

# Reflections

by Rodney Dodson



The arrests by Kings Mountain Police Monday night of out-of-town youths breaking into a local pharmacy further illustrates that we can't escape this problem, a problem which may have peaked, but the effects of which have not. It is noteworthy that amid all the talk about the drug problem, and everyone has his own theory for how to handle it, some people are actually trying to do something about it - and they're interested in your opinion and concern. The Community Organization For Drug Abuse Prevention (CODAP) in Cleveland County, along with Alcan Aluminum, which operates a plant in Kings Mountain, is sponsoring a series of lectures and seminars during this week directed to students, parents, and industrial leaders.

A related story in this edition of the MIRROR tells what's going on, and who's doing it, but these experts are effective only if the people care. If you have questions about narcotics, or have answers, or if you have children in school, it might be well worth your while to attend the "Mom and Dad" discussion Thursday night at the First Baptist Church. During the next

few weeks, this newspaper will be publishing half-page advertisements, paid for by local concerned citizens, under the direction of Alcan Aluminum, which began the crusade against drug abuse as an employee education service through its plants. "Drugs" is one of those persistent topics like Vietnam and taxes. We get tired of hearing about it, but it never seems to go away, but unless we can lick this problem on a local level, it will probably remain a National problem. As Alcan's Bob Kingery said, "We want to talk about the basic problems - answer questions and discuss it on a grass-roots level. Remember-Thursday night at the First Baptist Church."

A post election note. The official canvas of the election vote in Cleveland County revealed that Skipper Bowles carried the county by only 15 votes over Governor-elect Holshouser, with Arlis Pettyjohn taking 84 votes.



# Perspective

by Jay Ashley

"Deliverance" by James Dickey  
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\$1.25, Paperback

It's not often that a novel or any medium grasps at a readers emotions and psyche as thoroughly as James Dickey's "Deliverance." Dickey, a poet and professor in our neighboring state of South Carolina, has traced the journey of four city businessmen from the boredom and humdrum of everyday routine to an animalistic society of wilderness ruled by pounding waters and coped with by sheer guts.

As we first meet the men they are discussing a proposed trip down the Cahulawassee River for, as Lewis Medlock reasons, a back to nature trip. Although the character of Ed Gentry narrates the tale, the reader is shown from the onset that Lewis Medlock will be the domineering force. The center of all activity will be directed around Lewis.

Medlock exemplifies the staunchness of a pioneer. His main concern in this life is to be ready for self survival at a moment's notice. In fact he is really looking forward to a holocaust to see how well he survives. His ideas are often a bit repugnant to the others but his energy has the sort of infectiousness that Ed Gentry, Drew Ballinger and Bobby Tripp, his comrades, find hard to resist.

The foursome begin their trip on the Cahulawassee River at a point near Oree and plan to end it downstream several miles at a north Georgia spot-in-the-road named Alnry. From the moment the two canoes are launched the reader is pushed and battered from pillar to post with the characters. The reader becomes the characters feeling the rushing and dangerous water and jolts from the rocks along the rapids.

The "deliverance," at least for Ed Gentry, revolves around an initially half hearted effort to participate in a nature trip to the groveling and pain and scratching for a survival in the

hostile wilderness among hostile elements.

Dependency on the strength and cunning of Lewis serves as a crutch for the other three men. The struggle for survival is enhanced after Lewis is incapacitated by a broken leg and Ed must ferret out a would be murderer alone. The bareness of animal survival is personified in Ed as he takes what little he knows to dispose of the threat to himself and the others in an alien world.

The sheer intensity of the novel cannot be related in such a small article. Instead it takes the empathy of the reader to catch the full impact of the action. For example, after the canoes have capsized and the men are fighting for their very lives Ed and Bobby scramble to the bank and the first thing they ask is "Where is Lewis?" These few lines do not really mean to convey care for one another as much as they portray the seeming helplessness of the other men and their dependency on Lewis, their wilderness mentor and protector.

Anyone who picks up this book is in for a "mind's journey" into adventure and endurance. Dickey has taken a harmless trip and turned it into a tale of murder, brutality and character study. What it boils down to is a purging of violence from the soul of the reader and an instilling of new life from varying viewpoints. For one book who could ask more?

To the sentimentalists roaming around town: Dorothy Spivey, recognizable behind the lunch counter at KM Drug is suffering, along with her family, of a broken heart over the missing family dog, Rusty. Rusty, a long time member of the family was last seen around west Mountain Street Wednesday morning. He is a white cocker spaniel with brown ears, a spot of brown on his forehead and another splotch of brown on his rump. If you know where he is please call her at 739-4616 and reunite a family.

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LURIE'S OPINION

## "SURPRISE!" Gov. Scott Was Prophet Of What Was To Come In '72

By JOHN KILGO  
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The Republican Party has flexed its muscle and elected a U. S. Senator and a Governor, thereby prompting some to hail North Carolina as a true two-party state.

"President Nixon's popularity helped," says Frank Rouse, chairman of the Tar Heel Republican Party, "but the people believed in what our candidates were saying."

In looking at what happened at the polls last week, one would have to conclude that President Nixon's coattails were long enough in this state to take others to office with him.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to tell the entire story of the presidential picture in North Carolina before the vote was held. To have done so would have brought cries of unfair reporting.

Everywhere I went in this state, however, I found people who weren't going to be satisfied with voting for President Nixon. They were going to "punish" the Democrats for offering George McGovern as the Party's presidential candidate. The anti-McGovern feeling was stronger than any political reaction I have observed in North Carolina in my lifetime.

This was demonstrated at the polls last Tuesday when Nixon got 70 per cent of the vote in North Carolina.

Would Jim Holshouser and Jesse Helms had won had not this feeling been running at a fever pitch?

I think not. It became obvious a month before the election that Skipper Bowles and Nick Galifianakis were going to get things together in a hurry if they were to hold off the Republican tide. This became an impossible task, because the Democrats were not united and some bitter feelings were running rampant.

Galifianakis, for example, had won nomination after a bitter fight with B. Everett Jordan. While it's true that Sen. Sam Ervin made a late effort to help Galifianakis, it's also fact that many Democrats sat on their hands. Helms had the momentum and when those TV spots hit the air with Nixon saying he needed Helms in Washington, the handwriting became clear on the wall.

As for Bowles, he was squarely between the proverbial rock and the hard place. A study of the mood of North Carolinians indicated that the voters were de-

manding a change in Raleigh. Bowles had to push himself as the candidate who could bring this change about, while at the same time trying to keep traditional Democrats happy. It was an impossible task.

Hugh Morton, the chairman of the New Hanover Democratic Party, wrote Bowles in October that many Democrats in his county were upset at the way Bowles' people were giving them the high hat.

Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, the man Bowles defeated in the primary, did little to help Bowles, but then Bowles asked him for virtually nothing.

The Republicans, meanwhile, knew the Democrats faced these problems and they made the most of it. Helms ran ads all over the state trying to tie McGovern around Galifianakis' neck.

Nixon money came into the state to help Helms win the seat. And when polls showed Helms was on the verge of victory, Charles Jonas Jr. was able to persuade the President to visit the state to embrace Helms and Holshouser.

Jim Gardner's wing of the Republican Party sensed that Holshouser could indeed defeat Bowles. The sniff of a possible victory united Republicans the state over, and GOP support of Helms and Holshouser was as wide as North Carolina.

It turns out that the prophet in this election was Gov. Bob Scott, who told me in an interview in his office two years ago:

"The Republicans are getting stronger and if we're not united in '72, we stand a good chance of losing the Governor's office and a seat in the U.S. Senate."

And Gov. Scott added in that interview: "Of course, it also depends to a large extent on who our presidential candidate will be."

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The Presidential race, quickly noted: It seems to me Sen. McGovern spent too much time in one state.

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Many times you learn more about a man in defeat than in victory. Such is the case of Skipper Bowles, who lost a heartbreaker for Governor.

The concession speech Bowles made early Wednesday morning has to go down as one of the high marks in North Carolina political history.

Bowles told a crowd of his supporters at the Sir Walter: "A majority of the people want Jim Holshouser to be Governor for the next four years and a majority of the people cannot be wrong."

Bowles went to search out Holshouser, wished him well, and pledged to support the Governor-elect in any manner possible.

"It was a good campaign," Bowles said, "a clean campaign. The people have spoken and I ask you to join me in abiding by their wishes."

NORTH VIETNAMESE PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG



## Sunny Side Up With Kilgo

Bumper stickers seen on two cars in Lumberton: Fight pollution, Ride a Horse...The other had a picture of a giant safety pin which was open and the words: Romper Sticker.

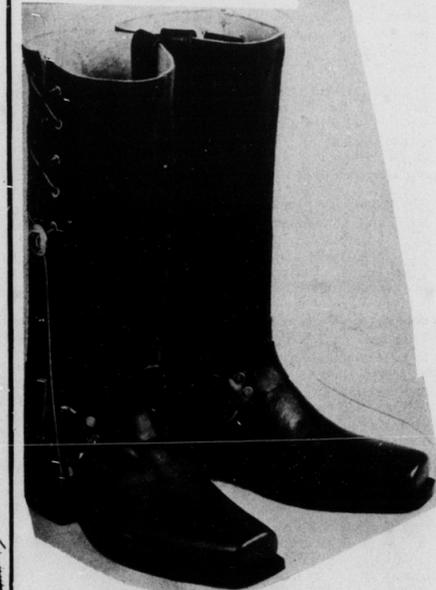
One place that Women's Lib is not pushing for inroads is in the Family Court. There the man is still the king, the stronger of the sexes, the person who is supposed to fork over the money...It's like one fellow told the judge. You don't have to keep a horse in the living room to have a nag in the house...A fellow walked into a Wilson lunch counter and ordered two hamburgers, an order of fries, and a chocolate sundae for dessert. What to drink? Make that a Diet-Rite Cola. Had to watch the old waist line.

Life has no secrets that a teenager can't read about in some of the magazines offered for sale. Stop worrying about what your neighbor does and you might be able to take better care of yourself.



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