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Christmas Day 1968

The magic of the Christmas season is laying its hold upon the land. On city streets silver bells ring calling on us to give help to those less fortunate. The tinsel, the lights and decorations, the holly wreaths are going up and tens of millions of children know that Santa Claus is coming to town. They hope that he will in some mysterious way visit their home in the shimmering silence of the night before Christmas.

This is a time for children, and it is a time too for all men and women in all lands to remember the wonder of the Lord's birth on the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago. It is the power of this happening that puts magic in this season and lends the light of hope and understanding to all the world's people. Let this Christmas be for children - may it bring them warmth of a fire, the smell of a tree, the excitement of

waiting for Santa's visit. Let it bring visions of sugar plums on Christmas eve, and above all as the hour approaches, let it bring the warmth of knowing that the babe born in Bethlehem so long ago is very close to us all this night.

Lesson from Brazil

The value of a free press in a democratic society was graphically depicted in last weekend's institution of a military dictatorship in Brazil.

Backed by the country's armed forces, President Arthur da Costa e Silva issued a sweeping decree in which individual rights under the Brazilian constitution were suspended indefinitely. The "institutional act" under which the decree was issued granted the President his "emergency powers" indefinitely.

The first thing Costa e Silva did was to suspend the duly-elected Congress, which had for some time been critical of Brazil's powerful military leaders. The crisis came to a head when the Congress voted against a government request to bring to trial a legislator who criticized the armed forces in several speeches.

Then came the second move - censors and guns into the newspaper offices. Some of the incidents which occurred are inconceivable to residents of a free society such as the United States. Finding a door locked at an opposition newspaper in Rio de Janeiro, police shot the door down to escort the censors inside. Several newsmen were reportedly jailed as the Army moved on other papers in Rio and in Sao Paulo.

Thus the ruling military leaders ranked the striking down of a free press second only in importance to stripping the people of their representative government. History has proved that it is a sad but true fact that in maintaining any dictatorship, whether it be communistic or militarily inspired, blacking out the newspapers is a necessary step.

Since this action has occurred in a country which has experienced years of internal troubles, perhaps it should not be too surprising. Extremist moves at both ends of the political spectrum seem to be the rule and not the exception in Brazil.

To some Americans, Brazil also may seem far away even in this day and time. But what happened there ought to serve as another reminder to all how truly vital freedom of speech and the press is in this country.

THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER

Who's most harried

If you think last minute shopping is pushing your luck and endangering your chances of wanted selections, then think of the footsore clerk. Not that the clerk is worried about your opportunities. It's just a matter of who's the most harried.

For all the October and November admonitions by retailers about early buying, for all the early December advertising which attracts buyers in throngs, there is still a goodly number among us who either procrastinate about all our yule buying or else just have to go back for one or two more items.

Anyhow, through Christmas Eve may not be the busiest shopping day it once was, those final days before Christmas see shoppers still crowding for elbow room in stores and shops.

Some folks actually find that through selections may not be so good, last minute shopping is really more relaxing than buying say early in the month. A few look for bargains, from sort of an after-Christmas sale before the 25th. But a good many of us see last minute shopping as a social event. Often we run into friends and acquaintances we haven't seen in some time. If we are not looking too hard or trying to buy out the store we find time to stop and chat and feel a part of the seasonal spirit.

Last minute shopping can be fun, at least to the buyers. Those sales people, though, are made much happier to see the last one of us leave the floor come the waning working hours of the 24th.

-THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE



YOU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

By William Friday, President
University of North Carolina



The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, in its annual winter meeting in Raleigh on December 2, adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Governor Dan K. Moore for four years of loyal service to the State and the University and gave the retiring Chief Executive a standing ovation.

GOVERNOR PRAISED

Veteran Trustee Victor S. Bryant of Durham proposed the resolution which praised Governor Moore for his notable contributions to the University. The resolution states, in part:

"When Governor Moore took office the Speaker Ban Bill controversy was seething. On the one hand there were those who vociferously demanded that the Governor appear before the 1965 General Assembly then in session and actively seek the law's immediate repeal. On the other hand, there were as many, or possibly more, who vigorously demanded that the statute either remain on the books or that it be made more stringent. Opinions were sharply divided and definitely crystallized. However, there had been no open forum providing an opportunity for publicly debating the issues, a salutary device so often necessary in reaching true conclusions.

"Keeping his head when some others, both friends and foes, were losing theirs and blaming it on him, the Governor with calm judicial temperament hid his time, and appointed an impartial committee of some of the State's most able citizens. The Committee met and in open sessions heard protagonists of the various viewpoints. Then in a well reasoned report to the Governor, it pointed out a wise solution. Courageously, vigorously, and with consummate skill the Governor recommended an intelligent course, which was adopted by a specially called session of the General Assembly. His deep solicitude for the welfare of the State and its institutions of higher learning could not have been more forcefully

demonstrated.

"Since becoming Chairman of this Board he has been highly instrumental in having Charlotte included as a fourth campus of the University, and later appointed a special study committee to consider the expansion of the University to include the campuses at Asheville and Wilmington. As Governor he initiated a major long-range study of the future of higher education in North Carolina with constant emphasis upon a strong University with adequate resources to carry out its statutory mandate as the State's head of graduate and professional training, with solid grounding on a distinguished undergraduate program.

"Governor Moore has personally given careful study to the procedures relating to the preparation and administration of institutional budgets which should relieve the administrators of the State's higher educational institutions of burdensome mechanical details, thus enabling them to devote more time to their educational responsibilities.

NEW PROGRAMS

"During the entire time, he has provided new programs of service by the University to the State, for example, the establishment of the highway safety research center, the marine science program, the expansion of educational television, the development of the institute of water resources, and the establishment of a child development research and demonstration center. He has constantly insisted upon the highest standards of academic and professional performance, and has demonstrated in countless ways his understanding of the aims and purposes of a basically sound system of state-supported higher education with the University of North Carolina at its forefront. As Governor his primary interest was the welfare of the State, and this, by reason of the interdependence of the State and University, also served the best interests of our University. We are proud and grateful to have

had him as Chairman of our Board."

SUBSTANTIAL GAINS

Substantial gains have been made on the University of North Carolina's four campuses during Governor Moore's administration.

Enrollment increased from 28,761 from January, 1965, when Governor Moore was inaugurated to 36,467, the current four-campus enrollment.

During Governor Moore's administration, the State of North Carolina awarded contracts totaling a record \$77,766,721 for capital improvements at the University of North Carolina.

The figures, compiled by the Property Control Division of the State Department of Administration, represent the highest total in history for any four-year period. The time span covered from January 1, 1965 to September, 1968.

The figures reflect costs for projects involving construction of dormitories, athletic facilities, classroom and office buildings and major equipment such as heating and electrical systems.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill had contracts totaling \$38,129,155 awarded during the time span.

North Carolina State University benefited by \$24,469,976 in capital improvements.

Capital improvement contracts awarded for other two University campuses included the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, \$8,830,108; and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, \$6,337,482.

GOVERNOR'S COMMENT

Governor Moore said the figures were indicative of the State's continuous effort to meet the growing demands for educational facilities.

"As the enrollment at our institutions of higher learning continues to increase," explained Governor Moore, "we must insure that our facilities are readily available to meet the demand.

Puppy Creek

Dear editor:
I found this newspaper which somebody had wadded up and used as packing around a Christmas present to keep it from breaking and after I shook out the broken glass and smoothed it out, ran across an article that I wish a lot of my in-laws had read.

According to it, the Paris peace talks were bogged down for several weeks while the negotiators squabbled over the shape of the table they planned to negotiate around.

Some wanted a two-sided table, others a four-sided one, others a round one, others a

Philosopher

octagonal or hexagonal, and some said it didn't matter.

My immediate reaction was, why can't my in-laws get up on the international level and start squabbling over the shape of the dining table they expect to eat Christmas dinner off of off of me?

Had they kept abreast of the news, they could have picked the shape table they demanded to eat off of, and by working one group against another it's possible I could have gotten everybody in an uproar and had the whole thing called off well in advance of buying the groceries. In-laws, like international leaders, are

entitled to save face I guess, although with some faces it's hard to figure out why. They're probably saying the same for me.

But when you get a set of people both uninformed and hungry, you're stuck. Here some of them come now.

Oh well, it's Christmas time and just because we've never been able to get the Christmas spirit going among nations is no sign it can't be used among individuals.

Merry Christmas to you and to all the readers of The News-Journal.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Down in the South, relates a writer in "Printer's Ink," he encountered a sign, a homely, way-lettered affair that hung on the shaft of an elevator. To the world the sign was intended to convey the information that the elevator was out of commission, and that to summon the car, the riding public must thump on the floor. That was what the sign was intended to indicate, but the stub pencil and direct-action vocabulary of the operator had contrived the sign thus:

BUTTON DUSNT BELL
YU GOTTA BUMP

Which reminds us of a pastboard sign we saw attached to the rear of a dilapidated Ford some years ago -- in the days when, if you had ordered your car license from Raleigh and it had not come, you were privileged for a certain number of days to carry a placard saying, "License Applied For."

This car, belonging to one of the younger colored citizens, had suspended from the rear a portion of a shoe box, on which was printed, in pencil --

PLIDE FOR

And nothing will ever erase from our memory a word painted on a mail box on one of the back streets of our town. It was just the one word, LIAM. I think a left-handed man must have painted it.

of 1840:

WHIG SALUTE

May 5 -- A salute of 23 guns was fired at the depot in this city (Raleigh) on Saturday night last in honor of the Whig victory in Virginia. A barrel of hard cider was drunk by the crowd on the occasion.

WHIG CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Appointment of a Whig Central Committee has been announced. The committee consists of Charles Manly, John W. Bryan, George W. Haywood, Hugh McQueen, W. R. Gales, Henry W. Miller, William H. Battle, and Thomas J. Lemay.

GLORIOUS WHIG TRIUMPH

August 18 -- We are most happy in stating that the returns of our late election in this office and published below leave no loop to hang a doubt on as regards the results. In the election of our Governor, the state has gone for Harrison and against Van Buren by a tremendous majority. Morehead has defeated Saunders.

The Whigs will gain 6 seats in the Senate and 32 in the House.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues



ORDERLY TRANSFER -- In North Carolina and in the nation we are witnessing orderly transitions of state and national administrations, unlike many transition periods of the past.

President Johnson and President-Elect Nixon appear to be working about as well as any two men of different parties, who only a few weeks ago were hitting hard at each other, could work together. This is a tribute to both Johnson and Nixon.

When Eisenhower was elected president in 1952 the transfer period was very chilly between Truman and Eisenhower -- largely we have always thought on account of Eisenhower's aloofness. For years Eisenhower never invited Truman to visit the white house when the former president would be in Washington. Near the tail end of Ike's term he did ask Harry to drop by but after having been given the cold shoulder for seven years the Missouriian then passed up the invitation, and we don't blame him.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was cool towards Herbert Hoover and if memory serves us correctly FDR never invited Hoover back to the white house during his 12 years tenure there. When Truman succeeded to the president upon Roosevelt's death, Hoover became a welcome and frequent visitor and Truman named him to head the Government Reorganization Commission which became known as the Hoover Commission.

President Johnson has certainly been kind and considerate of former President Eisenhower and former President Truman.

RALEIGH -- In Raleigh Governor Dan Moore has been most cooperative with Bob Scott since the latter's election in November -- providing him with ample office space in the new Administration Building and helping him in every way possible.

The older we get, the more absent-minded we become.

I was reminded the other day of a Mr. Simpson of Sampson County who started to look up something in a book and called out to his son: "Tom, where are my glasses."

"They're on the telephone," said Tom.

"Oh, yes, the telephone," replied the old gentleman, with his mind on other things. So he went over to the telephone, picked up the receiver and said: "Hello."

When Moore and Scott assumed the offices of governor and lieutenant governor four years ago they did not do so as bosom friends but after four years in office together as governor and lieutenant governor the two men in recent months have developed a close working relationship as evidenced by the party which Governor and Mrs. Moore gave for Bob and Mrs. Scott at the Shearson-Sir Walter a couple of weeks ago.

GOP ELECTOR BOLTS -- With everything taken into consideration we feel that Dr. Lloyd W. Bailey of Rocky Mount made a rather courageous gesture last week when he declined to vote for Richard Nixon for President and instead voted for George Wallace.

It should be recalled that Dr. Bailey ran for elector on the Republican ticket and that Nixon carried the State. On the other hand Wallace carried Bailey's district.

Under the present electoral system Dr. Bailey was well within his constitutional rights in switching from Nixon to Wallace. But many will question his running as a candidate on one ticket -- knowing who the nominee of the party is, then after the election voting for the candidate of an opposing party.

But Dr. Bailey knew well that his switching would not change the results and that it would point up the weakness in the present system of electing our presidents.

When the U. S. Constitution was written the drafters felt, and properly so at that time that the average citizen was neither qualified or informed to the extent that it would be desirable for every Tom, Dick and Harry to be standing shoulder to shoulder with the well-educated and well-informed in selecting the presidents to guide our new and young nation. And too, up until that time we had been governed by Great Britain which had a King.