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Solving Parking Ticket Problems

Pink parking tickets recently have been making a lot of people see red in Brevard, and the town board of aldermen and the merchants' division of the chamber of commerce have hit upon a plan to rectify this situation.

Unquestionably, the rigid enforcement of the parking ordinance has created a vast amount of ill will among shoppers, and many observers quickly point out that it is driving business out of town.

The new plan that is going into effect on March 15 is called "courtesy parking"

with the merchants paying the nickels.

Whenever there is a violation, the time on the meter will be extended by the officer with a nickel from the merchants' fund. Instead of paying a dollar fine, the motorist is then asked to return the nickel, or more, to any merchant.

This plan will undoubtedly increase the traffic on the streets, and at the same time increase the revenue in the meters.

More than that, it will build goodwill between the merchants and the shoppers and certainly cause a happier motoring public on the streets of Brevard.

4-H Work Important In Every Community

Beginning on Saturday, 4-H club week will be observed in Transylvania and across the nation.

Whenever you see a 4-H gate sign denoting the home of a 4-H club member, there you will find a conscientious citizen—one who has dedicated head, heart, hands and health to the club, community and country.

By teaching young people the latest developments in farming, homemaking and related fields, 4-H keeps abreast of the times.

The 4-H club members know the pride

of ownership . . . which in turn develops a growing sense of adult responsibility, and while they are learning skills, they are at the same time developing healthy attitudes in any walk of life.

The results of 4-H club work are both practical and idealistic—a priceless combination in building fine, upstanding citizens.

Transylvania has six community 4-H clubs and 10 school 4-H clubs and at this particular time we salute the 716 active members of these fine organizations, who are working together for the betterment of our county, state and nation.

What Price Auto Insurance?

Because of the new liability law there has been much concern about automobile insurance. We have long believed that every person owning an automobile should carry insurance on it. Like many others we have also thought that the increasing rate is a hardship on many. According to our knowledge of the problem, the present rate came about because of the increase in accidents.

Because of the accident rate among the youth, most companies charge even a higher rate if a teen-ager or youth is to be covered when driving the car.

If this be true why not a higher rate among those who drink and drive? This question was asked by a reader of this

paper and we think it well worth considering. If insurance companies would check the records of accidents among those driving while drunk or even while drinking, they would find them higher in proportion than accidents among the youth.

Isn't it right and fair to charge those, who by their own bad habits bring about more accidents and a higher rate?

We suggest a study be made of this. If a higher rate was charged among those causing a higher rate of accidents, there is a possibility that the steady, sober drivers might have to pay less. There is also a possibility that if drinkers are to be penalized, it may cut down the drinking and accidents on their part.

Politicians Haven't Helped Country

The recent flurry of political speeches made at Lincoln, Jackson and Jefferson day dinners by both Republican and Democratic leaders were entirely too biased and, in our humble opinion, did not do the country any good. We are also inclined to doubt their value to either party.

En masse the GOP stalwarts tried to accuse the Democrats of coddling Communists in public offices and strongly implied that the total security of this nation had been gravely in danger from within by hordes of American Communists in all kinds of high places.

Facts produced to date, even by the dangerous McCarthy, do not anywhere near prove such contentions and gross exaggerations.

On the other hand, we believe the Democrats, following up the last year convention tune of, "You Never Had It So Good," over-played talk about Republicans bringing on a recession or depression.

Of course we are in a period of mild recession, one that all of us knew had to come sooner or later on our way back to a normal peacetime economy, but we do not

think the recession is as serious as various political party speakers claimed and we think it is terrible to attempt to talk ourselves into feeling badly or into a serious recession.

But, after all, we are gratified that the American public is no fool and that often times it is far ahead of the politician in its thinking and its belief.

Paragraphics....

You never hear a live wire complain about anyone stepping on him.

A long face often shortens your list of friends.

A one-track mind gets along fine until it comes to a switch.

Opportunity doesn't knock so often but temptation seems to pound away every day.

GAILEO ON THE HOT SPOT



Comments From Our Readers . . . LETTERS TO THE TIMES

The Transylvania Times

Dear Editor:

I was recently discharged from the Transylvania Community hospital and I want the people of the county to know about the splendid treatment I received while there.

My room was in the new wing and while I was a patient I had a good opportunity to observe how modern in every respect it is. The people of the county have every reason to be proud of their enlarged hospital.

The treatment accorded me by the nurses, attendants and all other members of the hospital staff with whom I came in contact was at all times considerate and helpful. Their one thought seemed to be to speed my recovery and I have no hesitation in saying their willing and competent attention shortened my stay there. I feel that it is their due that I say these things in their behalf.

I have been in several hospitals in different parts of the country and I can truthfully say that in none of them was I treated with

more helpful consideration.

I should also like to commend the administrator of the hospital, Mr. John W. Bailey. He impresses me as being thoroughly competent and devoted to his job. His example and influence, I believe, are major factors in making our local hospital the splendid institution that I know from experience it to be.

W. L. BAUGHN
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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is an article of interest to the nurses in the district. Thanks for printing it.

You have a very fine paper, and I can see why you win awards for county weeklies. I enjoy reading the Transylvania Times very much.

Sincerely,
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PICK OF THE PRESS IN THE CAROLINAS

PARROT FEVER (Kings Mountain Herald)

The news of the possibility of a case of parrot fever having originated in Kings Mountain must have caused concern to many people, who number among their families many Pete Parakeets, some of which have learned to talk.

The news was distressing, too, to several citizens who breed the birds for resale in what has developed in the past couple of years to a booming business.

The state board of health, on a report from Tennessee, was sufficiently concerned to send a doctor here to confer with Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer,

and other local authorities in the field of health.

It is possible the suspicion that parrot fever may be extant in Kings Mountain may be disproved and all concerned hope it. Dr. Mitchell himself emphasized against being "alarmist," pointing out that the important thing is to avoid misjudging parrot fever and thinking it is another ailment. Dr. Mitchell, with the full concurrence of state authorities, was merely practicing the old medical theorem of an ounce of prevention saving several pounds of cure.

All hope the word from the U. S. public health service laboratory will be negative.

FROM OUR FILES GLANCING BACKWARD AT "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

12 YEARS AGO

Shoveling was the order of the day in Transylvania county on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week as citizens began digging out from under one of the deepest snows within the past ten years, reaching a depth last Monday night of approximately 17 inches.

Mrs. Paul Smith, 244 Broad street, Brevard, was adjudged the winner of the 15-piece kitchenware ensemble in the Rexall Birthday Sale Quiz contest, sponsored here by Macfie Drug Store.

The Times is glad to announce this week the installation of a new mailing system by which subscribers may tell at a glance when their paper expires.

The regular meeting of the Wednesday club was held on the afternoon of February 25 at the home of Mrs. Keith Pooser, with 15 members present.

Robert J. Huggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Huggins, is now at Camp Tyson, where he is a private, but comments that he is farther away from privacy than he has ever been in his life.

An enjoyable meeting of the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Tindall.

Marvin Owen, of Lake Toxaway, recently won a medal at Fort Jackson, because of his expert rifling. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loonie Owen and has been in the service nearly two years.

If Transylvanians are wondering about the announced sugar rationing, they should go ahead and buy the sugar they need for current use and wait for action. No definite system has as yet been set up in the county.

Mrs. Mary Tinsley celebrated her 89th birthday on February 14 with a special birthday party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Plato Scruggs, of Brevard. She is widely known throughout the county and remains extremely active for her age.

James E. Misenheimer cabled his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Misenheimer, here this week from "somewhere in the British Isles," that he was safe and well.

BEHIND THE NEWS . . . From Washington

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY



STEVENS vs. McCARTHY

Robert T. Stevens, secretary of the army, and Senator Joseph McCarthy started out on a cooperative basis in the investigation of the Communist infiltration of the army. Never did an executive department work together so closely with a congressional committee. There were constant conferences between Stevens' counsel, John Adams, and McCarthy's counsel, Roy Cohn. Adams attended closed sessions of the committee; Cohn gave him advance notice of what was to happen in matters relating to the army. It was a love feast.

Then the course of the investigation moved in the direction of army brass who were personally responsible for errors of judgment and commission. The inevitable question had to be, who did this? And the fight started when that question was applied to the case of Major Irving Peress, the Queens county Communist leader who was taken into the army in the doctor-dentist draft, whose documentation is incomplete, and who was flagged as a Communist in April and December, 1953; yet who was promoted from captain to major. Then when McCarthy discovered the facts, Peress was hurriedly given an honorable discharge.

Furthermore, the army knew that Major Peress was under investigation by the committee when he was given this honorable discharge. It is curious that such a fuss is made about our brain-washed boys in Korea, two of whom are involved in court-martial, but this Fifth Amendment case is protected by the army, which risks a major constitutional fight over it.

The questions as to who opens the doors for Communists, who promotes them, who protects them, who instructs other officials not to testify as to the truth and according to their consciences, must be asked and answered. For while Major Peress, a dentist, is, as a person of little importance and his presence in or absence from the army makes little difference, the system which permits affiliates of our enemy to function in the army needs to be uncovered.

Secretary of the Army Stevens is a fine person, a businessman brought into government service by President Eisenhower. In this controversy, nothing reflects on him personally. It must be said, however, that he has not succeeded

ed in establishing civilian rule over the brass, which Secretary of Defense C. E. Wilson has succeeded in establishing in his office. It is a difficult thing to do because since unification, the secretaries of the army, navy and air force have been reduced to third level positions in the government hierarchy. In all departments, the brass asserts itself beyond its authority, often overriding the authority of the civilians who should be the masters. The tendency is to keep such matters under wraps; the annoyance with McCarthy is that he brought matters into the open which the army prefers should be kept under cover.

It would be preferable that nothing should be kept under cover. The national defense is not involved in these disclosures of the Communists; it may be imperilled by failure to bring into the open all the evidence of the errors of judgment and commission during the past decade. Many army officers are prepared to talk and do talk privately when assured that they will not be exposed. Without the assistance of what has come to be known as "The Pro-American Underground," little data could be made available. But the top brass continues to prefer the cover-up — "Let bygones be bygones" — because personal friends and officers are involved in laziness, carelessness, thoughtlessness.

Secretary Stevens has fallen into this trap and therefore the country is getting an altogether wrong impression of the man. His argument that he, alone, can determine if an army officer may testify as to whether he is to appear before a congressional committee is untenable. Suppose it is an investigation into the embezzlement of \$1,000,000! Suppose it is not McCarthy who is investigating but Senator Bridges or Senator Saltonstall! Where is Stevens' argument then?

The right of congress to inquire into the operations of the executive branch of government is clear and unassailable. This right has never been questioned by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, although they sometimes questioned the wisdom of congressional committees. The Eisenhower administration has not been attacked by any of these committees, but it is running interference against efforts to expose the past. This is bad for the country and politically dangerous.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



You can command thoughts while they are in your conscious mind, but not when they reach the subconscious. Psychologists tell us that about one-eighth of the mind is composed of the conscious, while seven-eighths is the subconscious. In other words, the mind is much like an iceberg where the majority is under water.

In visiting a patient in the hospital she gave me the same thought in another way, "There is not enough water in the seven seas to sink a ship, unless the water gets inside."

It is the thinking that gets down into the subconscious mind which determines our emotional state. The subconscious responds to suggestion, but not to command. So it is highly important that we control the kind of thoughts which we harbor in the conscious mind.

To use another illustration, we can say that the mind is much like an open church tower. Birds can and do fly through. We can build roosts for them to lodge there. Then after they have taken up residence it is difficult to remove them. There is an old saying: "You can't keep the sparrows from flying overhead, but you can keep them from making nests in your hair." A sparrow-like bad or negative thought can be fed until it grows up to become a vulture which destroys our peace of mind.

Go back to the best book on psychology, the Bible, where Jesus said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

Learn to examine quickly the thoughts which come into your mind. If they are negative, turn your mind quickly away from them to positive thinking. St. Paul wrote, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We need to be very careful about the thoughts we allow to lodge in the conscious mind. If we continue to dwell on them they become larger and larger, sinking down into the subconscious.

Jesus Christ is telling us how important it is to deal with negative thoughts ("the adversary") when they first come in the mind. Hurt feelings, if cultivated, grow into resentments and grudges, and we come on down into the prison house. Bad habits grow the same way. Positive thoughts of love develop in the same manner as the negative thoughts of resentments. By the same process we learn to love as we learn to hate or resent.