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

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Panthers and the Klan

We were interested the other day to see the Greensboro Daily News use better than a column of editorial to tell Chub Seawell of Carthage that they were not soft on Black Panthers.

And, the Daily News insisted, it is not soft on the Ku Klux Klan either.

But it did want Mr. Seawell and everybody else to know that it was not in favor of the police taking the law in their own hands in dealing with such organizations.

The exchange followed newspaper comment on the police raid on a Black Panthers headquarters in Chicago, a raid that has raised questions about police procedure. In this case, the police may have been completely justified in their action, and there is no question that the

Black Panthers with their violence and threats to public safety and public welfare. The same can be said of the Ku Klux Klan with its history of violence and vigilantism, the taking of the law into its own hands.

But the Daily News is right in saying that public law enforcement officers must act within the law and that at stake in this question and fundamental constitutional rights of all citizens.

No matter how abhorrent the actions and words of such organizations as the Klan and the Panthers - both cut from the same ideological cloth - may be, their suppression must come by lawful means, and not by illegal search and seizure and denial of rights to peacefully assemble and exercise free speech. -The Pilot Southern Pines

Highest freedom

Perhaps no American alive today has been deeper in the fight for civil liberties and against overheavy censorship than Morris Ernst. For some six decades he has been in the forefront of what are usually termed liberal causes. He has served, on this behalf, on a number of presidential and gubernatorial commissions.

Thus when Mr. Ernst, after an almost unique experience in this field, states that he would not wish "to live in a society without limits to freedom," and that unbridled immorality on stage and in literature is wrong, these are not the words of a "blue-nose". They are the judgments of a man whose long career has taught him that a life worth living demands certain restraints.

One of the hardest lessons that both society and individual man must learn over and over again is that liberty and license are not, and never can be synonymous. All history has decisively taught that even freedom, to be actual

and to survive, must conform to laws that are higher than human whim. Freedom is, basically, the right of self-government, but men are properly self-governed by unerring spiritual and moral principles.

This is a truth which the present age seems to have a particular need to learn. -The Christian Science Monitor

WYNNE, ARK., PROGRESS: "We are heartily sick of hearing and reading opinions that enforcement of 'law and order' somehow discriminates against the Negro race. The fact is, Negro people are the majority victims of street crimes and want protection against them. We have yet to hear a Negro citizen suggest that law enforcement not apply to his race. They want protection from criminals, and they deserve it. Strict enforcement of the law does not discriminate against anybody."

There were some bars along the highway



A Man, An Idea, A Book Gave Boy Scouts A Start

The Boy Scouts of America, who celebrated their 60th anniversary last Sunday, are in the middle of National Boy Scout Week now.

More than 3800 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders in the Cape Fear Council, which was formed 45 years ago, will join in a series of special events and ceremonies to mark the occasion.

Scouts here in Raeford have attended special church services on Scout Sunday and have hosted a father-son get-together in one of the two Raeford troops.

Nationally the Scout week is divided into Good Turn day held last Saturday; Education day on Monday; Volunteer day on Tuesday; World Brotherhood day on Wednesday; U.S.A. day, to be celebrated on Lincoln's birthday, on Thursday and Labor, Business and Industry day on Friday.

In the Cape Fear area, there are more than 1800 volunteers ranging from Scoutmasters and Den Mothers to executive board members are serving with the Scouts.

Scouting was the brainchild of one man, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a British Army officer best known before the Boy Scouts for his defense of Mafeking during the Boer War in South Africa.

His experience in the Army convinced him that boys needed more physical training and experience in outdoor life that they were getting. He set up a boys camp to try out his ideas and then wrote a book about "Scouting for Boys."

While he intended his methods to be used by youth organizations already operating, the Boy Scouts soon became a new and independent movement. Though the encyclopedia differ on the date, formation of the Boy Scouts in England is set at 1907 or 1908. The founder's sister, Agnes Baden-Powell, formed the Girl Guides in 1909.

1909.

The movements spread rapidly, first to Chile and also to other nations in the British Commonwealth. By 1910, when it was introduced in the United States by William D. Boyce, an American businessman, Scouting had gained recognition in 12 countries throughout the world.

The first national Scout Jamboree was held in 1937 at the invitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. 27,000 Scouts and leaders camped in the nation's capital at the foot

of the Washington Monument. The first World Jamboree had been held in England in 1920 when 301 Scouts from 32 countries camped together.

The Sea Scouts were formed in 1910 and the Cub Scouts, named for the wolf cub packs described in Kipling's "Jungle Books," were formed in 1930.

Sir Baden-Powell, who was born in 1857, lived to see his ideas adapted in almost every nation in the world and died in 1941 after the Boy Scouts had become part of the world's culture.



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

POPLIN

During the 15th Century the manufacture of a ribbed, or corded, silk fabric was begun at Avignon, France.

For about 300 years the production of the fabric was centered at Avignon. In 1775 French Huguenots, seeking to escape religious persecution, fled to England and introduced the manufacture of the fabric there. In time the fabric was made from materials other than silk.

The French had named the new fabric "papeline," meaning papal, or of the Pope, in honor of the Pope's residence at Avignon.

After the manufacture of "papeline" was introduced into England, the name of it was corrupted to "poplin."

TURNPIKE

Toll roads were introduced into England during the latter part of the 18th Century. They were privately owned, and fees were collected from users.

Poles with long spikes were put across entrances to the roads, to bar travelers until they paid the toll. These poles were called "pikes."

After a traveler paid the toll, an attendant turned the pike, allowing the traveler or vehicle to pass. From the turning of the pike, this kind of road was called a "turnpike road." The name eventually was shortened to "turnpike" and applied to any toll road.

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear Editor:

People are always saying "history will record so and so," forgetting that history is mostly what some self-appointed historians claim it is, but nonetheless I got to speculating the other day on what history will record as the most important event in the past 10 years.

Landing on the moon? Discovering pollution? Anti-ballistic missiles? Airplanes that hold 500 people? Color television? Discovering some vaccine we haven't even heard about yet?

As outstanding as these things are, they won't compare with something I read on page 14 in a newspaper last night.

According to it, a manufacturer has perfected

and is now offering for sale men's socks guaranteed to last a lifetime.

That's right. He says he guarantees they'll never wear out and if they do he'll replace them with a new pair free. He guarantees them against everything except losing them in the laundry or having them pulled off the clothes line by a playful dog.

Now I haven't seen any of these socks and can't vouch for them but it's the idea that appeals to me.

It never had occurred to me before, but say the average man or boy wears out a dozen pairs of socks a year. With a hundred million socks thrown away each year. No small item of pollution in itself.

But in addition to the anti-pollution side effects, it's a giant stride in the right direction. In this modern society of ours things don't last long enough. Everything wears out too soon.

Think of the huge amounts of money the world can save if some day not only socks can be handed down from father to son but also shirts, suits, automobile tires, guided missiles, paved highways, television tubes, water faucets, hydrogen bombs and all those other things man is always tinkering with and producing new models of, when any of them ought to last forever.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Social item from The Raleigh Times: "Mrs. Edwin Mims Walker, recent bride, was entertained at a luncheon at the Woman's Club Wednesday by Miss Elizabeth Walker and Mrs. Thomas Stamps in a crystal bowl. Yellow candles in crystal holders were used. A three course luncheon was served."

Reading the papers recently, we came across a new word - barratry. Seems that Ward M. Blanton is under a grand jury indictment in Charlotte on a charge of barratry. Dictionary says:

"Barratry: Practicing of exciting, encouraging or maintaining lawsuits or quarrels; persistent incitement of legislation."

The second session of the General Assembly of 1749 was the first legislature on record to provide for state fairs. An act was passed establishing the town of "Hawns" on lands owned by Solomon Jordan on the north side of the Roanoke River in Northampton County, two fairs to be held each year. The legislature of 1777 provided for two fairs a year to be held at Halifax. Two years later the act was renewed. Edenton was also allowed to hold fairs.

From O.P. Thompson of Burlington:

"When one thinks of the government debt the next generation must pay off, no wonder a baby yells when it is born!"

In 1845 William A. Jeffreys of Franklin County was on the verge of death. He expressed a horror of spending eternity in cold sod. So his relatives preserved his body in the family mausoleum, and for two years a rock mason worked to hack out a resting place in a huge boulder. It was a polished excavation, worked entirely by hand, and fitted to the exact dimensions of the casket.

Jeffrey's body now rests in this unique rock sarcophagus, his final wish amply realized.

A tombstone of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Moore County bears this quaint epitaph:

"Colin Bethune, died 1820, age 64. A native of Scotland by accident but a citizen of the United States from choice."

Maybe you'll be interested in what happened to Major Farber and Colonel Bevington of Fort Bragg at a horsemeshow which was held not long ago in Fayetteville.

Colonel Bevington was greatly interested in the show and planned to enter. He urged Major Farber to participate, but the Major wasn't particularly interested. However, Colonel Bevington insisted, and finally Major Farber gave in and agreed to enter.

Both of them entered their horses in the same two events. In each case, Colonel Bevington - the chap who had been so enthusiastic about entering - came out with second prize. And Major Farber - who had to be begged to get into the show - took first prize.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues

SPIRO & TOM - Since Vice President Spiro Agnew took a group from the national segment of the press and the networks to the woodshed and gave them an old-fashion threshing in public view and returned to receive the plaudits of the people as if he had brought the Vietnam war to a successful close, we are wondering if it would not be timely and in order for Tom White, the old foe of the press in North Carolina to make a little talk on the subject. Many consider Tom top gubernatorial timber, so it could be that in the past Tom has been just a little ahead of his times and that now a well prepared statement would really hit pay dirt.

We understand that some people are saying: Let's invite Spiro, and if we can't get him let's try and get the president! Frankly, Spiro said some things that a great segment of the people felt needed saying, and were ready to cheer him when he went forth where others feared to tread.

TOO EARLY - We feel that the filing deadlines for county and state offices too early in North Carolina, and would be alright for horse and buggy days but not in these days of modern communications and transportation. We nominate our presidential candidates in August and with the whole nation to cover, hold the election 10 weeks later. The candidates wear themselves out in the long campaigns from February to November and the people become tired and bored.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES - We have said before and we say again that if superior court judges are to be nominated on a district basis that they should be elected on a district basis; and if they are to be elected on a statewide basis, they should be nominated on a statewide basis.

Frankly, we feel that the preferable way would be for superior court judges to be nominated and elected on a district basis.

SUPREME COURT - Speaking of courts and judges, we have long felt that members of the U.S. Supreme Court should be appointed for a specific term - say eight years. We would not object for the justice to be eligible for reappointment. FATE - We feel that Judge

Haynsworth had just as good a background to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice as Judge Harold Carswell, but that Carswell will be confined whereas Judge Haynsworth was vetoed by the Senate. Well, some folks get the breaks and others do not!

C.B. DEANE, JR. - Speculation is that C.B. Deane, Jr., son of the late former Tar Heel Congressman who died a few weeks ago, will be a candidate for one of the two seats in the State Senate from District 19 comprised of Davidson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties. Young Deane is a Rockingham attorney.

EDUCATION LOANS - Sometimes we hear parents and students say that they need money for college expenses but don't want to borrow it - want it given to them. We feel that a student who is not willing to sign a note form necessary funds to help defray his college expenses may not deserve a college education in the first place. We feel that when a person is in earnest, money borrowed to secure college training is one of the best investments a person can make. And we are living in a time when most any deserving person who wants a college education can have it by getting out and trying.

RIVER PROJECTS - Looks like the river projects in North Carolina fared pretty well in President Nixon's proposed budget with more than \$12.3 million for Corps of Engineers projects shared by North Carolina and other states.

FORCED BUSING - Despite the fact that one of the recent Civil Rights Acts apparently intended to outlaw forced busing to achieve integration, it appears that the Federal Courts are more interested in integration to the limit than quality education and community schools!

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Tom I. Davis, Selma newspaperman is doing a good job as press agent and public relations man for the State Board of Education. We believe it was the late Will Rogers who once said that what North Carolina needed was a "good press agent."

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

February 8, 1945

Carl Morris, who has been a patient at Duke Hospital for four weeks, came home Sunday.

Cpl. John Henry McNeill, Jr., of Camp Chaffee, Ark., is spending a furlough with his parents at Antioch, and Sgt. Ebb Barrington, also of Camp Chaffee, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Barrington, in Raeford.

Mrs. Daisy T. Harrell has received word that her husband, Pvt. Thomas G. Harrell, has arrived safely in France. He is a member of an infantry division.

David Smith, Raeford's radio wizard, has moved from what was formerly the City Market into what was Lee's Cafe, on the east side of Main Street. C.J. Benner, who bought those three buildings from Mrs. Lloyd Pugh, is making a number of changes. He has enlarged his store room by throwing the Economy Store and City Market building into one. He has put a petition into what was the cafe, made two entrances and two storerooms out of it. (Editor's Note - If you get that figured out, we'd like to hear it.)

F.G. Leach and William L. Poole are advertising the Page Trust Co. building for sale.

George Freeman advertises a milk cow for sale.

Mrs. Smith McKeithan, who is a patient at Highsmith Hospital, is reported to be

improving.

15 years ago

February 10, 1955

About the strongest rumor going around these days is that United States Rubber Company intends to close a deal for the purchase of Para Thread Company here before the end of February.

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson extends a cordial invitation to all friends of Flora Macdonald College and of President Emeritus Charles G. Vardell, in Raeford and the surrounding community, to attend a reception in the college parlors on Saturday afternoon, February 12, in honor of Dr. Vardell's 95th birthday.

W.C. Williford, Hoke County Farm Agent, announces the second annual "Farmer's Day" at Hoke High School on Friday, February 25.

County commissioners held their monthly meeting Monday with Commissioner N.H.G. Balfour absent sick in Veterans Hospital and County Accountant J.A. McGooan absent sick in Highsmith Hospital.

Town board of Raeford met Monday night with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding, and passed a resolution of appreciation for the fine service rendered by C.J. McNeill as police officer.

Mrs. Harry Greene spent several days this week in Raleigh with Mr. Greene.

Bruce Phillips of ECC,

Greenville, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Phillips.

Bobby Alexander enlisted in the Air Force and left last week for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Franklin Teal of Camp Lee, Virginia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Teal, during the week end.

5 years ago

February 11, 1965

Representative Neill McFadyen has introduced bills in the General Assembly which would raise the salaries of the county commissioners of Hoke County, and which would allow the office of the county sheriff to be moved out of the county courthouse.

Talmage O. Moses, attorney and former judge of Hoke County recorder's court, was named vice-president of the lost Chord Club of North Carolina at a meeting held recently in Raleigh.

Hundreds of farmers and businessmen attended the open house Monday at the new liquid fertilizer plant on Highway 20 near Raeford and heard Alfred K. Leach, president of Farm Chemical Corp., explain the operation of the plant.

Jess Dunlap, one of the county's leading Negro citizens for more than a half century, died in a Moore County hospital Monday.

James W. Baxley died early Wednesday morning in a Fayetteville nursing home. He was 80 years of age.