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Religion Or Politics?

In our files is a photocopy of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights. They were adopted on Dec. 15, 1791, by a two-thirds vote of both The House and the Senate.

The First Article says in part, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

For many years prior to the adoption of the Constitution all citizens of all denominations were taxed to support the Church of England. This became a sore subject with non-members of the Church of England. As a result the first sentence of what is known as the Bill of Rights reads "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion."

As long as Congressional laws take precedent over state laws, the states can not legislate the kind of prayers that must be used in state schools. So the Supreme Court has ruled, which has caused many people to hope for a change in the membership of the Supreme Court. We feel that was a very intelligent ruling by the court, when we consider the multitude of creeds in the United States.

A national law would not be confined to only those sections where the Christian religion prevails, but in sections where Buddhism is the principal religion, for instance.

The Moral majority, made up of Protestants, is not content to let well enough alone, but is conducting a crusade to have Congress initiate a law for the repeal of the First Amendment. Their efforts are at present being concentrated upon the Senate.

In an hour television program Monday night, speakers for the Moral Majority listed the Senators who favored the Congressional initiative, those who opposed and those who were undecided, and their common address in Washington, D. C. They advised their listeners to phone, telegraph, or write to the Senators representing their state, and also to pray for their help. Both North Carolina Senators were listed as favoring Congressional action, as is the President of the United States, who does not have a vote.

Since the Moral Majority has a large vote, one must be forgiven for wondering how much is real interest in religion and how much is politics.

Failure In Lebanon

In The Washington Post
National Weekly Edition

Lebanon was never a strategic prize, and so its shift from a Western to a Syrian political orientation, if it is consummated, changes little in the regional balance of power. The United States retains its presence and position in Israel and in the moderate Arab states. It is still the only power that can either manage a further easing of the Arab-Israeli dispute or offer the desired patronage to the vulnerable oil sheikdoms in the Gulf.

The fact remains that the United States has failed miserably in two purposes in Lebanon. It failed in the goal it professed—to reconstitute a peaceful sovereign Lebanon—and it failed in the goal its critics attributed to it—to strengthen a client Lebanon serving the various ends of American and Israeli policy. In the process, American policy has looked confused, ham-handed and inept. This is bound to have its effect on American prestige in the region, not to speak of election-year foreign policy debate.

That Lebanon was rocky terrain, a familiar graveyard of hope, a place poorly understood by Americans, is widely accepted now—cited by some as reason why the United States should not have intervened and by others as explanation for American frustration. It is only fair to recall, however, that it was a generous impulse—to make up for default on a promise that the PLO's evacuation would not bring harm to the families left behind—that led to the Marines' reentry, to the deployment of the Sixth Fleet and to the maneuver and misfortune that followed. There was, too, a genuine feeling of compassion for the Lebanese and a companion feeling that American values and interests alike dictated an effort to roll back the Israeli invasion, for which Americans were in some measure accountable.

Within the administration, President Reagan let run to the end an argument between State Department "hawks" who saw an opening to apply military power for both small (in Lebanon) and large (in respect to Syria and the Soviet

Union) political purposes, and Pentagon "doves" who saw no such opening, only uncertainty and trouble. With great luck and diplomatic skill, the hawks might have carried it off, though the margin was always narrow. But neither the requisite luck nor skill was forthcoming. The decision now to put the remaining Marines on board the ships in a matter of days signals the end of direct American influence over the outcome.

If anyone, in or out of the administration, ever thought that the mere spectacle of Mr. Reagan's rearming of America or his readiness to send in the Marines would do the trick, he no longer can. Some, noting the constraints imposed by congressional and public nervousness, say that the power applied was too slight to accomplish the objectives being pursued. Our own conclusion is that the administration could only have succeeded by demanding, as a condition of support, that the Gemayel government urgently treat the non-Christian communities' grievances. To be effective, the lesser power had to be linked to a more forceful policy. But it was not.

Equalize Pay

In The Washington Daily News

We read with a sense of uncertainty and dismay that the East Carolina Faculty Senate says that female professors today earn only 84 percent of the salaries paid to male professors.

If we can go a step ahead, we assume that the female professors are doing equal work and sharing equal responsibility with their male equals. If this hypothesis is true, then certainly there is a very legitimate grievance and it ought to be changed quickly. There just is no way to justify such an inequality.

If a male professor makes \$30,000 per year, then his female counterpart at 84 percent would make \$25,200 for the same work. It actually seems to us that the first order of business ought to be the equalizing of salaries for all professors rather than increasing salaries first.

Mostly Personal

An Old Newspaper

By BIGNALL JONES

The Rev. T. B. Kingsbury, a former Methodist minister, succeeded the Rev. Henry Petty in 1866 as pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church and served until 1870. While at Warrenton he published a book entitled "What Is Baptism" which his readers generally, as well as himself, thought an able compilation from the learning of others on the subject, we learned from re-reading Mrs. Lizzie Montgomery's "Sketches of Old Warrenton." Mrs. Montgomery said that years afterward when he had left the Baptist communion, and returned to his original church membership, "in answer to a question put to him in a letter from my husband as to what disposition he should make of several hundred copies of 'What Is Baptism' left in his care by Dr. Kingsbury when he left Warrenton, Dr. Kingsbury wrote 'Burn'em, burn'em!'"

This is but one of many humorous recollections of Mrs. Montgomery. It is used here by way of connection between Dr. Kingsbury and an old copy of the newspaper, "The Indicator," which the minister published while living at Warrenton and which had been mailed to W. T. Gregory in Canada.

A few days ago I noticed a large brown envelope, addressed to the Warren County Memorial Library, which had been on my desk for some time. It contained a copy of The Indicator, Vol. 1, No. 11, dated March 20, 1867, and a letter from the librarian of a Montreal, Canada, library, written on stationery of Imperial Tobacco in Montreal, addressed to the librarian of the Warren County Memorial Library, under date of July 20, 1981.

Evidently the paper had been turned over to me for comment, and put aside for later use and forgotten. The letter reads as follows:

"While indexing historical material, I found the enclosed newspaper 'The Indicator,' V. 1, No. 11 published March 20, 1867, in Warrenton, N. C. It was kept among the papers of W. T. Gregory, the man who brought tobacco cultivation to Canada. He was born in North Carolina. If this document is of no interest to you, would you please return it to me.

Y. MUKHERJEE, Corporate Librarian." The paper, badly aged, seems to be about equally divided between religious and literary subjects. The cost of advertising was published on the upper right-hand corner of the front page. One dollar a square was the open charge, 50¢ for subsequent issues, and further discounts for longer periods. Since the columns were 2 1/4 inches wide, we presume the square was the same depth.

The charge for special notices with head was \$1 per square for each insertion. Funeral and obituary notices will be inserted at fifty cents per square. The simple announcement of a death or a marriage will not be charged.

The large eight-page paper is now so fragile that I hesitate to handle

it, but there is one article that I can republish by using care.

The article is headed a NOVEL CURRENCY, and reads as follows:

During the first year of the war, when change was scarce, and some large firms issued currency of their own, a farmer went into a store in a nearby town, and bought some goods, and gave the merchant a five dollar bill, of which he wanted twenty-five cents back. The merchant counted out the amount and handed it over to the farmer. He looked at it for a moment and inquired "What's this?"

"It's my currency," said the merchant.

"Wal, 'taint good for nothin' where I live."

"Very well," replied

the merchant, "keep it until you get a dollar's worth and bring it to my store and I will give a dollar for it."

The farmer pocketed the change and departed. A few weeks after he went into the same store and bought goods to the amount of one dollar, and after paying over the identical twenty-five cents, took a handful of pumpkin seed and counted out seventy-five of these and passed them over to the merchant.

"What is this?" asked the merchant.

"Why," said the farmer, "This is my currency, and when you get a dollar's worth, bring it to my place and I will give you a dollar for it."

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

March 3, 1944

A strange bird captured in Shocco Township on Tuesday by Sadis Hunt and sent into the office of The Warren Record by Willie B. Williams for identification remains unidentified and has been returned.

Cameron S. Weeks of Tarboro, Edgecombe County judge and former state legislator, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U. S. representative from the 2nd Congressional District.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Crinkley and daughter, Mildred Stewart, left today for Roanoke Rapids where Mr. Crinkley has accepted a position with Rosemary Drug Co.

February 27, 1959

Indian Springs Enterprises, Inc., has been incorporated by Frank Banzet and Charlie White, Warrenton attorneys, and by A. N. Moore, inventor of electronic devices of South Hill, Virginia.

Eight Norlina firemen were honored at the annual Ladies Night supper at the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night. Those honored for 25 years of service were: Whit Overby, Will Hicks, Clyde Edwards, Harry Walker, P. J. Harton, W. R. Newman, John Stegall, and Arthur Gooch.

Mrs. Hatcher Crenshaw and children of Richmond, Va. are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville.

February 28, 1974

Increased postage rates will take effect Saturday, March 2, Warrenton Postmaster A. C. Blalock reminded postal patrons this week. The cost of mailing a letter will increase to 10 cents per ounce, a rise of two cents over the eight cents that persons have been paying for the past several years.

A Warrenton native, John H. Kerr, III has been unanimously elected chairman of the Goldsboro City Board of North Carolina National Bank.

Two Warrenton residents, Mrs. Helen Haithcock and Mrs. Annie Stephenson, were among 15 senior nursing students at Vance-Granville Technical Institute to receive school pins in a ceremony on Monday of last week.

DID YOU KNOW?

DORDOGNE PROVINCE IN FRANCE, IS WHERE MANY CROMAGNON MAN'S FAMILIES LIVED.
THEIR WALL PAINTINGS AND TOOLS WERE FOUND THERE IN CAVES IN THE MID-19th CENTURY. ARCHEOLOGISTS HAVE STUDIED THE AREA EVER SINCE. THE 25,000-YEAR-OLD PAINTINGS AND CARVINGS SHOW ICE AGE ANIMALS, SEEN BY THOSE PRE-HISTORIC MEN, SUCH AS WOOLY RHINOS, ETC.

CEMENT WAS FIRST MADE BY ANCIENT ROMANS 400 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST.
PORTLAND CEMENT WAS INVENTED IN 1824 BY JOE ASPDIN.

OVER 700,000 CLOTHING ITEMS WILL BE NEEDED TO DRESS THE 1984 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM AND OTHER OLYMPIC PERSONNEL.

COWS ARE ALMOST DEIFIED IN RURAL SWITZERLAND. THE REAL NAME OF "SWISS" CHEESE IS EMMANTALER. (FIRST MADE CIRCA 1580)

Honey has been used as a center for golf balls and in anti-freeze mixtures.

The Lancaster Turnpike in Pennsylvania was this country's first macadam road.

Letters To The Editor

Comrades Are Sought

To The Editor:

Perhaps many of your readers can recall that the first land offensive by the Americans in World War II was at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in the south Pacific. It was here that the "tide was turned" after a six month campaign in which the United States lost over 6000 men. This was the end of the line for the Japanese in their quest to conquer. Our organization, "Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans" — which is made up of Marines, Army, Navy and Coast Guard veterans who fought in, around and over this island during a period from August 7, 1942 until the island was secured in February of 1943 — are seeking their comrades. Should any of your readers have an interest in joining us please have them send a card or letter to Ted Blahnik, President, P. O. Box 181, Coloma, MI 49038-0181, and further information will be sent to them.

ARCH A. AYSCUE
GCV Member
Norlina

We Should Remember

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Honorable Sen. Jesse Helms who has no liberal voting record, what's wrong with that type record? That shows Senator Helms has the concern of tax dollars at heart. We should all be thankful for that concern he has.

If anyone is more qualified for the Senate than Senator Helms, one would have a tedious search to identify such a person.

If The News and Observer or others disliking Senator Helms can come forth with perfect politicians please identify such perfection to the public.

The Congressional Club shows Senator Helms has many, many friends in the Democratic Party who show high respect to Senator Helms. We should be thankful for friends giving to such worthwhile cause.

In pointing fingers at politicians, please do not forget who stood like a giant oak for the PCB dump in Warrenton County. Please don't forget the many, many citizens who were so bitterly opposed to that dump in Warrenton County, but were so helpless. What was the cost of tax monies to have the many highway patrolmen at the PCB dump for so long a period? Just what cost to taxpayers was that? In 1984 do you think those people should remember the hellish time about the dump?

Throughout the country people should not forget who stood tall for the new gas tax, that hurts so badly the working class, especially the poor farmers having to use tractors, because of those who will not work, but want everything free with no work attached from the liberal politicians.

In this era, the name of the game is the monstrous wanting machine, wanting everything free from work. Are the liberal politicians feeding those machines? This is a matter of acknowledging nothing is free; it all comes from the servant-taxpayers. Why are those opposed to the monstrous game of free give-away, all but put in mills to be ground or to have fingers pointed at them?

Does the Bible read by the sweat of your brow you shall earn? Have the Bible's guidelines been isolated in this era?

Not everyone agreed with Senator Helms' opposition to the Martin Luther King national holiday, but he was not against racially a race of humankind in that issue, he was in performance of official duties to save millions of tax monies.

In times like the present, who can object to officials saving tax dollars? Pray tell who?

In searching the Big Cheese records, please identify how they stand on the voting records of tobacco. I know and you know, as many, many other people know, there are those who so desire to eliminate the tobacco program, even tobacco itself. Public, let's all be more grateful to the officials who saved the tobacco program in Washington, D. C. What a blessing that was to this country.

I know, you know, you'll have to give Senator Helms much credit and praise for standing tall on the school prayer issue because there are thousands and thousands of children who know nothing about prayer or Bible reading in the homes of today.

Who's standing any taller against drawing water from Gaston Lake than Senator Helms? Who attends those meetings on that issue?

I am grateful to know how officials stand and act in concern of tax dollars.

MATTIE E. GRISSOM
Henderson

It's Not Clear

In The Southern Pines Pilot

It's not clear what the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) was trying to prove in its recent political endorsements and non-endorsements.

The teachers organization did make a choice in the governor's race, the choice being Tom Gilmore.

It did not make a choice in the U. S. Senate race between Jim Hunt and Jesse Helms, and that was a surprise for most North Carolinians. It doesn't seem likely that the NCAE will endorse Helms, but why it turned down Hunt is difficult to understand, because Hunt has been one of the strongest supporters of public school education this state has had in this century.

Some NCAE actions in recent years have been puzzling, and this is one of them.