year-old son has hair down past his shoulders," the man said. "He told me if I'd hike the Appalachian trail with him, he'd get a haircut. At the time of your luncheon, I'll be in the mountains hiking."

Bumper sticker seen on I-85 near Burlington: Help Stamp Out Bumper Stickers...Pet Peeve: Secretaries who ask, "Who's calling, please?"

The biggest topless dancer in the world must be doing her act in Portland, Ore. She's Susan Foust, a cool 309 pounds, measurements of 54-46-59. Says her boss, Gale Alberts: "Business is way up since she started dancing." Says Susan, who dances under the name of Bertha: "I did it because my boyfriend said I didn't have the guts to try it."

You know how ladies are when they get up in the morning. Breakfast for dad, getting the kids ready for school. Rush, baby, rush. My wife

Reflections

by Rodney Dodson



I had hoped to have a picture of the time capsule being placed behind the cornerstone at Temple Baptist's dedication services Sunday. The time capsule held special significance for me partly because of the drama involved. Imagine it being opened in 80 years or so and the memoranda of the 1970's being found inside. It was of special interest to me because a copy of last week's MIRROR announcing the dedication was also placed inside the time box.

I didn't get a picture of the cornerstone being placed over the capsule because as I was waiting in the churchyard the wind started blowing fiercely. Dust clouds blew up on the horizon, and the sky darkened suddenly. We were hit by a blowing storm, bringing a much needed rain to our area, the first in several weeks.

The long stemmed goblets and clear polished glass plates glistened under the lighted glass table. The sign on the canopy read "poor man's game" which seemed quite appropriate, because that if he wasn't poor to start with, he might be when he left this nickel pitching contest. This was just one of the carnival games at last week's Bethware Fair which drew huge crowds of fun seekers. I don't know why that game intrigued me, but I couldn't help but wonder as I watched the participants eagerly get their dollars changed into nickels, why all the money and effort for one unmatched piece of glassware, I decided it was the way the lights enhanced the objects, making them appear to be elegant crystal. I wondered if the treasures would hold the

same sparkle when the winners got them home.

Another intriguing aspect of the fair was the babies. With our new arrival I've become acutely aware of little ones, and I went to the fair alone because that's the last place I wanted to take Holly-still less than 3 months old.

Some parents don't see things that way though, and no sooner than I arrived on the grounds, I saw a couple carrying a little tiny in a baby seat.

Candied apples pop out at fairs like horror masks on Halloween. I never could quite tolerate the things, and if they're such a treat, how come people don't eat them all the time.

There was still something strange about the fair. One thing might have been the green grass under my feet instead of sawdust, but I think it was the weather. It was hot-not crispy fall fair weather-but it was the fair with all that goes with it, and as the end of summer nears, it was one last fling at it-and a traditional way to usher in the fall.

After a couple of weeks delay, the school lunch menu has returned to our pages for another term. The prices have changed-I don't know about the food.

Subscriptions to The MIRROR seem to be becoming quite popular as birthday gifts.

I recall two such gifts just this week. Remember, Christmas is coming, so Wake up! Don't be fooled-There is no Santa!

Washington Report

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

The New Defense Budget

Last week, the House of Representatives approved the largest single appropriations bill which it considers each year, providing funds for the Department of Defense. This measure provides \$74.6 billion in new funds for defense spending, a reduction of \$5.0 billion from the Administration's budget proposal. However, the amount approved represents an increase of \$1.7 billion over the defense appropriation for the previous fiscal year.

This spending bill contains funds for military active duty pay, retirement pensions, operations and maintenance, procurement, and research and development. The largest single item in the bill, and one which represents a significant part of the increase over last year's budget, is the provision for active duty and retired pay. These payrolls combined total \$27.4 billion, an increase of nearly \$6 million over fiscal year 1972. This figure represents an increased level of pay for military personnel, especially at the enlisted level, as pay scales are brought more in line with the civilian sector. Although I feel there are many opportunities to make cuts in the nation's defense budget, I have supported increased pay and benefits for military personnel, as we strive toward the achievement of the all-volunteer military force.

The most significant reduction in the Administration's budget request came in the

procurement section, where the House Appropriations Committee cut out \$2.8 billion. It is in the area of military procurement that funds have not been closely accounted for and many cost overruns have occurred. I am pleased to see that over half of the budget reductions by the House of Representatives were made in the military procurement section.

During the debate on this bill by the House of Representatives, only one amendment was added. This change would not increase defense spending, but would provide for a reallocation of funds to allow the continuation of the program to civilianize kitchen duties in the military services. The program to provide that "KP" duties be performed under civilian contracts, rather than by enlisted men, has been in existence for three years and has been immensely helpful in improving military morale and freeing those with military training for more professional duties. The program has succeeded in civilianizing KP and other housekeeping duties by 46% in the Army, 60% in the Navy, and 99% in the Air Force. However, soldiers are still expected to perform KP and similar details in basic training and in the field.

The elimination of this successful program would be a step backward as the services move toward the volunteer army. It would contribute to

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Letters To The Editor Reader Alarmed!

Dear Editor:

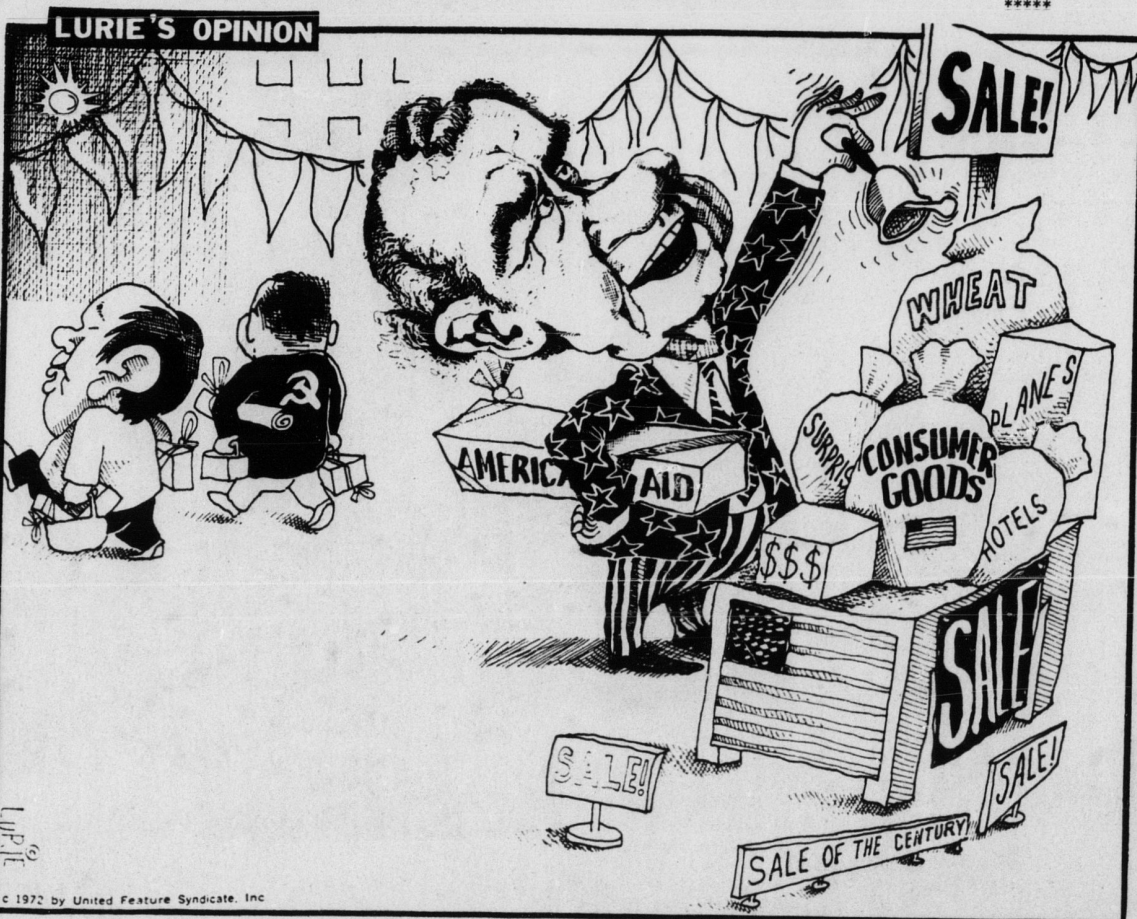
"What a tangled web we weave, when we practice to deceive." End quote.

Having read and heard the news media in regards to the "Watergate incident" it causes a person to really wonder about those who are supposed to be above reproach, who sit around the oval tables in the highest offices within our nation. Seemingly, to say, our leadership on each side are less concerned as to whether or not we as a nation will continue as the leader to the undeveloped nations of the world.

Spying, graft, you name it, has become a habit within our nation's leadership. The quest goes on for law and order to be restored.

Yes, it does give many Americans a great cause for alarm, seeing, hearing, and knowing that those who hold the lives of millions of Americans have stooped to the lowest ebb of life.

Respectfully,
E. H. Pearson



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