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ONLY THE BEGINNING

The Mirror is convinced that the United States Supreme Court has committed a greater outrage than it realizes by outlawing prayer in our public schools.

Having guaranteed that God's name won't be uttered in a classroom or an assembly — thus protecting non-believers from contamination — the nine robed Solomons have further business to attend to, if they are going to be consistent.

Following their distorted line of reasoning, and for us that is no easy matter, it would seem that the members of the Court ought to take other steps to spare this atheist family in Maryland, and fellow non-believers from every possible reference or concession to Deity.

Because our coins and currency carry an imprint indicating that "In God We Trust," we should do away with money now in circulation and issue new coins and bills. After all, following the reasoning of the Supreme Court, isn't it unconstitutional to force non-believers into passing money that expresses faith in a Supreme Being?

And, we are prompted to ask the honorable Justices, isn't it unconstitutional to exempt Protestant and Catholic churches, and Jewish synagogues, from taxes on their property? If they were forced to pay taxes, wouldn't non-believers be relieved of a portion of their own tax burden? Since atheists aren't represented in a church or synagogue, you wise gentlemen can recognize that they are victims of taxation without representation.

What about the use of a daily prayer when Congress is in session? If to protect non-believers, it is unconstitutional to have the Lord's prayer offered in a public school, why isn't it unconstitutional to have congressmen pray before they consider and pass legislation affecting atheists along with everyone else? Besides, non-believers who might be seated in the gallery ought not have to listen to a prayer against their wishes.

Getting back to the public schools, isn't it unconstitutional when a Catholic child wears a crucifix to school, or a Jewish girl wears a Star of David as a necklace? After all, non-believers shouldn't, in keeping with Supreme Court reasoning, be exposed to any sort of religious display.

When the Yuletide season rolls around, and pupils clamor for a Christmas tree in their classroom, the Supreme Court should be especially vigilant. Certainly it is unconstitutional to have a star at the top of the tree, since in the minds of Christians it would be associated with a star that shone over Bethlehem many years ago.

Never again should America and America The Beautiful be sung by America's school children. Since any reference to God is unconstitutional, and those songs do make such reference, they should be done away with to protect non-believers from harm.

It matters not that school children, unlike many adults, show remarkable tolerance in religious matters. To cite an example, a Jewish boy has been elected president of the Hi-Y, a Christian organization, at New Bern High school. The Supreme Court notwithstanding, neither the Jewish boy nor the experience. They still, each in his own way, worship God as they see fit.

Speaking of the Hi-Y, isn't it about time the Supreme Court decided that it too is unconstitutional in our public schools. After all, it is a religious organization, and Heaven forbid (excuse us, Heaven isn't exactly the right word) that anything as subversive as a religious organization should have a place on any school campus.

What about our Federal, State, County and City Courts? Isn't it unconstitutional to open them with prayers, to have witnesses and jurors swear a solemn oath on a Bible? Is such carrying on fair to a non-believer appearing in such a court in any capacity?

Like we said, honorable Justices of the United States Supreme Court, you've just started. Pray tell us (if printing such an expression isn't unconstitutional) where do we go from here?

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

THE WILL OF ALEXANDER TORRANS, 1806-1807

In The Name of God, Amen! I, Alexander Torrana of the Town of New Bern, merchant, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding, do make this my last will and testament in manner following:

I will and ordain that the Executor of this my Will and Testament shall with convenient speed after my decease bargain and sell and assign? in fee simple all my real estate, situate in the Town of New Bern, upon reasonable credit the purchasers giving sufficient security by mortgage or otherwise for the payment of the purchase money, and I do by these presents give to my said Executors full power and authority to grant....bargain, convey and assure the said town real estate to any person or persons in fee simple by all lawful ways and means in the law which to my said executors shall seem fit or necessary; And I do hereby authorize and direct my said executors until my son Richard Nixon Torrans shall attain the age of twenty one years, loaned and placed out upon government or other security at interest or to invest in the purchase of bank shares all of the moneys arising from the sale of my said town real estate.

I give and devise to my dear son Richard Nixon Torrans the whole of my estate, real and personal to him, his heirs and assigns forever. But in case my said son shall hapred to die before he attains the age of 21 years without leaving issue (which God forbid) Then I give and devise the whole of my estate which shall not have been applied for and towards the maintenance and education of my said son equally to and among my mother and brothers and sisters, their heirs and assigns forever. But in case any or either of my said brothers or sisters should happen to die before the death of my said son, as herein mentioned and such brother or sister should have issue, then I give the part or share of each deceased brother or sister unto such his or her issue forever.

I nominate and constitute and appoint my friends Samuel Simpson of New Bern and John Stanly Executors of this my last will and testament and guardian of my son.

IT WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, and

Village Verses

SEEING IS BELIEVING

The things you tell him with your lips
Are clever and quite wise;
And yet, far more revealing
Are the words seen in your eyes.
Your mind controls your voice quite well,
Yes, every single thought;
But that's of small concern to him,
He'll take what's in your heart.
For lips can be misleading,
And bring their share of lies;
While words unspoken fairly shout
The truth found in your eyes.
So, if sometimes he fails to hear,
Good reason there may be;
He's probably listening to your heart
Speak words that he can see.

—JGMcD.

this 18 day of December in the year 1806.

Alexander Torrans Signed, sealed, and declared by Alexander Torrans, as his last will and testament in the presence of us: John Justice: George Wilson.

A council to this my last will and testament I give to my nurse Aggy Bryan for her attention to me in my illness one hundred pounds 23 Dec. 1806. Alexander Torrans.

Subscribed by the testatore, declared a codicil to his will before us John Justice: George Wilson.

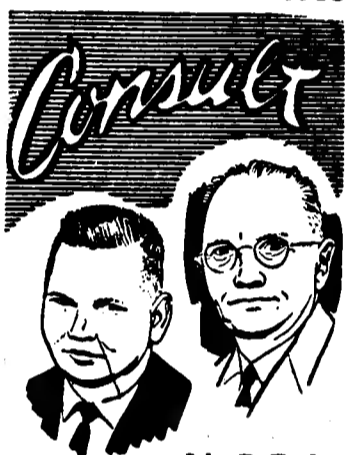
State of North Carolina, Craven County, Court of Pleas & Quarter Session--September Term A. D. 1807.

At June Term last past an issue was made up by direction of the Court and Council of parties, whether the said paper is the last will of Alexander Torrans, deceased, to be tried at this term where the following jury having been sworn and expanded: John Justice, William Lawrence, Will Jones, John Jones, William Fulshire, Thomas McLin, William Shepard, Levi Moore, John Smith, John R. Good, John Oliver, and John Allway.

Find the paper to be the will

of Alexander Torrans. Ordered to be registered. Attest: J. G. Stanly, CC. (Clerk's Records, Craven County, N. C.)

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LOVE — GOOD *** Mind's desire and ability through the use of energy to intelligently create and evolve harmonically the forever changing manifestation of forms and conditions.

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