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Not A Very Good Tax

A bill has been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the sales tax on medicine and regardless of the merits of the bill it is almost a forgone conclusion that it will again be defeated. The axiom of pluck the goose that squawks the least still holds in legislative bodies.

The one good thing about the sales tax is that it is a pay-as-you-go tax, and that is about the only good thing that can be said about it, for it is probably the most unfair tax that we have in that it is paid in large part by those least able to pay. This thought is in direct opposition to the view held by most persons who pay ad valorem tax in Warren County. Their view, which we have heard expressed many times, is "that it makes those who otherwise would pay nothing in taxes pay something for the support of their government."

If we were in the Legislature we would probably vote against repeal of the sales tax because North Carolina must have the revenue it raises and the Legislature seems to have the views of county commissioners when it comes to taxing those least able to pay.

When Warren County citizens voted to add a one cent sales tax to the state 3 cents sales we had a friend to whom we were devoted whose cook had once worked for us and to whom we became quite attached. This friend of 50 years had accumulated quite a bit of property in stocks and bonds and several large tobacco farms. We felt that

what we were being asked to do was to shift part of our friends taxes to his cook. It didn't seem exactly fair then and it doesn't now. It would be more palatable if it would be spent for our schools as is the 3c state sales tax.

William H. Peterson, Burrows T. Lundy Professor of Philosophy of Business at Campbell College, published a most thought provoking article in "Point Of View" column in Sunday's News and Observer. Headed "An Argument For Fewer Economic Regulations," he points out the fallacy of Keynes' philosophy of spending our way out of the depression and says that unemployment is made in Washington. In his article reproduced elsewhere in this newspaper, Peterson says: "The consumer pays all wages (and he might have said most taxes), including those for Muhammad Ali, Raquel Welch, President Carter and the board chairmen of AT&T, IBM, and GE. He also pays the union scales of the railroad workers, airline pilots, beicklayers and truck drivers. More over, if there is "featherbedding" on the job, he pays for that, too.

That is a point we have long tried to make in connection with the assertion that there is a class in Warren County who pay no taxes except the sale taxes. They pay taxes in rent for their homes, and through their consumption of all articles to which the manufacturers' and distributors' taxes are a part of their prices.

Police Betrayal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Anthony G. Kirititsis, the revenge-minded gunman who thought he could walk away free by releasing unharmed a hostage he held for 63 hours, instead faces kidnapping charges after police grabbed him in what he called a cheap shot.

Despite a promise of immunity from prosecution, Kirititsis, 44, was seized Thursday night after he freed mortgage company executive Richard O. Hall from a third-story apartment he had fooled police into thinking was rigged with dynamite.

Kirititsis, enraged because he felt Hall's company swindled him in a property deal, was held on \$250,000 bond awaiting arraignment on state kidnapping charges.

Elsewhere the Police Chief was

quoted as saying that he would have promised anything to have saved the hostage.

The nation may understand, we believe, the Police Chief's feeling and be glad that Hall was released unharmed, but will condemn the prosecution's broken promise. When a citizen can not trust the police, law enforcement is in a bad way, and when the same police demonstrate that they are willing to lie to obtain an objective law enforcement is in an even worse fix. Beyond that the precedent set at Indianapolis is going to make release of innocent hostages more difficult in future cases.

Mostly Personal

On Quoting The Bible

By BIGNALL JONES

For many years I have derived a great deal of pleasure from reading letters to the editor in newspapers and national magazines. Often they are not very profound; sometimes they verge on the silly side, but sometimes they are very informative and well written. They are always interesting and give one a pretty good idea of what people are thinking at the grassroots level.

A number of years ago when we were having a great deal of trouble getting the paper out on time and had a proneness to miss mails, this state of affairs displeased many and brought on some teasing from the late Francis Limer, of whom I was fond. He would call me at night to tell me that he did not get his paper, and sometimes when he would meet me on the street he would bring up the matter. I think that it is possible that I may have called attention to

the Scripture passage about forgiving seven times seven. I am not certain; but I do remember that Mr. Limer told me that the devil quoted scripture for his own purpose.

In Monday's News and Observer was published a letter to the editor from Judith L. Willis of Greenville in which she used the phrase about the devil quoting the Bible for his own purpose. It reminded me of Mr. Limer's remark, and while I, like most everyone else, could think of many other contradictions in the Bible, I thought that Ms. Willis did a pretty good job of it. Her letter to the editor was as follows:
To The Editor:

Recent letters to the editor have emphasized the wisdom of the saying, "The devil can quote Scripture to his own benefit!"

I wonder if the woman who quoted the Bible to "prove" that women are not equal to

men is as equally concerned about women who pray with their heads uncovered—according to the Bible, these women should have their heads shaved.

I haven't noticed very many Christian women either shaving or covering their heads to pray these days. Is it possible that they like most people, follow only the parts of the Bible that suit their own ideas? I urge them not to overlook I Corinthians 11:5, 6.

Then there was the minister who referred to the numerous passages in the Old Testament urging that people be put to death. Can it be that he arbitrarily ignores Deuteronomy 22:11, 12, "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together. Thou shalt make these fringes upon the four corners of thy vesture, where with thou coverest thyself."

But to address more directly the issue of capital punishment

Readers Write Of Water System, ERA, Deer Hunters, Vanity

WARREN NEEDS WATER LINE

To The Editor:

In your February 10th issue, your editorial "Pipe Line Mystery" and your article "Good Water Supply Essential" in your "Mostly Personal" column both merit the interest, appreciation and active support of the community and speaking of the whole county. These were most significant articles well worth reading and re-reading.

In this Bicentennial Era we have been looking back appreciatively at the past and at the bold actions of men who laid the foundations of greatness in our country. In much that same spirit your articles above, look not backwards but FORWARD to a bright and strong future for Warren County that this remarkable water system could make possible and if Warren County will not take "No" for an answer! Here is a challenge and opportunity to stir the minds and hearts of Warren County's citizens and friends.

It is well that Warren County now make a determined effort to overcome the setback of the moment and press on for a fair share of the water that lies at its Northern doorstep. Failing to do so, Warren County may witness other communities reaching out to this lake for water they badly need and some from surprising distances. Ultimately a portion of what Warren County would otherwise have retained may be lost by default, even though Warren County retains its present potential share undiminished, the question several years off—if this extension of this system is postponed—is what will it cost Warren County taxpayers direct? Rising costs of material and labor in the construction of a system like this might, in a few years, mean a doubling or tripling of what it would have cost now; and a subsequent grant, if obtained, might only cover a portion, where now it might cover hopefully all the cost. It seems but good common sense that Warren County rally behind the efforts of its community leaders and of your fine paper in seeking a reversal of this untimely, and hopefully temporary, setback and in writing their elected national and state representatives as you have suggested.

ALEX KATZENSTEIN
Greensboro

EQUAL RIGHTS?

To The Editor:

The Equal Rights Amendment is not just a simple statement of equality of sex under the law. Section I states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Section II—"The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article." What does this mean? Sec. II of the ERA amendment would give the federal government jurisdiction in many areas heretofore exclusively state and local concerns.

Countless distinguished authorities oppose ERA. Constitutional experts agree that some of the following are certain and the rest are probable: "ERA could bring taxpayer financed abortion on demand, homosexual marriage, adoption of children by homosexuals, military service including the draft and combat

—there's no need to stop with simple murder to give us an excuse to kill people. Heavens, no!

If we'll just go by all the Bible instead of part of it, there are lots of reasons for bloodletting that are as yet overlooked: stubborn and rebellious sons should be killed, preferably by stoning, according to Deuteronomy 20: 18-21; then there's those women who cannot prove on their wedding night that they are virgins, more stones for them! (Deuteronomy 22:20) . . . and so on, to include people who curse or decide to change their religion, but perhaps the first two groups will satiate our thirst for blood. Or will they?

I digress from the point the letter writers were trying to make—following the Bible. It's just that it's hard to see the basis for their selectivity, especially when a minister who has entered the New Covenant through Jesus Christ takes so much pleasure in quoting the Old Testament.

JUDITH L. WILLIS
Greenville.

duty on an equal basis with men (this a certainty), government financed day care centers for all children, and sexually integrated public facilities. ERA interlocks with the whole range of domestic and family changes being used to alter the American system."

When the Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr., was in the Senate, and the debate on ERA was taking place, he spoke at length against ERA. He has said, "When the Amendment was before Congress, I tried in every way I knew how to convince the Senate that this legislation should be amended to preserve protective legislation passed for the benefit of women; to require fathers to be responsible for family support; to exempt women from the draft and combat duty; and to preserve right-to-privacy laws and criminal laws for sex offenses. I deeply regret I was unsuccessful in my efforts and the Amendment passed the Senate unchanged. My view that the ERA is the most destructive piece of legislation to ever pass Congress still stands and I am hopeful that it will be defeated in the states."

In 1970 when Professor Paul Freund of the Harvard Law School testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, he said that the amendment would be absolute and "that it would follow that the ERA would require that there be no segregation of the sexes in prison, reform schools, public rest rooms and other public facilities."

Also during the Judiciary Committee hearings, Professor Phil Kurland, editor of the "Supreme Court Review" stated that the law which now requires separate rest rooms for boys and girls in schools and separate restrooms for men and women in public buildings would be nullified."

When a closer and deeper look at the consequences of ERA are studied, ERA means equal support and equal financial obligations of the children and family by the mother as well as the father.

Congresswoman Leonor K. Sullivan stated that, I cannot in good conscience support a proposal to take away from women the protections which reasonable men and women consider reasonable protection for women."

The Amendment would destroy the safeguards society has erected around the wife and mother as the center of the family. Equality in family headship would tend to disintegrate the family. The courts

would be forced to place the same responsibility for support of the family on mothers with young children as on the father. If the family is to be preserved, the right of the married woman to support by her husband must be retained. If ERA should pass, a divorced woman would be liable for alimony to her ex-husband if she has money and her husband hasn't.

I would urge everyone who loves their home and family as a social unit, and desires to preserve the moral values of their Christian training, to write our Senators James D. Speed, and Julian R. Alsbrook, Legislative Building, Raleigh, N. C. 27611, and ask them to oppose ERA. If you can not write a letter, write a post card. The Chairman of the Constitutional Amendment Committee is Senator Cecil Hall. Senator Alsbrook is Vice-Chairman.

(Mrs. Henry F.)
PANTHEA M. TWITTY

DEER HUNTING

It is hoped that as a result of the meeting on Feb. 22 regarding deer hunting in Warren County, that a plan can be worked out to bring responsibility and safety back to the sport of deer hunting in our county. Some regulations in the interest of landowners and hunters alike are needed.

I think that hunting from the right-of-way of roads creates a hazard to motorists. Even a grown man is subject to be nervous and have "Buc, fever (buck ague)" when the hounds and deer are approaching and can become utterly irresponsible.

On occasions, I have seen ten, 12 and 15-year-olds standing by roads with automatic shot guns loaded with buck shot.

I believe it is time to make it against the law to hunt from the road banks and along the right-of-way of Warren County roads.

Members of the hunt club do not like the fact that hunters are coming from other parts of the state to hunt in Warren County. Anyone who has a state hunting license has the same right as any county resident or any other hunter—to hunt from the right-of-way of roads in the county under the present system, whether hunting rights are rented or not.

If a land owner has no control over hunting from the highway which goes by or through his property, how do those who rent hunting rights expect to control hunting from the

highway? Isn't it time to work out a satisfactory plan?

HENRY FITTS TWITTY

THE LADY AND THE MIRROR

To The Editor:

We have never quite accepted the force of that analogy that describes in (James 1:23) a man who sees his natural face in a mirror and then "goes his way and straight way forgetteth what manner of man he was." At one time, we wanted to believe it, we regarded that man a top (or a dandy) who took extravagant (obvious) care of his appearance. Leave that to women! A man saw that his tie was straight and didn't bother any more. Even the immaculate business or society "gent" wanted his elegance to be unobtrusive—taken for granted. He disdained being thought vain. But forgetting what he looks like? Scarcely!

A woman, now, is expected to have her vanity bag, her dressing table loaded with perfumes, powders, beauty cleansers, nail polish, hair remover, setting sprays and deodorants. She doesn't mind—nor does her husband mind—spending money on her appearance because, as she says in one advertisement, "I'm worth it."

There is no embarrassment for a woman to take out her pocket mirror in public and it is not difficult to imagine her, in the secrecy of her own powder room, saying, "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" In public she certainly does not forget what she looks like.

That does not necessarily mean that she thinks herself the most beautiful person in the whole world. The wicked queen in "Snow White" made the mistake of thinking that the same qualities—even of skin texture and bone structure—appeal to everyone in the world. It proves the wisdom of God that he caused us to admire and be attracted to a variety of beauty in different measure. God has made it possible for every Jack to admire his Jill.

And he also designed that physical beauty is not the sole criterion for a person's appeal to another. Intellect and personality have great appeal. In our day of women's "Liberation" these factors have more and more importance. In the female factor, American journalist Shari Steiner says that nowadays, "There is a conflict between the two distinct models of European and American womanhood—the 'lady' and the 'warrior woman' —with both ideals battling for the dominance in today's world of 'easy care' households and plunging birth rates." Hold a mirror up to nature and the female species is aggressive (and none more so) only in the defense of her young. In the world of business she has more power by being female. Let not any woman looking in the mirror congratulate herself on looking masculine. The feminine graces are needed in business; they smooth away the harshness without diminishing the competence of the situation.

How is a strained situation assuaged and resolved? Not by being so tough as to reduce the opposition to submission, but by being so graceful (gracious) as to win the opposition's cooperation, or by being so engaging as to surrender one's point of view graciously. Women are biologically gifted for loving action. The most successful men are those who are gracious.

The wicked queen did not succeed in getting her mirror to tell a lie. Snow White was all the more exceeding in beauty when the wicked queen lost her temper. The finest cosmetic or adornment is the "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." (1 Peter 3:4) The understatement is more powerful than the overstatement, the controlled reply more effective than the explosive one, the beautiful action more uplifting than the dominant one, the sweet influence more valuable than the dynamic leadership.

For this is the way of Jesus and, in looking to Him as our pattern, says Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "We all (men and women) with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord."

W. PRYOR RODWELL, JR.

School Menus

Feb. 21-25

[Subject to change without notice.]

Monday—Cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, French fries, sugar plum cake, milk.

Tuesday—Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, fruit cup, cookie, hot roll, milk.

Wednesday—Vegetable-beef soup, sandwich, braiige half cinnamon bun, milk.

Thursday—Fried chicken green beans, pineapple salad, hot roll, milk, brownie.

Friday—Hoagie sandwich lettuce and tomato, potato chips, fruit cobbler, chocolate milk.

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