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## Comparison Is Made

The church bulletin of Emmanuel Episcopal Church often contains essays on various subjects which its rector, Dr. G. R. Selby, wishes to share with the congregation. This past Sunday, August 5, Dr. Selby chose as his subject "Law and Order." Believing that it deserves wider circulation than afforded by the bulletin, we reproduce it as follows:

### Law and Order

The Ten Commandments have been the basis from which the law of many countries, and especially Christian countries, has grown. Although Christ gave us the greater law of love, this transcends but by no means abolishes the law of the commandments. The commandments are a kind of tutor to bring us to the greater law of love.

It might have been thought that Christian countries, with their law based upon the Judeo-Christian ethic, would have more law-abiding

society than non-Christian countries but a contrast with Japan is most disturbing.

With a population half the size of that of the U. S. A. Japan had only 922 homicides in 1981. New York City alone had 1,832 in that period. An American is 12 times more likely to be murdered than a Japanese, 14 times more likely to be raped and 20 times more likely to be the victim of a property crime.

Japan has a low crime rate without either a prison state or excessive litigation and only 50,000 prisoners are presently confined. Fewer than 4% of the prisoners are sentenced for longer than three years. In contrast the U. S. has 580,000 adult inmates: 80% of those in state institutions have been sentenced for longer than five years.

Japan brings 70% of its crimes to conviction. The U. S. brings only 19.8% of its crimes to atest. Our prison population has expanded by 30% in the last three years.

## Another Tradition Gone

By JIM SHUMAKER  
In The Charlotte Observer

The University of Mississippi, possibly in the belief that higher learning, like hamburgers, must be dispensed in a fast and constant stream to be profitable, has finally stopped shutting down for lunch.

For as long as anybody could remember, the weekday administration and instruction at Ole Miss came to a halt at noon. Everybody knocked off for lunch or siestas or light assignments, and the thrust toward the frontiers of knowledge went into neutral.

Now all that has changed, in the unnatural order of transmogrification. When noon comes nowadays someone has to stick around to keep track of football TV contracts and honorary degrees and other important business.

So another Old South tradition, a hallmark of gentility and civility, is gone with the wind. William Faulkner, who once fired the boilers at Ole Miss, using the lunch break and other odd moments to write, "Sanctuary," must be moaning in his grave.

Fortunately, at the university here in Chapel Hill, a fine old way of life is still honored. The rich tradition at UNC, going all the way back to the early 1950s when television was in its infancy, is the soaps break.

The soaps break begins sporadically around the campus at noon, when "News," a comparatively tame semi-soap, is presented. "News" appeals mostly to elderly faculty members who like to munch

their peanut butter sandwiches without excessive emotional strain and to fifth-year students getting out of bed who like to start the day slowly.

The soaps break spreads across the campus, like kudzu in a rainy season, at 12:30 when "Ryan's Hope," "Search for Tomorrow" and "The Young and Restless" comes on at once.

Secretaries gather around the tubes, filling themselves with raw carrots and cauliflower and dip and commiseration. Administrators, popping in to check with the secretaries, linger to watch the latest episode.

In the Student Union, which offers pool, bowling, chess, checkers, video games and junk food as supplements to higher education, the soaps break lasts from noon until 4:30, when "Another Life" and "Edge of Night" wind up the afternoon's cultural enrichment. Students, faculty, administration personnel and a sprinkling of Chapel Hill's street people who use the union for personal conveniences sit, catatonic, in front of the big TV screens.

The break causes minor problems. It is hard to get anybody to answer the phones during the soaps, and when somebody does answer the one you're trying to call is always "in conference."

The soaps break also has its critics—troublemakers and outside agitators. Except for those malcontents, everybody would sooner give up the Old Well or Davie Poplar.

## Explosive Situation

By RALPH DELANO  
In Benson Review

This is a fishy story.

It seems that in a small town a man rather suddenly became known as a great fisherman. Each time he went out he came back with so many fish that everyone was wondering how he did it. Even the game warden became suspicious. On the next trip, the warden went along to see what was happening.

When they arrived at the spot in the lake where the fisherman claimed there was plenty of fish, the man stopped the boat, reached in his tackle box and took out a stick of dynamite, lit the fuse, and threw it into the water. When the water settled, he went around picking up dead and stunned fish by the tubfull.

"Don't you know that dynamiting fish is illegal?" the game warden

asked him. "When we get back I'll have to take out a warrant for your arrest."

The fisherman said nothing, but calmly reached in his tackle box, pulled out another stick of dynamite, lit it, and waited until the fuse burned away down short.

Then he thrust it into the hands of the game warden and said, "What are you going to do—just sit there talking, or are you gonna fish with me?"

### ANCIENT MUMMIES

A group of 74 mummies believed to be about 5,000 years old—roughly the same age as the first mummies in Egypt—has been recovered from a prehistoric cemetery in Arica, Chile's northern-most city.

## Scissors Or Nothing

By BIGNALL JONES  
Life Magazine is today one of the most popular news magazines in the world and is noted for its color pictures, but such has not always been the case. In the twenties Life was a humor magazine, printed in black and white, with jokes, satire, and numerous cartoons. On its editorial page has always appeared items of comment under the picture of a pair of scissors and written in Latin the words "with scissors or nothing."

As I ran a sheet of paper into the typewriter in preparation of my weekly column, I thought of this heading in an old magazine in which nothing remains but memory and title. I quote it, not only because I have no serious subject, but because I want to resort to scissors in order to quote two articles from Sam Ragan's Southern Accent in the Southern Pines Pilot. One of July 25, and the other of August 1. But first I would like to correct two errors in recent columns. Several weeks ago in writing of the renovation of the old Eaton home by Col and Mrs. John F. Jenkins I stated that the home was built around 1800 by Col. William Johnston, when it was built by Col. William Johnson. Mary Hinton Kerr called this error to my attention.

Of even more concern, because it was an error of fact rather than the misspelling of a common name. Reporting our family trip to Lexington, Va., and visit to Lee's Chapel, I stated that Grace's Episcopal Church, which we were unable to enter at that time, was designed by General Robert E. Lee. It was not; General Lee aided in the design and supervision of Lee's Chapel.

Sam Ragan, in his July 25 issue of Southern Accent, writes two articles as follows:

Walter Spearman says that when Princess Anne came visiting the other day to join North Carolina officials in launching the state's 400th anniversary observance she was fed quite well. He writes:

"Arriving in Chapel Hill from Atlanta, Princess Anne was lodged in the sumptuous Morehead House, greeted by Governor and Mrs. Hunt, and served a North Carolina dinner of strawberry soup, mountain brook trout, roast duck, garden vegetables and mocha meringue parfaits. The Friday luncheon menu at Mantoo on Roanoke Island in honor of the Princess included Outer Banks steamed shrimp, crab meat salad, summer chicken, and North Carolina ham biscuits."

But Spearman thinks there was a big omission and he asks, "where's the barbecue," and as far as we can learn Princess Anne did not get even a small sample of North Carolina's most famous dish.

Barbecue, we gather, is foreign to the British taste. And so is watermelon, another product which ranks high on any Tar Heel food list. A group of English visitors at Tryon Palace in New Bern were entertained with a dinner and they were enraptured with the watermelon, even

though they had to ask what it was they were eating.

The next time a queen or a princess come calling they certainly should not be denied watermelon, in season, or barbecue, in all seasons.

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Len Sullivan, who writes a very readable column in the Mooreville Tribune, had this recent item:

"The Rev. Bob Matthews is shepherd of the Fieldstone Presbyterian flock and late of the rarified academic air of Clemson University. (If you can't get in college you can always go to Clemson, we always say). On a recent Sunday, he made a passing disparaging remark from the pulpit about North Carolina politicians, declaring, in effect, that only unsavory sorts would stoop to the level of some of the TV ads he's been exposed to here in recent months. I had the urge to raise my hand, be recognized and point out that this admittedly yukky cup was passing South Carolina only because all her politicians are in jail or banished beyond her borders.

I'm glad I resisted the urge. Dennis Rogers, columnist for The News and Observer in Raleigh, made exactly this observation about South Carolina the other day, and The State in Columbia retorted thusly:

"Rogers is certainly on target in noting that we (South Carolina) exceed our share of political wrongdoers. But most of ours—we hope—reside in jail. They're still running around loose in North Carolina."

Bob doubtless would have tarred me with the same stick, right there before God and every body.

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In his August 1 column, Ragan writes:

Librarians in Cumberland County recently told a reporter for the Fayetteville papers about the strange things people leave in books as page markers.

Such things as coupons, greeting cards, playing cards, paper clips, gum wrappers,

money, checks, bills, rubber bands, hair pins, pictures, car keys and letters are common bookmarks which show up in books returned to libraries.

In Fayetteville the two most startling bookmarks which turned up were photographs of nude women and a packet of marijuana. "What was strange about the nude pictures and the marijuana was that they were found in children's books," a librarian said.

The dogearing of books to mark a place where the reader has to stop temporarily has been frowned upon for so long that most people have stopped doing it, but they will grab up anything close at hand to mark their place in a book, and often they return the book to a library without removing the marker.

Librarians seldom find those fancy page markers which people often give as presents. Readers remember those and remove them for future use, but they often forget more important things like checks they have written or received, personal letters, or money. One librarian we know once found a \$20 bill in a book.

But the strangest marker of all was reported to us by the Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh. It was a fried egg.

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Ragan often closes his column by short quotes from Mae Wood Bell of Rocky Mount. The closing quote of July 25 reads as follows.

One reason I make myself scarce on any given graduation day is that commencement speakers tend

To say more than they have to say.

The closing quote of August 1 follows: My neighbor's doctor's as wise as Solomon—He told him at his last diagnostic session To give up wine and women and song, Then prescribed a medicine for depression.

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An 8-ounce package of macaroni yields 4 to 5 cups when cooked and an 8-ounce package of noodles or spaghetti yields 3 to 4 cups cooked.

## Commissioner Opposes Action

Warren County commissioners voted Monday to continue to provide the Town of Littleton's extraterritorial areas within Warren's boundaries with such services as electrical inspections, but expressed concern as to how a new land use plan, a new zoning ordinance, and subdivision regulations planned for adoption by the town would affect those areas.

Of specific concern was the zoning for an Industrial Park located in the town's extraterritorial area within Warren County's boundaries.

If the Town of Littleton adopts extraterritorial jurisdiction, the Warren portion will have separate representation on the Littleton Planning Board and Board of Adjustment and the board members would be appointed by the Warren Board of Commissioners as outlined by

General Statute.

Although Monday's action simply reaffirmed what has been past policy, it met with vehement opposition from Commissioner William T. Skinner.

"They (Littleton residents) wanted to go to historic Halifax," Skinner said, "so let them stay there."

Skinner's comments were in reference to a decision by Littleton voters several years ago to locate all of their town within Halifax County. Before that, portions of the town had been located in each.

A Raleigh man was arrested in Warren County last Thursday and charged in connection with a film-flam operation aimed at the elderly.

George Washington Shaw, 57, was arrested on three counts of obtaining property by false pretense by Sheriff's Deputy B. D. Bolton and was released on \$500 bond.

According to Bolton, Shaw allegedly posed as someone affiliated with Boy Scouts of America

## Legacy Lives On

To The Editor:

There may be some question in the minds of some of the residents of this county in regard to what our leaders are doing to help enhance the welfare of all of us. One recent event that comes to mind is the location of Owens-Illinois, a major company, in this area.

You are probably saying that a \$15-million company that begins hiring only 85 people is not much help. That isn't helping the unemployed picture, you say. You are right, if you look at the short run.

However, as a friend of mine, Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Governor Hunt, told me, "Sometimes the things we accomplish in our lifetime don't benefit us in our lifetime. Sometimes our legacy lives on in our offspring."

Let me explain. Owens-Illinois is an environmentally-safe company. It is a high technology industry, and it is a strong company. That means that when your eight-year-old gets out of school, he will have a job waiting for him. First, he has to go to school.

The message in this discourse is that to those people who want to prosper: "Get educated! Get wisdom! And get understanding!"

MILTON GOODWIN DAVIS  
Warrenton

## News Of Yesteryear

### Looking Back Into The Warren Record

August 11, 1944

Sam Margolis of Durham has succeeded G. R. Rooker as manager of the local A&P Store. Mr. Rooker, who had been at Warrenton for several years, was transferred back to Henderson, where he was former A&P manager.

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In a ceremony marked by dignity and simplicity in Warrenton Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, August 5, at 3 o'clock, Miss Trina Reid of Warrenton became the bride of Mr. Luther Martin Lee, Jr., of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor, officiated.

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An annual family reunion was held at Cherry Hill, Inez, home of Mrs. G. W. Alston, on last Sunday, celebrating her 95th birthday.

August 7, 1959

Amos L. Capps, large farmer and pulpwood dealer, was elected president of the Warrenton Railroad Company at a regular meeting of stockholders recently.

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H. B. Harrell, Warrenton attorney, who has maintained a law office in Norlina for several months, this week moved his office to Warrenton. He is located upstairs in the Gibbs-Woodhouse building on Main Street.

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Miss Knox Polk returned Saturday after attending a music camp in Greenville for two weeks.

August 8, 1974

A two-foot black snake has been blamed with causing a power failure Tuesday night which threw a large area of Warren County into darkness. The reptile is the third of his species to cause a power failure here within the past 12 months.

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Edgar R. Wood, Jr., Warrenton native, has been admitted to the partnership of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Certified Public Accountants, in Norfolk, Va.

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Warren Sheriff and Mrs. Clarence A. Davis were among law enforcement officers and families attending the N. C. Retraining Session held last week at the Blockade Runner Hotel at Wrightsville Beach.

### Keeping Healthy

#### Hand Protection

Working with hands is considered good for mind and body, but is hard on hands. A weekend bout with automobile repairs, stripping, painting and refinishing old furniture or building a bookcase or desk can create havoc on skin.

To retain finger dexterity while protecting hands against the ravages of dirt, grime, grease, wallpaper glues, and irritating oils and paints, there is a skin barrier cream that protects against water-insoluble irritants and acts like a strong but gentle, invisible barrier film.

The cream is called Kerodex 51 and is applied like a fine cosmetic skin cream. Its protection lasts for three to four hours unless hands come in contact with water. After a project is completed the cream is easily washed off with soap and water.

Kerodex 51 also makes clean up faster and easier because its "lifting action" helps rid skin of dirt, grime and other irritants which can become imbedded in the skin.

If not available at a local drug store, the pharmacist can order Kerodex from Ayerst Laboratories.

## Film-Flam Operation Suspect Is Arrested

and offered to have his troop members do house repairs providing supplies were paid for in advance.

Bolton said Shaw, who also faces a traffic charge of improper registration and no insurance, is scheduled to appear in Warren County District Court today (Wednesday).

A spokesman for the Sheriff's Department indicated that additional warrants may be forthcoming in the case.