

Letters To The Editor

"Where Is Jesse?"

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the "Where Was Nick" advertisement published in newspapers across this state last week. I am greatly disturbed by the underhanded tactics to which Mr. Helms has apparently resorted as evidenced by that "cheap shot" at Congressman Galifianakis.

I realize that it is a standard rule in politics that if you do not have a record of your own, then you run against your opponent's record. But it appears to me that Jesse Helms has, in desperation, taken the even lower road of manufacturing a blatantly misleading record for his opponent and then attacking it. In so doing, Mr. Helms no doubt hopes to confuse the voters into thinking that Congressman Galifianakis is somehow delinquent in the fight against drug abuse. Of course, Rep. Galifianakis is, instead, one of Congress's most persistent fighters against drug abuse and drug-related crime. He has sponsored three bills in this fight and has voted for many more. Thus I can only assume that Mr. Helms, in his power-hungry attempt to run for the Senate on a record of little preparation and almost complete negativism, has determined to discredit the honorable record of his opponent by deception and innuendo. We all know that drug abuse is an imminent danger, but we surely will not successfully combat this threat with mere words, nor with contemptible attacks on the record of a Congressman who has taken action against drug abuse.

Clearly, Mr. Helms has devoted considerable energy and money toward attacking a "straw man" platform which certainly does not belong to Galifianakis. Instead of asking "Where is Nick?" I would rather ask, "Where is Jesse?"

Sincerely,
Edward N. Booker, Jr.

"I Promise"

Dear Editor:

If Elected, I Promise...

Just before leaving office, former President Harry S. Truman made an astute comment on presidential authority. "Poor Ike, it won't be a bit like the Army." He'll sit there and he'll say, "Do this, Do that" and nothing will happen. He'll find it very frustrating. Put it simply, presidential power is not divine fiat to turn promises into reality. Presidents, while serving their country, the great and the near - great Presidents have had at least one distinguishing quality in common - inability to keep campaign promises. And if these men of greatness have, in part, failed, how much more would men and/or women of lesser ability have failed? One thing is clear. Presidents, prime ministers, chancellors - all world leaders - are mortal men.

When a man becomes President, conditions and circumstances of Office, inevitably take on a different complexion than they had when he was just a candidate standing out on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Respectfully,
Everette H. Pearson

P.S. As election approaching just around the bend so to speak. Stand up and be counted for which side you are on. Whether it be, it be the Democratic, Republican, American Party. Stand on your conviction's, which you think will be best for all America. Don't be a half-has. Be for something - or nothing at all. The nation and it's well being must come first. The moment you step within the confines of the little voting booth, will come your moment of letting America feel and know whether you are for or against the democratic system. Long may the system continue to live. It beats the systems of the other countries of the world. First and last. Let America continue to remain the greatest.

The MIRROR urges each and every eligible citizen to register to vote before the deadline of October 9. It's worth your time.

Perspective

by Jay Ashley



It's all over now for the new men and some old hands on the Kings Mountain Police force. This of course means the 120 hour course of study designed to teach the men police procedures and operations.

The course delved into studies in such fields as search and seizure, traffic laws, interviewing, narcotics, criminal law, defensive driving and court procedure. Officers from Shelby, Kings Mountain and surrounding areas participated in the course. The men heard lectures from representatives of the State Highway Patrol, Shelby Police, and experts in the field of Police Science. The course has been praised by the men as "a great help" in employing their trade.

The most recent subjects were court procedures and pursuit driving. A mock courtroom scene was enacted with Trooper Evans of the Highway Patrol acting as judge, Ptl. Robert Dodge as the prosecuting attorney and Chief McDevitt playing the role of defense counsel. This courtroom simulation was to prepare the novice officer for the real thing. According to McDevitt, "the man who goes into court green doesn't stand a chance." This fact was dramatically illustrated by McDevitt's defense procedure. He managed to get his "client" off three times before a conviction finally stuck.

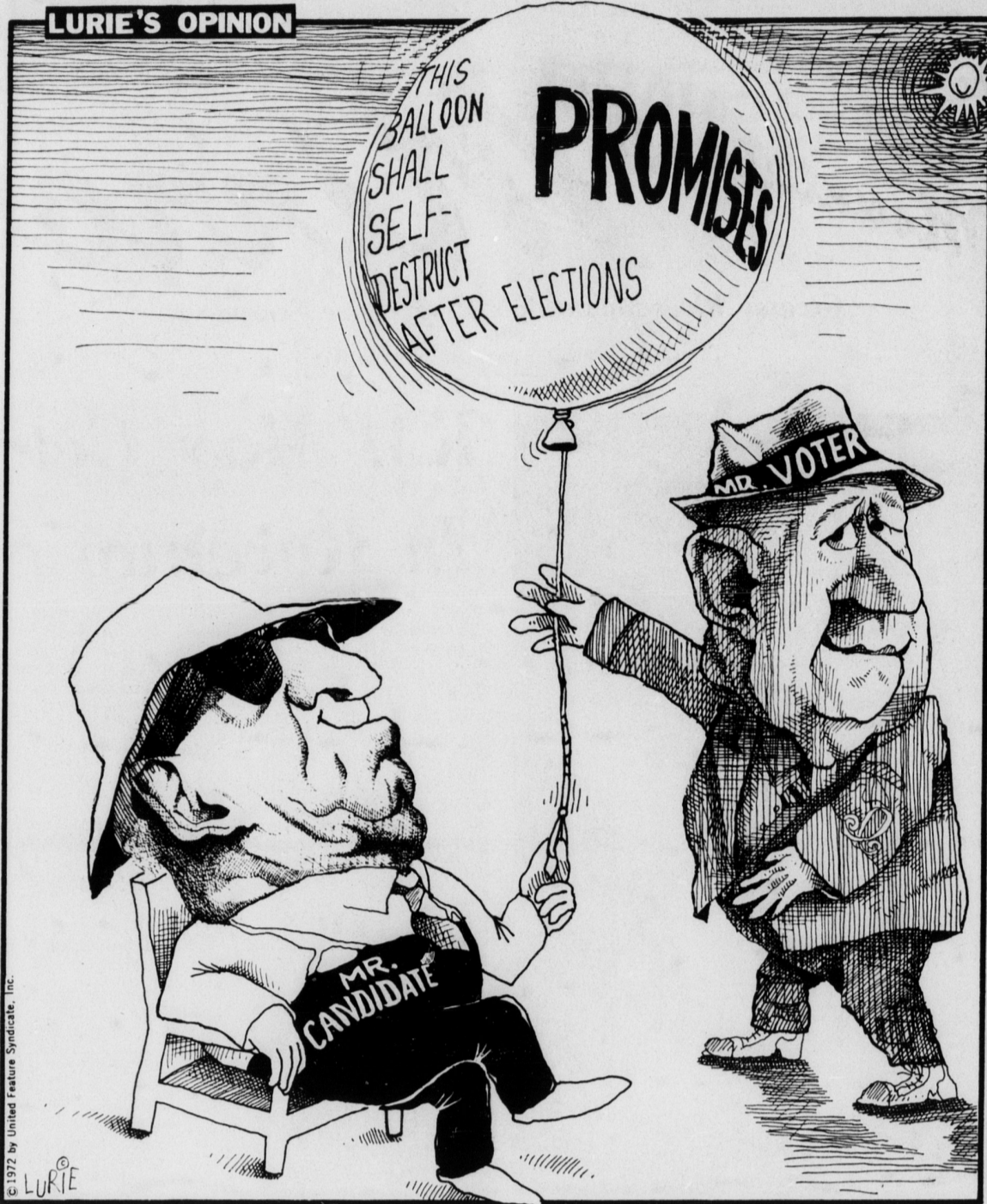
The final phase of the school was practical experience in pursuit driving. Aided by the Highway Patrol the men went through the art of pursuing and being pursued. It was not without some hazard however as a few men hit the ditches and missed utility poles and trees by only inches.

So now school is over and graduation will be Thursday. The citizens of Kings Mountain should be extremely proud of the fact that law enforcement officers here have the initiative and motivation to learn more about their profession. Gone are the days when a man can just strap on a pistol and badge and call himself a complete officer. A working knowledge of the law and of community relations along with practical experience will make far better policemen for our town.

This week's article on Kings Mountain is by Calvin Jarret. Mr. Jarret is a very learned fellow and holds degrees from Elon College and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Another even more important feat he enjoys is that he managed to teach me a little sociology in high school and a lot about life outside the classroom. Even though he taught sociology and economics in High School, his degrees are in history.

Being a history researcher has enabled Jarret to find many different and interesting facts and legends about North Carolina which is his speciality. He is most outstanding in his field and is well known in intellectual circles as an intriguing writer of keen acumen. There is hardly a town or historical site in the Tar Heel State that Jarret has not researched and compiled data about in his articles. He has over 160 publications to his credit in various newspapers and magazines throughout North Carolina as well as the nation. We are proud to carry one of Calvin's articles and hope the citizens of Kings Mountain will enjoy a most interesting and informative piece on the history of The Kings Mountain Battle.

LURIE'S OPINION



Skipper Knows What He's Doing...

By JOHN KILGO
KQ SYNDICATE

The campaign that Skipper Bowles is running for Governor has surprised, confused and mystified some old line Democrats - but upon close examination, you'll find a very rational approach to what Bowles is doing.

Bowles is trying his best to present a fresh face to North Carolina voters, one that is not tied to any political machine. That means he'll hammer away at Gov. Bob Scott as quickly as he will at his Republican opponent Jim Holshouser.

Recognizing this, Gov. Scott said during a talk at the Vance-Aycock dinner in Asheville last weekend: "After what Skipper has been saying about me, if I can vote and work for him - and I'm going to - then you folks can vote and work for George McGovern."

Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance, Gov. Scott's uncle, recently told me: "It looks like Skipper gives Bob more hell than he does Holshouser." But Sen. Scott went on to tell me he was going to do what he could for Bowles in Alamance.

Futhermore, some other political leaders in Alamance feel privately that Bowles has pretty much ignored their country during the campaign.

It's extremely doubtful. Early in the primary, Bowles and his staff made a decision to bring new and fresh faces into the campaign. In many instances they named county campaign chairmen who weren't real well known, but who could be counted on to roll up their sleeves and go to work for the candidate.

The Bowles strategy became obvious early in the primary against Pat Taylor. He linked Taylor to the Scott administration and, in effect, told North Carolinians: If you want more of the same, go with Taylor. If you want something new and exciting, Bowles is the man.

The strategy was a complete success in the primary. It worked so well that Taylor tried to adopt part of it in the runoff against Bowles, by co-

ming down heavy on Gov. Scott.

There haven't been many sacred cows in the Bowles campaign. He has been as critical of the Democrat-appointed Highway Commission, as has Republican Holshouser.

Cliff Benson, a highway commissioner from Wake, supported Bowles in the primary, but has not escaped Bowles' fire recently. Benson okayed some state money to help construct a golf cart underpass for a Zebulon Country Club and Bowles was quick to criticize the move.

Some newspaper reports earlier had indicated that Benson was being considered by Bowles to be the next chairman of the Highway Commission. After the golf underpass incident came to light, Bowles office quickly put out a statement saying Benson was not being considered for the chairman's post, and indeed might not even be asked to remain on the commission in any capacity.

Holshouser long ago realized what Bowles was doing. The Republican told me that Bowles was connected with the Democratic machine and this would be a major issue of the campaign.

In all candor, however, Holshouser has not been able to put Bowles in a room with the present administration or with any particular machine.

There is no question that some Democrats are unhappy and angry about the way Bowles has conducted his campaign. Bowles turns this into an advantage, saying he wants to be responsible to the people when he takes office, not to special interest groups.

One Raleigh politician, who has observed gubernatorial campaigns for more than two decades, told me: "Some people don't like the way Bowles is doing things but if you ask me, he's running the smartest campaign I've ever seen in North Carolina."

Charles Jonas, Jr., head of the North Carolina committee to re-elect President Nixon, says he can't be sure that the President will campaign in this state. "But I do know how important North Carolina is in the President's plans," Jonas tells me, "and for that reason I look for him to make a stop here."

The Republicans are also doing what they can to boost the Senate candidacy of Jesse Helms, and a Nixon trip here would probably help the Raleigh broadcaster... Helms, by the way, had rosters printed for the State-Carolina game at Chapel Hill last week and they were handed out at the gate. Of course, there remained room for a picture of Helms and a back page reserved for his remarks.

Reflections

by Rodney Dodson



"The Coalminer's Daughter," Loretta Lynn, the biggest female name in country music today, was back at Crossroads Music Park again for her long awaited show Sunday. Some fans had bought their tickets months earlier, and the music park was filled almost to capacity.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for anything outdoors. Some fans chose the center isle seats in the shade, while others preferred the bleachers in the warm October sunshine. They were entertained by several groups, including the Coalminers, Loretta's own back band.

She came on stage greeted by a wildly cheering crowd went into her first song, and after the fourth, Willard Boyles stopped the show for a special presentation by Crossroads Music Park to Loretta Lynn, presented by Mayor John Henry Moss. The Mayor was very gracious in his presentation, but Loretta got a chuckle when he got a little tongue twisted on her name one time, but she rewarded him with a big kiss when it was over. By that time some folks in the audience

had come to the stage with a cake they had baked for the star. "Oh a cake, I'm about to starve," she said with a smile.

Loretta sang without accompanying herself on the guitar as she used to. She projects a sophisticated image, with her long black hair and long dresses. This was the first time I've seen her in person and she seemed somewhat shorter in height than I had imagined. She joked with her audience, and exchanged bars with members of the band, obviously enjoying it very much. "How do you know I'm not woman enough?" she quipped when someone requested her song by that name.

What about those rock music fans who attended the Leon Russell Revue in Charlotte Sunday, and parked their cars blocking streets and people's driveways. Well, they towed away about 150 vehicles. It was quite a job for the police and wrecker people, but worst of all those fans who shelled out \$5-\$6 for a ticket, found themselves paying twice to
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Washington Report

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

Military Medical Schools

With the draft authority of the government due to expire next June, the military services are concerned about the critical problem of providing sufficient medical personnel to meet their needs. Last month, the Congress cleared a bill designed to provide the armed forces with sufficient doctors and dentists without the impetus of the military draft.

Since 1967, the armed forces have required an annual input of physicians ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 men. Eighty-five percent of all male physicians in the United States under the age of 35 have served in the armed services or have held a commission in the reserves. Despite this high rate of service, the military estimates that, without the draft, the problem of providing adequate medical care for military personnel would become critical. The retention rate among physicians is less than one percent.

The Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act of 1972 was cleared by the Congress on September 7. It establishes a military medical school in Washington, D.C., and provides for a scholarship program at civilian medical schools to train doctors for the armed services.

The bill authorizes financing of approximately \$100 million over a ten-year period to construct, staff and maintain the military medical school. It specifies that the first graduating class, of not less than 100 students, should receive their medical degrees within ten years after the enactment of the law.

Students graduating from the military medical school would be obligated for seven years of active duty service. The scholarship program is estimated to cost \$40 million in fiscal year 1973 and about \$50 million annually in subsequent years. The number of civilian medical school scholarships must not exceed 5,000, and those receiving scholarships will owe the armed services one year of active duty for each year of scholarship received.

I supported this measure when it was originally passed by the House of Representatives last November, and I feel it is a needed initiative to provide our military services with the medical personnel they require, in the absence of the draft.

Another bill affecting military programs was cleared by the Congress on September 12. It establishes a new survivor benefits program for retired members of the armed forces.

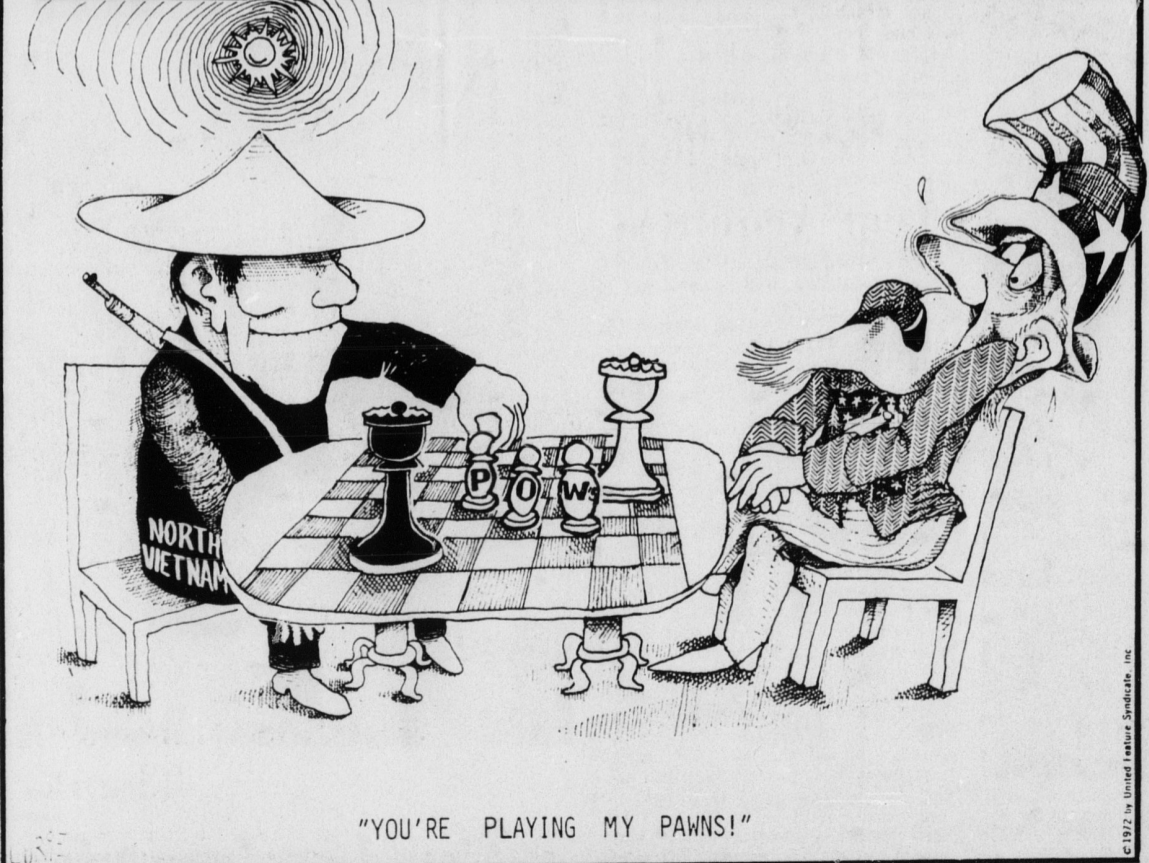
This measure is intended to provide a program of survivor benefits comparable to that offered to Federal government workers by the Civil Service retirement plan. Under existing law, survivors of retired military personnel are not automatically entitled to part of the deceased serviceman's pension unless the cause of death is service-connected. The Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan now allows military retirees to assure an income of up to 50 percent of their retirement pay for their dependents, but because of the cost and complexity of the program, only 15 percent of retirees have enrolled.

The new plan enables a serviceman to provide benefits to his survivors of up to 55 percent of his retirement income. On the average, the military retiree will pay 60 percent of the cost of benefits provided to his survivors, the same average percentage paid by Civil Service retirees. As in the Civil Service retirement plan, annuities will be adjusted according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The nearly 800,000 current military retirees will have the option of enrolling in the plan, and future retirees will be included automatically unless they waive coverage. Current widows of servicemen will not be included in the program, but a separate provision guarantees them a minimum annual income of \$2,100.

Both of these bills are needed improvements in our programs for military personnel which I feel are vital if this nation is to eliminate the draft and move toward all-volunteer armed services.

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