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"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"

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Christmas parade in December

According to Manager Harold Gillis of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, plans are moving right along for the big Christmas parade to be held in Raeford on the afternoon of Friday, December 5, starting at 5:00 o'clock.

These parades have been held here many times in the past, and they have always made a contribution to the community, we believe. They have served to get people into the Christmas spirit, and while this is certainly often used for commercial purposes, we feel that the net benefit to everyone is certainly a good one. How many times have you heard someone say something to this effect: "Isn't it a shame we can't have the Christmas spirit the whole year?"

So, even in the years when Christmas parades have been held on the last Friday in November, they have been beneficial to all, we feel. However, we are happy that things are working out so that this year ours is going to be held in December, and we won't have to get it confused with the Thanksgiving season - we can just watch the big - city Christmas parades on tv that day.

It's a good effort on the part of our Chamber of Commerce, serves to bring us together in a feeling of togetherness and community spirit and the feeling of Christmas may even be able to make us forget for a moment all the less pleasant things which seem to be always getting paraded about these days. Go to it, Harold!

Faculty nor students is our view

From time to time in the past we have expressed the view that, by and large, the administrators hired to run institutions of learning ought to be the ones who run them, and not the students who elect to attend them.

Generally speaking, and we would admit an occasional exception, it is our feeling that when the way a school is operated is acceptable to over 90 per cent of the student body, those whose disagreement with these acceptable policies reaches the point of violence and disruption of study and instruction by the majority have reached and passed the point where they should choose another school.

Now some of the faculty at the University of North Carolina are taking exception to a ruling by the trustees that the administration should appoint a committee to determine guilt in cases of disruption. It is our feeling that the policy as set by the trustees is fair, and that the role of the faculty should remain advisory, as should that of the

students. The faculty members are paid employees, and it is the administrators whom the taxpayers who own the institution held responsible.

As to the faculty member in Charlotte who feels that his right to free speech was being damaged when he was expected to teach his class as usual during the October 15 "moratorium", we are unable to see the connection between his right to free speech and his failure to do the job he was hired and paid to do.

Students and teachers in this country today seek institutions which they feel are compatible with their beliefs and ideals, and which they feel will offer them an atmosphere they will like in which to seek or foster learning. We don't feel that they suddenly acquire a right to change an institution by the act of selecting it for attendance or teaching - as a woman acquires the right to remodel a man as soon as they leave the altar.

The census: useful?

Americans will be less disturbed about the census, due April 1, if they think of it as a tabulation not only of people, but of the home and the household's place in the economy.

Costing about \$211 million, the census will be taken mostly by mail, except in country areas. The most common census form will go to four out of five households, contain 23 questions, take 15 minutes to complete. Admittedly it is an intrusion on privacy. So are tax forms and auto licensing questions. The important thing is: are these census questions useful to the nation? Officials, businessmen, social workers say they are, though Congress is doubtful about some inquiries.

By means of the short form, or the longer forms going to 5 and 15 percent

of all households, the tabulation will learn how people live, whether they have furnaces, TV, bathrooms, air conditioners, telephones. And they will learn a lot about income, population mobility, education, immigration, employment. From this data, future housing needs can be estimated, living trends spotted, industries planned, highways built, cities rehabilitated. This is data for planning our tomorrows.

Simultaneously we can also be glad that, thanks to public outcry, proposed questions about alimony, religion, expected family size, use of contraceptives, physical and mental disabilities, were omitted. Some sanity prevailed, after all. *The Christian Science Monitor*

Up to the people

People who complain that inflation has not been curbed fast enough and demand more radical measures, such as wage and price controls, may tend to forget that for most of the time since the great depression of the 30's, when we were encouraged to believe that federal deficit spending was a good thing, the government has rarely "balanced its books." For more than 30

years, except for short intervals, promoting inflation has been a policy of government. Reversing this policy will be difficult - even if the hardships it entails are accepted. The real question is not whether inflation can be controlled, but whether the people will want to give up the illusion of the joyous ride that it has created.

Bob Scott's idea to sharpen up the Capitol building in Raleigh seems like a good one. Others must think so, too, as visitors are running at the rate of 100,000 a year already. The new idea to put a model of the whole state government complex in Raleigh in the rotunda would be even better, too, for many of us don't know the state buildings nor where they are. -----

It may have happened in Virginia and New Jersey, but don't let Democratic Chairman Sam Morris say it might happen here, unless you just want to make him unhappy.

Unless you honestly think the world is getting better, you can't get very far in business.



Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Wonder if you've ever heard this little historical incident?

The Rev. Daniel Earle, D. D., served St. Paul's parish, Edenton, from 1757 until his death in 1790. He was not allowed to hold services during the Revolution, however, because he combined fiery Revolutionary activities with adherence to the Church of England. He also was a planter and pioneer in the fishing industry. Before the church windows were glazed in 1771, the rector arrived one morning to find this verse attached to the church door:

A half - built church,
A broken - down steeple,
A herring - catching parson,
And a damn set of people

In case you don't know it: James Davis of New Bern published the first newspaper in North Carolina. He set up his printing press in New Bern in 1749 and two years later began publication of The North Carolina Gazette. He also published the first book in the state - Swann's revival of North Carolina laws.

"It has always been a matter of interest to me," the late John Bragaw once said to us, "that people who have so little education that they can scarcely write, and know nothing whatever about spelling, can yet nearly always put down enough words, badly spelled, to enable you to understand their meaning."

Then he told us this little story: A doctor and his wife had a Polish maid who had been in this country not very long. She lived in the doctor's home, and in the doctor's absence was careful to see that every message that came for him over the phone was relayed to him at once. One evening the doctor was out late, and upon returning home he found a pencilled memorandum attached to the telephone. It read:

MaMx Klop Zunu Kmom

Klop, Nomere slat Zgnub Klop.

If you have never seen this story before, spend as much time as care to in endeavoring to decipher the message. The doctor tried and tried, then gave it up and waked the Polish maid to ask her to read it for him.

"That very easy," she said. "Mrs. Max call up, soon you come home call her up. No matter how late it's gonna be, call her up."

We read in the Raleigh paper recently about the accidental death of Mr. Albert Asiworth of Holly Springs. The car in which he was riding was struck by a train.

In listing the survivors, we noticed the following names: "And he is survived also by six sisters, Mrs. Alice Baker of Durham, Mrs. Della Baker and Mrs. Bessie Baker, both of Sanford; Mrs. Emma Baker and Mrs. Alene Baker, both of Fuquay Springs; and Mrs. Essie Baker of Holly Springs.

That certainly is most unusual. Six sisters and each of them married a man by the name of Baker. We do not know whether the men are related.

I was riding with a friend in Greensboro, in his car, a couple of weeks ago. He had told me about a loose shock absorber rod and said he wanted to get it fixed some time that afternoon.

We paused at a stop light and a man stepped up to the car. "Mister," he said, "you've got a loose rod underneath your car. I didn't know whether you knew about it or not."

"I'm afraid most of us would have replied: 'Yeah, I know it.' But not my companion. 'I certainly do appreciate your telling me about it,' he said, 'It was very nice of you.'"

The man stepped back with a pleased expression on his face. He had the satisfaction of knowing that he had done a fellow man a service.

YOU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

By William Friday, President University of North Carolina



The fall enrollment on the six campuses of the University of North Carolina is 40,923, a total that is slightly larger than the population of Duplin county.

Our student population exceeds that of the city of Rocky Mount, and is only 3,000 less than the population of the city of Wilmington.

To carry the comparison one step further, the student body on the Chapel Hill campus equals the population of the city of Lexington, and enrollment at North Carolina State University at Raleigh equals the population of the city of Albemarle.

The fall enrollment of 40,923 this year compares to a 1968 fall enrollment of 38,456 on the six campuses, for a percentage increase of 6.4.

These figures include students enrolled on a part-time basis in evening and Saturday classes and at graduate centers, as well as full-time students.

Enrollment on each of the campuses this year, with the percentage of increase listed in parentheses, is as follows: Asheville 869 (16.2), Chapel Hill 16,430 (1.2), Charlotte 3,085 (31.2), Greensboro 6,428 (9.1), Raleigh 12,691 (5.8), and Wilmington 1,425 (14.9).

The total enrollment includes 8,861 freshmen, an increase of 10.5 per cent over last fall. Our total undergraduate enrollment, including new freshmen and transfer students, is 31,700, an increase of 6.5 per cent over the 29,772 who were enrolled on the six campuses last fall.

Also, the total enrollment includes 9,223 graduate and post-graduate professional students, an increase of 6.2 per cent over the 8,683 who were enrolled in the fall of 1968.

You will be interested to know that of the undergraduates enrolled, 84.8 per cent are North Carolina residents. Of the graduate and post-graduate professional students, 59.3 per cent are North Carolina residents.

HEALTHY GROWTH

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor: Every once in a while some news gets out of Russia through the Iron Curtain that a thinking man feels like kicking himself for not having known without being told.

For example, according to an article I read last night in a newspaper that caught on the north side of my backyard fence - it's a sure sign of winter when newspapers start lodging on the north instead of the south side - Russia is having trouble with, of all things, laziness.

A check at one factory showed that the workers, after a hard day on the job, had put in, after you subtract the time spent around the water cooler,

numerous breaks for smokes, tinkering with equipment, talking and such like, exactly three hours of actual production. In another factory, Pravda, the official Russian newspaper, found that only 96 of 280 workers actually put in a full day's work.

You mean to say everybody in Russia isn't born with equal energy? You mean to say some people over there work harder than others, and conversely some just aren't interested in working much at all?

I thought Russia had abolished human nature. I thought they'd proved that any time a man didn't care about working it was bound to be society's fault. Bring in the perfect society and you'll have

nothing but perfect men.

Not only are some of the men not enthusiastic about working but, according to this Pravda article, some women are similarly afflicted.

"A healthy woman whose children are grown should be in the shop or factor," the article said, "not sitting around in the courtyard gossiping." It demanded that something be done about it.

I'll tell you, when Russia sets out to stop women from gossiping and some men from loafing, she hasn't got just a five - year plan on her hands. She's got a million - year plan.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



SALES TAX ... While the 1 percent additional sales tax for use by the municipal and county governments carried in only one - fourth of the counties in the November 4 election, we expect that with the principle having been established that it will grow like topsy and spread from the mountains to the sea like the ABC stores in the years to come.

SOFT DRINK TAX ... From rumblings which we hear we expect a strong effort to be made in the 1971 General Assembly to repeal the one - cent crown tax levied on soft drinks by the 1969 General Assembly. The bottles have been hit by two stiff blows in recent months. First the crown tax and then the cyclamate sweetener which many had on hand in large quantities which has been ruled as unsafe.

R. J. REYNOLDS ... The October 27 report of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to its stockholders was interesting. While their tobacco sales were lower by 1.5% for the third quarter and 2.1% for the nine months period of 1969, the net sales for the third quarter were up 4.5% compared with 1968. Their earnings were also up to \$2.76 per share for the first nine months as compared with \$2.73 for the same period in 1968. The company's non - tobacco sales accounted for 24% of their business in the third quarter, as compared with 23% for the first nine months.

Reynolds cigarette sales were down 5.5% for the third quarter and 4.0% for the nine months period. Sixteen states, representing approximately 27% of the industry's domestic consumption, increased their tax rates on cigarettes during or just prior to the third quarter.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is demonstrating that it has the "know - how" to diversify successfully which will no doubt make their many thousands of stockholders and employees happy.

VOICES FROM 1964 ... At the meeting of the Democratic Party Study Commission held in Charlotte Saturday two men who were top figures in opposite gubernatorial camps in 1964 appeared to be right much in agreement.

U. S. Congressman Richardson Preyer, 1964 gubernatorial candidate sent a letter to the Commission urging that a presidential preferential primary be recommended by the commission. Next to be heard was Attorney Allen Bailey of Charlotte who was 1964 gubernatorial manager for Dr. I. Beverly Lake who was likewise urging that the Democrats endorse a presidential preferential primary. Then came along J. Elvin Jackson, immediate past chairman of the Moore County Democratic Executive Committee who had supported Dan Moore in 1964 with a prepared statement calling for a presidential preferential primary.

Jackson stated the case pretty succinctly, saying: "If the Democratic Party of North Carolina wants popular participation in its affairs and decisions, let's prove it by working for the popular election of the district delegates and a presidential primary. Otherwise, our talk becomes as 'sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.'"

VIRGINIA ... The GOP gubernatorial victory in Virginia has proved anything but comforting to the Democrats in North Carolina. Allen Bailey told the Democratic Study Commission in Charlotte Saturday that the same thing could well have happened in North Carolina in 1968 had a second primary been called in the gubernatorial race.

GEORGIA ... Recently with friends and kinsmen Lawrence and Delores Harvey of Troy, Ga. and I spent the week end in Atlanta, Georgia. Atlanta, almost completely burned to the ground when a Yankee general by the name of Sherman marched through the state in the Civil War days,