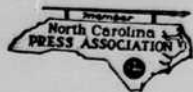


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Four More Years of the Same

Despite herculean efforts by television and ad agency directors, the Republican National Convention in San Francisco this week remains a strictly cut-and-dried affair.

Do farmers of this country want four more years of tricky Republican promises, most of them now broken? Will wage earners be satisfied with four more years of platitudes about the glories and blessings of a "balanced budget," accomplished entirely by fancy book-keeping and mirrors apparently, while such tax reductions as are granted go to dividends on stocks and corporate earnings, and living costs climb higher and higher?

Do we want four more years of a vacillating foreign policy which is fraying the strained nerves of the few nations remaining friendly to the United States? Can we take four more years of a politically inspired national defense program ram-rodged by Charlie Wilson, evidently designed to fatten the coffers of the General Motors Corporation at the expense of other auto makers who once contributed mightily to manufacture of tanks, airplanes, guns and other munitions?

There is no use asking about four more years of the "give-away" program dealing with natural resources, because we don't have enough left to last four more years at the rate of "give-away" during the past three and a half years.

How about four more years of super-management of the executive department by a coterie headed by Sherman Adams and Jim Haggerty, who have never been elected to anything on a national level? This bunch runs things while a popular but ailing part-time President takes the respites he must have to keep "Tricky Dick" Nixon from moving into the White House, an ever-present threat which might well be spared this nation for another four years.

Do we need, or can we stand, four more years of the "hard money" policy that is the basis of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey's political philocopy? A policy that is responsible for interest climbing from a little over five billions to more than seven billions dollars a year for approximately the same amount of national debt. Besides making credit more difficult and expensive for the average citizen, this is nothing more or less than a two billion dollar a year subsidy for bankers and investment trusts of the nation. In view of this subsidy, what price a dinky parity payment for the American family farmer?

Four more years of the same? Stripped of its ballyhoo and propaganda, that is exactly what the Republican National Convention is trying to sell to the American people this week. It is available to all who want it, come November—but, as for us, we'll take vanilla—Democratic, that is.

Flattery is one way to pave the way of life, but it often costs more than it is worth.

Our idea if a pleasant life is to have more income than expense, and little or no work to do.

Farm Prices Down Again

After six months, the slightly upward trend in farm prices has dipped again. The Agriculture Department has announced that, as of the middle of last month, farm prices were down one per cent.

Prices were lower for fruit, animals and vegetables, among other things. Prices for milk, chickens and potatoes were up.

Though prices were one per cent lower than they were in mid-June, the July report was not considered discouraging by Undersecretary of Agriculture True Morse. Morse said the Department believes farm prices for the rest of this year will be higher than in 1955.

Farm prices have a long way to go before they will reflect genuine prosperity on the farms. While the Soil Bank Bill will do some good to some farmers this year, its results will not be so widespread that other aid will not be necessary for the country's farmers. A rise in prices received for the farmer is necessary if he is to increase his income and enjoy the prosperity that much of the rest of the nation is now enjoying.

Since another round of inflation is expected this fall, it is absolutely essential for the farmer to receive higher prices for his crops. Otherwise, the spiral which has engulfed the farmer—that is rising costs and lower prices—which has continued for four or five years, will continue to put small farmers out of business and keep hundreds of thousands of others on the brink of bankruptcy.

Goodwill Is The Answer

In any community suffering from acute social problems, a clashing of interests, or other growing-pains, the community will benefit if parties to disagreements maintain an attitude of goodwill toward their fellowmen.

It should always be remembered that in this community, as in every other community, we must live and work together, day by day. Statements, reflecting bitterness or selfish views do not accomplish anything in the way of harmony, progress or better living and working conditions.

On the other hand, if one's views are expressed through the medium of goodwill and fairness, even divergent views can be expressed without stirring antagonisms, personal resentment and bitterness. This is something all of our citizens should keep in mind, in seeking to make this community a better place in which to live and work.

It should also be remembered that one loses his effectiveness by assuming an extremist, or radical, approach to any problem. A patient, fair-minded approach will usually develop support among the majority of citizens, who almost always favor moderation. On the other hand, extremist views alienate potential support, crystallize opposition and accomplish the exact opposite purpose from that intended.

In summary, then, local citizens should keep in mind that all of us must live and work together many years, and that our problems are mutual, which can be worked out among us in a spirit of goodwill, involving Christian principles, and the freedom of one to express his views, choose a way of life which suits him.

The Air Power Debate

Perhaps the most important hearing, at this session of Congress, is that designed to determine whether the United States is following a defense program which will enable it to maintain air supremacy.

We use the word air supremacy intentionally, even though there is a question whether our air supremacy exists as of today. However, on the basis of our network of overseas bases and our medium jet bombers stationed on these bases, we will assume the United States still has air supremacy, for the sake of this editorial, although such an assumption could not be justified, perhaps, by military leaders who have the responsibilities of defense weighing heavily on their shoulders.

The cardinal point emphasized by air power experts in the so-called Symington hearing is that the United States is now losing in the competition to possess the world's most potent air force. Even the commanding general of the Strategic Air Force admits the Russians, under our present defense program, are overtaking us, and will have the capability of gaining air supremacy in a year or two. The significance of this admission cannot be over-rated, in light of the fact that air supremacy will win or lose World War III.

World War II proved that air supremacy is as important over the seas as it is over land, and air supremacy encompasses all theaters and all types of military services.

It seems fairly clear to us, after having watched the hearing in Washington on air power, that the United States must take stock again, of its Air Force program and place greater emphasis on air power, especially in the quantitative sphere. If this is not done we are going to find ourselves, once again, in the position of suffering a disaster in the opening phase of any new war.

Like Great Britain in the late 1930's, the United States is now at the crossroads in that we must make up our minds to maintain the best qualitative air force in the world, or run the risk of defeat in World War III.



- 1. How many governing units function in the U. S.? 2. What horse was known as "Big Red"? 3. What State has shown the largest population growth since 1940? 4. How fast is "a snail's pace"? 5. For what do the initials "ASCPA" stand? 6. What natural resource makes the Arab States important? 7. What is "lese majesty"? 8. Which is the "Sagebrush State"? 9. When was the Mayflower Compact signed? 10. Who said, "Politics is more difficult to understand than physics?"

A Few SMILES

"How do you manage to get money out of your husband?" "Oh, I simply say, 'I'm going back to mother' and he immediately hands me the fare."

Patient—"How can I ever repay you for your kindness to me?" Doctor—"By check, money order, or cash."

"... A speech is like a wheel; the longer the spoke the greater the tire ..."

Landlady—"It looks like rain, doesn't it?" Boarder—"Yes it does, but it smells a little like soup."

A wife with horse sense never becomes a nag.

The three R's in a man's life are romance, rent, and rheumatism.

Nothing is funny when you're hungry or your feet hurt.

Teacher—"How old would a party be who was born in 1899?" Billie—"Man or woman?"

Many of our statesmen should get their heads together, and as hard as they possibly can.

"Did you ever play football?" asked the Yale graduate of a visiting Englishman. "No, Sir, but at dear old Oxford we played Rugby."

"How is that played?" "Well, sir, it consists of a lot of shin kicking."

"In this country we call that bridge."

Teacher—"Can anyone tell me the main use for cowhide?" Johnnie—"It keeps the cow together, ma'am."

Rose: "Mother, today in the bus a little girl fell off her seat, and everybody but me laughed."

Mother: "That was nice of you, Dear. Who was the little girl?" Rose: "Me."

Teacher—"I take great pleasure in giving you 80 in geometry." Letty—"Why don't you make it 100 and really enjoy yourself?"

Boy—"Would you marry a man for his money?" Girl—"Tell me first—is this a Gallup poll or a proposal?"

Physician: "Hi! The case is one, I think, that will yield to a mild stimulant. Let me see your tongue, Madam, if you please." Husband of Patient (hastily)—"Doctor, her tongue doesn't need stimulating."

What this country needs is to make hoes as attractive as hose.

Jimmy—"Teacher, didn't you say you'd give me a kiss if I would bring you some spring flowers to hang around the room?" Teacher—"Yes, I did."

Jimmy—"Well, here they are. And I've sold the kiss to my big brother for 50 cents."

Don't mind being at the foot of the class—they teach the same thing at both ends.

Then there's the girl who said she had lost her hat and came across it when she combed her hair.

If ever a new statue of Liberty is designed, it will be holding the bag instead of the torch.

Percy—"Ma, may I go out to play with Bobby Brown?" Ma—"No. You know I don't like Bobby."

Percy—"Then may I go out and fight with him?"

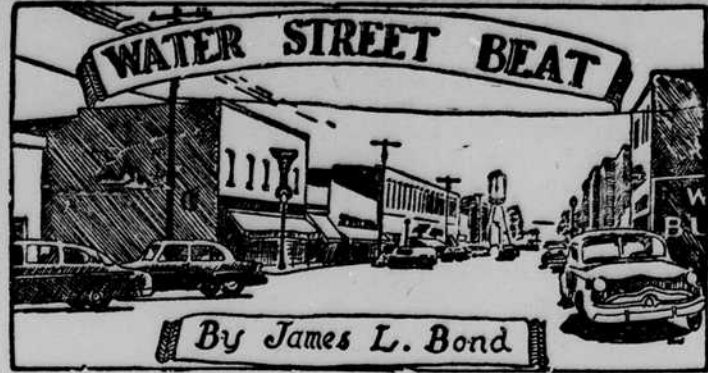
The man who pokes fun at a woman trying to drive through a 10 foot garage door usually sobers up when he tries to thread a needle.

One person in 300,000 is struck by lightning. All the others have to worry about is the soap on the bathroom floor.

Percy—"Miss Jane, did Moses have the same after-dinner illness my pop's got?" Miss Jane—"Gracious me, Percy. Whatever do you mean, my dear?" Percy—"Well here it says the Lord gave Moses two tablets."

The ANSWERS

- 1. From Federal to school district level, more than 155,000. 2. Man O' War, famous thoroughbred, who died in 1947. 3. California. 4. 000363005 mph. 5. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 6. Oil. 7. An offense against the dignity of the sovereign ruler. 8. Nevada. 9. November 21, 1620. 10. Albert Einstein.



By James L. Bond

OPENING THOUGHT — Economy is half the battle of life; it is not so hard to earn money as to spend it wisely. — Charles Spurgeon.

OBSERVATION — We do not recall ever having heard William Howard Taft mentioned as our greatest president; but the fact is, he weighed 332 pounds.

CONGRATULATIONS! — Two fellows well-known in Plymouth recently enjoyed successful openings of new business ventures in Edenton. Tom Hopkins, who, about two months or so ago, sold his interest in Norman Furniture Company here to partner Clyde Hardison, reports tremendous response (including many well-wishers from this county) during the three-day formal opening of his new furniture store, Albemarle Furniture Company. Your scribe did not get the chance to attend the event but would like to say here (in case Tom is reading this) that he did appreciate the invitation and joins Tom's many other friends in wishing him every success in the new venture. The other business is Burton's Texaco Service Station. Formal opening of this business was held last Monday. The proprietor, Lloyd Burton, is married to a Plymouth girl, the former Mary Sheppard Hammons, and assisted Shep Brinkley for a time in the operation of the theatres here. Incidentally, Editor J. Edwin Bufflap of the Edenton weekly, "The Chowan Herald," had this to say in his column last week anent the opening of Lloyd's new station: "Lloyd Burton will apparently give just about everything away except his shirt tail next Monday when he holds grand opening for the new Burton's Texaco Service Station on the corner of Broad and Church Streets. It's a big improvement on that corner in more ways than one. By cracker, now from my house I can see up to Broad Street

and will even be able to see the fire engine speed out Broad Street." Good luck, Lloyd!

REASON — Ever notice that in portraits George Washington, "The Father of Our Country," is never shown smiling. Well, it seems there was a good reason for it. He had false teeth made of rhinoceros ivory and he had a hard time keeping them in place. A valued reader of this column, Capt. R. A. Duvall, called the matter to our attention.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE — Bill was just out of college and got a job on the staff of the local newspaper. He listened intently to the city

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Things To Watch For In the Future

An imported self-timer for cameras has a 15-second time delay, and costs only \$2.95. . . A scalloped border for your flower beds aims to save trimming time. . . You can measure distances on an auto map with a new gadget featuring an edged wheel and indicator. . . Hydraulic feet on the bottom of a new ladder adjust to differences in level, for safety. . . Little buttons to press in the dark shoot the proper key out of a new case.

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editor's instructions: "Never write anything as a fact unless you are absolutely sure about it, or you'll get the paper in wrong. If you're not sure about an item being a fact, use the words 'alleged,' 'reputed,' 'claimed,' 'rumored' or 'it was said.'" Bill kept repeating the instructions in his mind as he went to his first assignment. This is the first story he turned in: "It is rumored that a party was given yesterday by a number of reputed ladies. Mrs. Smith, it was said, was

hostess, and the guests, it is alleged, with the exception of Mrs. Jones, who says she is fresh from Wheeling, were all local people. Mrs. Smith claims to be the wife of Joe Smith, said to be president of an alleged bank."—Uncle Mat's Monthly.

PARTING SHOT — Well, now that Kefauver is on the ticket, the Democrats should win in a waltz in November—Tennessee waltz.

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