

Editorial

Give Peace A Chance

A contingent of 2,000 U. S. Marines remains on guard in Beirut this week while thousands of other American troops patrol the streets and mountains of Granada. Replacements for the 225 dead Marines have been dispatched and reinforcements for the Grenada invasion force have arrived on that tiny Caribbean island.

In Europe, the U.S. is poised to move ahead with the deployment of Pershing II missiles in West Germany. President Reagan defends CIA-led action against the revolutionary government in Nicaragua and warns that we will intervene in the war between Iran and Iraq if oil shipments through the Gulf of Hormuz.

Soviet troops continue to wage war in Afghanistan, fighting rebel troops supplied with American arms sent through Pakistan. The Russian army continues to patrol the streets of Warsaw, on guard against a resurgence of the Solidarity labor union. Cuban troops are stationed in Central America and Angola, propping up dictatorial regimes and exporting terrorism throughout the Third World.

To briefly sum up, international tensions are running at a pitch higher than at any time since the Cuban missile crisis.

At the same time, we mourn the loss of 225 Marines in Lebanon and another 18 troops killed in action in Granada. From North Carolina to California, a tragic scene is being repeated as families mourn the death of their young sons, husbands and fathers.

It is time that our leaders in Washington and the heads of state in Moscow and Havana came together to defuse the current world tensions. Before more American young men and their Russian and Cuban counterparts lose their lives. Our leaders must pursue a course for peace, a course that has been too seldom mentioned lately.

Before it is too late for all of us, it is time for the leaders of the two superpowers to sit down together to discuss ways to lessen the present world tensions. A summit conference between the leaders could succeed where warfare has no chance. Before it is too late, it is time to wage peace.

Vandals Ruin Halloween

We witnessed both the best and worst that Halloween has to offer this past weekend. Unfortunately, the worst was spared until last, spoiling the entire celebration.

On Saturday, we attended the annual fall festival at Mars Hill Elementary School. We witnessed hundreds of children and their parents enjoying games and spooky nonsense, all in the spirit of the season.

In addition to providing the children with a safe celebration of Halloween, the festival helps raise money for the fine work of the Mars Hill Parents, Teachers and Students organization. Proceeds from all the festivities help make Mars Hill Elementary one of the finest schools in the county.

On Monday night, we attended another such celebration at Lays Discount Mart in Mars Hill. The store sponsored a costume contest that attracted more than 75 children and their parents. Store employees helped create a

festive mood by joining the youngsters in costume. Although our own Mickey Mouse entry failed to win one of the prizes that were offered, we certainly enjoyed the contest and the chance to see so many enterprising disguises.

Upon returning home, however, all the joy of the occasion was taken away. We returned home to find our wood pile knocked down, mustard and broken glass strewn about the garage and obscenities and other ignorance written on many of our windows.

There is sometimes a fine line between good-spirited fun and vandalism, but clearly that line was crossed by those who visited our home Monday night.

The most troublesome part of the experience was learning that the culprits were driven to our home in a pickup truck. While the vandalism may have been the work of children who should have been taught better, they were assisted by a so-called adult who clearly never was.

Rev. Jackson's Campaign

The crowded field of candidates pursuing the Democratic nomination for president is about to become more crowded. The Rev. Jesse Jackson has announced that he will announce his candidacy for the nomination later this week.

Announcements of announcements are fast becoming a feature of the American political scene. We can foresee the day when candidates release pre-announcement announcements of their expected announcements.

In any case, when Rev. Jackson finally makes his final announcement it will come as no surprise to political observers. Jackson has been acting like a potential candidate for many months now, courting the black vote and organizing registration drives.

Ironically, it is Ronald Reagan who stands to benefit most from a viable Jackson candidacy. For the first time in history, the Democratic party must confront the possibility of a strong black candidate. A strong showing in the primaries could give Jackson important leverage at the convention and throw the nominating process into turmoil.

Should Jackson command a substantial bloc of delegates at the convention, would-be presidential candidates might be forced into concessions that could erode the party's strength at the polls in November.

For decades, the Democrats have assumed control of the majority of black voters. With the candidacy of Rev. Jackson, however, the millions of black votes may become a troublesome asset.

Dr. Kimberly Will Be Missed

To the editor:
I was saddened to hear of the death of Dr. David Kimberly, a man who was truly loved and revered by the people of western Madison County. When I started medical practice in Hot Springs in 1972, I quickly learned of the activities and contributions of this wise, devoted physician.

His work had touched the lives of everyone in the area, and despite his advancing age and his own ailments, he continued to serve his people with compassion and care.

As a recently trained physician, fresh from the modern citadels of high technology medicine, I marvelled at the simple, yet impressively effective approach of this

healer. Many of the people I attended had been delivered by Dr. Kimberly in farmhouses, without the trappings of modern medicine but with remarkable skill and care. It was readily evident that the widespread respect and appreciation that he enjoyed were richly deserved. Personally, I highly value my contact with Dr. Kimberly;

without a doubt he embodied the best qualities of our profession. The people of Spring Creek and Hot Springs are fortunate to have received the benefits of his presence for the last 55 years. He will certainly be missed but the effects of his work live in the lives of so many people.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Blake Jr., MD
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Heard And Seen

By POP STORY



A BEAUTIFUL TRIP ON NC 209

My wife, her niece, Margie Chandler, of Port Huron, Mich., and I spent last Sunday afternoon on a tour of the Spring Creek area.

It had been several years since I had been on the "circle trip" from Marshall via Hot Springs, Bluff, Luck, Meadow Fork, and into Lake Junaluska on N.C. 209. From there we completed the circle by going to Waynesville, Canton, Asheville, and back to Marshall.

It was an exciting trip to be remembered. Although it was a little late to see the trees and foliage in their most vivid fall colors, nonetheless, they were still beautiful and colorful. We stopped at the several look-outs on the highway and admired the rugged and beautiful mountains and the deep gorges from the highway to Spring Creek, hundreds of feet below.

We were thrilled to see the many new and old homes along the way, the many nicely kept yards, numerous silos, hundreds of livestock, modern barns, and the numerous churches along the way.

I have always thought the Spring Creek area was one of the most attractive places in WNC. The Spring Creek School is just as attractive at it was when I was a high school student at Marshall and played baseball and basketball there. We enjoyed seeing the Spring Creek Trout Farm and were glad to have the opportunity to visit the Rocky Bluff Recreation Area.

We wished we had had time to stop and visit some of the fine people of the Spring

Creek area but will have to go back when we have more time.

We know of no trip which is more spectacular and beautiful than the trip we enjoyed last Sunday afternoon.

WANTS INFORMATION

The following letter was received a few days ago:

Hi Pop:
I read in your column about some names that used to be in and around Spring Creek and Meadow Fork. There was one that I knew about. The name of Joe, N.C. was named after or for my grandfather, Joe Balding. He was my mother's father. His first wife was Margaret Brown. They had four children, Minerva, Alex, Grover and my mother who was the youngest. Her name was Frances Pearl Balding Deaver. She was 14 months old when her mother died. Time passed and then my grandfather married again. I don't know anything about my people from Spring Creek or Meadow Fork. If anyone sees this and knows anything about them I would appreciate if they would write to me and let me know. My mother's grandfather on the Brown side of her family was called Tige Brown. other than that I don't know. She was some kin to the Ducketts.

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Know Comment

By JOSEPH GODWIN



Dear Jeff,
Thanks a lot for your letter of Oct. 14.

I would have responded several days ago except for the problems you shared with me and the specific questions you asked about those problems. Responding to serious questions of such magnitude is not easy. The difficulties are very common among people of your age whether or not they like yourself, are in college.

First, you mentioned being plagued by sexual pressures. There is nothing new about that. And, although "misery loves company," it does not help you at all to know that thousands of other people struggle with pre-marital sexual problems.

Please be aware that to be tempted is not to sin. One is not always in control of the fleeting thoughts that he thinks — no one is. On the other hand, actions of the kind you mentioned in your letter are deliberate; they are planned — by their very nature, they have to be planned.

Between the temptation and the implementation is the time to take your life into control and prove just what sort of young man you really want to be.

Pay close attention to where you are, and notice the drift of your behavior. It is more than a little foolish to stand too close to the fire and then expect not to get burned.

On this matter, don't be afraid, or ashamed, to run scared. Walk, or run, out on temptation before you reach the point of no return. Remember also that sex is only partly in your body. It is also in your mind. If you do justice to your studies, keep the wrong kinds of visual stimuli from your room, and keep company with others who have something in their minds besides sex, you won't have such unspeakable difficulties in this matter. Besides, what is your body for? And who is worthy of it?

Now, about smoking. You will never quit because somebody else wants you to.

You will never quit because of other people's reasons. You will never quit because you ought to. Otherwise, you would not be smoking now. You will quit only when you want to quit.

When my son was in college, I told him that it was perfectly all right for him to smoke if smoking increased his intelligence, if smoking improved his financial condition, if smoking improved his health and caused him to live longer, and if smoking made him smell better.

You will quit smoking when the pleasure you get out of not smoking is greater than the pleasure you get from smoking. Only you can decide that, and I hope you use that good head of yours before irreversible emphysema forces that decision upon you.

Your other major question concerned your weight. Girls usually ask about this, but boys seldom do. Besides, the weight you mentioned in your letter does not really seem excessive.

The excessive pounds we may have are the difference between the amount of food we take in and the amount of energy we burn up in work or exercise. It is just that simple.

Hence, there are only two ways to lose weight: take in less, and burn up more. A combination of the two is best; but if you cannot be one, you should do the other before you lose control.

An honest, completely truthful answer to one question also helps: Why do I eat so much? This may help you find the cause. (There is probably a relationship between your smoking and your overeating.) When the cause is removed, the weight problem is solved.

Jeff, don't look around for circumstances for other people to blame for your problems. Be responsible! I read again recently, "Don't kid yourself; nobody is going to make a fool of God. Whatever a man sows is what that man will reap."

Thanks for writing.
Joe

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