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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

There Will Always Be A Christmas

This Christmas Day a soldier in Vietnam, dirty with the stench of jungle warfare, saddened by the sight of falling comrades, and lonely for the things of home, will tear open a letter.

For a few minutes, he will forget the pangs of fatigue, the loneliness, and he will recall the days of his boyhood, days that were carefree. The jungle smell will be replaced momentarily by the smell of clean sheets back home and the pungence of the Christmas tree and the aroma of food being prepared in the kitchen.

Almost before the letter is finished, the illusion will vanish, and in its stead will be an overwhelming longing for peace. He may weep for the meaning which has gone out of his life.

As touching as this soldier's plight may be, it holds great meaning.

As long as men feel joy from nothing more than reading a letter from home, or have hope expressed as a longing for peace, or repent through tears of lost meaning, we know God is alive. And we know, too, there will always be Christmas.



The Time for Joy...
The Time for Happiness...
The Time for Love



by frank count

Dear Santa Claus:

We know you have been waiting for our list before you depart from the North Pole. It took us some time to prepare it. We have given it careful thought. Every single item is needed.... Please send Walter and Tyree their unemployment checks... and James needs a match... get Will a filing cabinet so's he can find his records.... Ed will appreciate one more fed from Washington....

Bring Hubert a gavel...and Hamilton a senter. Get Jack a jailer and Hawk a solicitor....Find the Sheriff a new jail... and Claude a dog.

Get Norwood a tax book...and Richard a bus ticket home. Bring Wallace a road...and Wjbur an appeals court....

Please bring the Louisburg girls a win...and Lloyd some gym seats...and All...a public relations man....

Karl needs a vote...and L. H. and Harold both need Franklin County....Bring the local state troopers some security....

Bring Buster a veto power...and the Commissioners an Elections clerk to play with....

The School Board needs a prayer book...and Warren wants a law book. Bring Barney a criminal...and Kyle a boat motor. Gerald needs more ticket books...and Thurston needs a pencil. William will appreciate a filing fee...and Tom wants a louder phone for Dave....

And for old Frank...just bring money. Come to think of it, that will make a very merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas, you all.

Our Best Wishes

The management and staff of The Franklin Times join in the time-honored tradition of extending our very best wishes for a joyful holiday season to each of you.

It has been our privilege to be a part of the history that you and your neighbors have made this past year. We, too, have lived it.

It has been our signal honor to laugh when you laughed, cry when you cried, to share the experiences of living in this

blessed land. As we enter into the Christmas season, our hearts are heavy with the suffering in our midst; and yet we, too, feel gladness at the many blessings extended to all of us who call here home.

May this Christmas bring to you and your loved ones all the joy you can hold. May the blessings of the season abide in your house throughout the year.

From all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas.

Tis The Season To Get Killed

Last Christmas 263 drivers caused accidents by speeding. Six of them are dead. One hundred ninety-nine drove on the wrong side of the center line. Six of these are dead.

Ninety-eight were driving recklessly. Two are dead. Improper passing, drinking and an ignored signal were causes of 244 accidents. Three are dead. In all, 1165 accidents occurred during the Christmas holidays

in North Carolina last year. There were 776 people injured. Twelve were killed.

The countdown begins at 6 p.m. today and lasts through midnight, December 26.

Don't be the cause of someone missing their Christmas. That someone could be you.

Be particularly careful during the holidays. Don't make this a season for getting killed.

Viewpoint \$2,640 Per Family Tax Bill

By JESSE HELMS

The Tax Foundation, an organization which makes a continuing study of governmental spending and taxation, reports that the federal government this fiscal year will spend an average of \$2,640 in taxes from every American family. It will take in an average of \$2,500 from every American family, meaning that it will go in additional debt to the tune of \$140 for every family in the country.

Next year, it is estimated that the deficit will average out to be about \$250 for each family.

Ask the average American his reaction, and chances are that all too many will shrug and say: "I've never had it so good."

But ask those same Americans their reaction to a proposal that they go down to a department store, and run up an equivalent debt which their children and grandchildren will have to pay—with interest—and they would reject the idea as being dishonorable.

And they would be right. But why do they regard their government's financial practices as being any different?

This illustrates the double standards which Americans have adopted. The emphasis is on "free money from Washington." At this moment, the City of Raleigh is trying to generate interest in taking another bite at a boondoggle called urban renewal. All around, practically every governmental unit is preparing plans to request federal aid for every conceivable project. The federal controls which are sure to follow are seldom, if ever, considered.

In our files is a copy of a commencement speech, however, delivered a couple of years ago by a gentleman who would not permit himself, or his institution, to be deceived. We have retained it because it is at once sensible and unusual.

The speech was delivered by Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, president of Brigham Young University, and undoubtedly it set off some tongue-clucking up and down the halls of the colleges and universities of the nation. Dr. Wilkinson said, in the course of his remarks, that in a five-year period his institution—by order of its board of trustees—had turned down \$3,750,000 on federal grants offered to Brigham Young University.

How unique can you get in his day and time!

Here are some of the reasons given by Dr. Wilkinson for rejecting that "free money from Washington":

"Easy federal money," he said, "will encourage the inefficient management and shocking lack of utilization of our existing educational facilities and buildings."

Second, he said, "The trillion dollars worth of (debt and obligations) of the federal government, and the continuous operation of the government 'in the red,' do not justify the big, new subsidy programs approved by Congress."

"State and private sources are responding to, and can adequately meet, the educational needs of the nation," he insisted.

"Federal control of higher education," he said, "will accompany federal grants, and this is unwise and dangerous." "Federal grants to religious educational institutions," he said, "are a direct violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution" no matter what anybody says, according to Dr. Wilkinson.

In short, Dr. Wilkinson's concern is the preservation of the freedom and independence of his institution. He does not propose to barter it away. It might be noted, parenthetically and happily, that the same sentiment apparently prevails in the Baptist State Convention in North Carolina.

Federal handouts have grown greater and greater because they are used to woo votes. To put it simply, the people are selling their votes—and they are also selling their souls. It is a sort of seduction by subsidy.

There are not many Dr. Wilkinsons around. In this high-priced world of government by

credit card, and politics by bribery, his kind of integrity may be shouted down by the voices of easy-come, easy-go. But when it is done, he is the kind of man who can respond proudly to his conscience. He will be able to say, as few these days can: I did the right thing because it was right.

And that is a considerable victory for any man, regardless of rank or station.

Island Built On Cars

Des Moines--A plan has been approved by the Iowa Conservation Commission to chain some 800 junked cars together to provide a retaining wall for an island in Storm Lake. The cars will be placed on the frozen lake. In the spring they will sink and silt will be pumped into the center to build an island.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

Hanson W. Baldwin writes in The Reporter: "It is generally recognized in Washington that the military build-up which President Johnson has now launched represents in effect a short-term 'stopgap' policy. The administration hopes that increased but still limited escalation may yet bring Hanoi and Moscow to the conference table. If not, it is prepared to move swiftly into what Washington calls 'the second phase' of far greater commitment."

In short, the new road in Vietnam may lead a long way without a turning.

From the McMinnville, Oregon, News-Register: "Public objection to forcing a man to join a union to hold his job has been shown time and again. The American people have demonstrated, where they have had opportunity to express an opinion, their belief in the right of any person to choose whether or not he wants to join a union or any other organization."

Times Cartoon Picks

Comes the Big Dropout

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