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

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Speaking of unpopular wars



Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

People do a lot of complaining and fault-finding. Lots of times they get impatient and out of sorts with the world as a whole.

Whenever that happens, we often think of what the Rev. B.J. Howard of Orange County said several years ago.

A man came to Mr. Howard and told him of all the troubles he had had during the past year. He wound up by saying: "I tell you right now, preacher; it's enough to make a man lose his religion."

And very quietly, Mr. Howard told him: "Seems to me, Jim, it's enough to make a man use his religion."

"Women are all right, but they certainly have been the cause of a lot of trouble in this world. Sometimes I'm inclined to believe that our country would be a whole lot better off if we got rid of all the women we have here, were it not for the fact that this would mean stag-nation."

There was a concerted groan on the part of his listeners. Men have been shot and killed for less than that.

From Nora Lillington King, of Warrenton, comes a little note which reads as follows:

"Enclosed is a puzzle which you may like to use. I believe your readers will be interested in it. Here it is:

"With the insertion of a vowel in the proper place (the same vowel each time) you will find that you have an inscription which was found with the Ten Commandments over an old church door. First, of course, you must decide on what vowel to use. Then it will be necessary to fit that vowel into its proper place in the two lines.

P R S V R Y P R F C T M N
V R K P T H S P E C T P T S T N

Frog Level is the name of a community down in Pitt County. Monkey Bottom is the name by which a section of Winston-Salem is known. And (pardon us) Stinking Gut Creek is near Elizabeth City.

Children in Lamar, South Carolina. It suggested the blame for such demented acts must be shared by our national leaders, especially those who have been talking equivocally about the Government's commitment to the equality of all its citizens. The editorial singled out Senator Thurmond and Vice President Agnew, who, it said, "have been playing with matches in public for some time now, and yet they want us to know immediately and for the record that if there is one thing they deplore it's fire."

Beside it was an article entitled "One Way of Saying 'No More Death,'" which applauded, with reservations, the anti-war protesters who have invaded draft centers and ransacked defense companies' offices to dramatize their conviction that when life is at stake, marching is not enough. The article approvingly quoted Howard Zinn, a professor of political science at Boston University: "... And enlightened citizens in they know the difference and justice, between what is right ..."

These two items are

American automobile delight in conjuring up and claw and hoof with give to their products. Thus be tough and lean. Some recent research savage image the pussycat.

The research, done Institute for Highway that even in

It is unfortunately true enough that Mr. Agnew and Senator Thurmond, though we wouldn't equate them, may have said things that encouraged some of their listeners to violence. Such people are easily encouraged. They are, after, all every bit as self-righteously zealous as the people who rip up draft offices. They believe they know the difference "between what is legal and what is right."

Which has always been our difficulty understanding how anyone can advocate setting the individual conscience above the law. We don't say the law is always wise, just or moral, but if you excuse the office-ransackers then you must also pardon the race warriors, and after them the people who set bombs in public buildings, and eventually anyone else who can claim a veneer of morality for his whims.

We appreciate that what the Post article condones is not a ventilating

Taxpayers Charge for Million Dollar Litter

By Laurie Telfair

While reading over some material on beautification given to me by Miss Josephine Hall, county representative to the Governor's Committee on Beautification, I came upon some interesting information

are more inclined to litter small families and rural small-town dwellers are more apt to litter.

Forty-eight billion proof cans and twenty-billion nondegradable bottles are thrown away each year

... notices, ... he said ... out properly; ... sweeping gutter; ... without a ... parking lot ... keep their ... drive in ... and having ...

... \$12,367.00 a year to keep the highways clean by using 148 three-men crews at a cost of \$12,367.00 a crew. In Hoke County, it cost \$20,000 a year to clean highways. That is a lot of \$50 littering fines.

One cubic foot of exposed garbage will breed 70,000 flies. A highway research board of the National Academy of Cities ran a study recently on litter. In North Carolina the Research Triangle Institute took part. Litter, they found, is composed of 50% paper products; 16% cans; 6% plastic containers; 6% bottles and jars and 13% miscellaneous (this included washing machines, old refrigerators, dead animals and the like).

The same survey found that during every 30 days, there are 1,304 pieces of litter discarded to each highway mile.

A Gallup poll tried to find out who littered -- which turned out to be almost everyone at one time or another. They found no marked distinction in ethnic groups or religious or economic groups. There was, however, a significant difference in sex and age. Men, it was found, litter twice as much as women. And men between the ages of 21 and 35 litter twice as much as men 35 to 50 and three times as much as those 50 and older.

Furthermore, large families

... eight causes of litter which San Antonio beautification council passed out to about 100 reporters who would then submit reports of violations to the council.

Number 2 on the list was "Curb gutter needs cleaning." Schnable said he got this nickname "Old Push Broom" since he would send the notice to the offender with the violation checked and signed with his initials O.P. He often takes a push broom and cleans

... at the same ... Robert Stipe of ... out that in ... although there are ... local senility ... and beautification groups not one uses the word "beautification" in its title. The nearest equivalent to the Beautification Committees in this country are the "Civic Trust" groups, he said. Perhaps this illustrates that one doesn't make one thing beautiful by making another ugly. For while "beautification" may clean our countryside, it litter the language. Perhaps the only word I know more horrible than beautification is beautify.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues

GOLDWATER -- U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater did some mighty plain talking in his interview several days ago. His candid statements were reminiscent of his plain talk in the years preceding his nomination for president in 1964.

We have to disagree with Barry Goldwater on many issues but we always regarded him as a very honest and forthright man. He was a forceful candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination, but once he was nominated he became a very weak candidate for the office.

In 1964 Nixon supported Barry for the GOP Presidential nomination and four years later Barry supported Nixon. In view of the close relationship between the two top GOP leaders the following quotation taken from Barry's free swinging interview is quite interesting: "Finch goes all over the place on civil rights. He's here today and there tomorrow and back here the next day and I imagine Finch has a pretty hard time knowing what to do. Nixon's always been that way, but he's a helluva lot better than he was."

STATESMANSHIP -- For many years we have heard the saying: A statesman is a dead politician. After reading Congressman Rich Preyer's speech before the Greensboro Rotary Club about the bill which he proposes to co-sponsor along with Rep. Nick Galifianakis of Durham we can see rays of statesmanship coming from the cultured but modest freshman congressman. We believe that his proposed unitary school bill which has claimed the interest of President Nixon and his advisers may provide the seed for a way out of the turmoil in which much of the nation finds itself today. If Rich Preyer and Nick Galifianakis can plant the seed for a solution to our integrated school problems North Carolina and the nation will owe these two congressmen a debt of gratitude.

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES -- Shearon Harris, CP&L President says that if his company replaced its overhead electric systems with underground, the investment required would be so great that the price of electric service would more than triple.

MARCH 20 -- Friday March 20 at 12 o'clock noon will be the deadline for candidates to file for the State Legislature, County and Township offices. We have not noticed quite the yearning among the politicians to run for public office this year as in some of the years heretofore.

For one thing in most of the

State House and Senate races the candidates must run in more than one county whereas until recently the House districts were confined to one county. Running for State Senator in some of the districts is almost like running for congress which is both time-consuming and costly. However, the remuneration for House and Senate members is far better than it was only a few years ago.

CHURCH UNION -- Last week in Saint Louis, Mo., representatives of nine Protestant denominations approved a plan, which if carried out by the several individual denominations, would create before the end of the decade the biggest Protestant church in the world. Commenting on the proposal, one Protestant layman was heard to say that it appeared to him that the several denominations better settle their divisions and differences before trying to bring together nine groups of varying beliefs and creeds.

ALABAMA -- Former Governor George Wallace is a candidate to regain the governor's office in Alabama. preliminary, we feel to seeking the presidency in 1972. A Wallace victory in Alabama will pose a far greater problem for Nixon in 1972 than it will for the Democrats. We suspect that Nixon's Postmaster General, William M. Blount of Alabama will be spearheading a drive behind the scenes to provide ample financial backing for Wallace's primary opponent -- Governor Albert Brewer, a one-time protege of Wallace.

HECTOR McGEACHY, JR. -- State Senator Hector McGeachy, Jr. of Fayetteville and resident pro-temore of the Senate has announced his candidacy for a fifth term in the Senate from the 14th District. The feeling is growing that McGeachy will be running for statewide office in 1972 -- probably for lieutenant governor. John T. Henley who also represents the 14th district in the State Senate is expected to seek re-election. Henley is now serving as Governor Scott's reorganization to state government chief.

The population of America's living veterans rose during 1969 from 26,700,000 to an estimated 27,300,000 as of December 31, 1969, according to the VA.

The Veterans Administration is intensifying its orientation and counseling efforts to encourage more veterans and servicemen to apply for government benefits.

in the files of The News-Journal

March 15, 1945

Evander B. McNeill, prominent business man and farmer of Raeford, died at about nine o'clock last night after an illness of about two years. He was 77.

Pfc. John D. Stubbs of Rockfish has been awarded the combat infantryman's badge for participation in action against the enemy with the 88th Division in Italy.

Pvt. Clayton Buoyer has completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Buoyer, after which he will report to Fort Meade, Md.

Pvt. Dan Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Campbell, has completed his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. and is at home on furlough. He will report back to Fort Meade, Md.

T-5 Matho D. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Cunningham, who is serving in Italy, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

A release from New York reports that the song being made popular by the Andrews sisters, "Rum and Coca Cola," was written for and about the 252nd Coast Artillery while it was serving in Trinidad, British West Indies.

Small grain should be top

March 17, 1955

Sgt. and Mrs. John K. McNeill, Jr., of Greenville, S.C. left Tuesday after several days visit with his parents here.

Two local residents were seen on television in the past week. Rep. Harry Greene appeared in a telecast of the legislature in session and had the privilege of escorting Gen. Kenneth C. Royall to the speaker's stand when the general paid the lawmakers a visit. Greene well knows just how much Royall did in saving this county's land from the Army year before last. ... The other telecast, the one we couldn't see, was yesterday afternoon when Lewis Upchurch, inventor and manufacturer of the Soak-O-Ho, eight-purpose garden tool, appeared from the studio of a TV station in Richmond, Va., for a demonstration and explanation of the tool.

A/2C Bobby Lundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Lundy, who is stationed in Korea, has been promoted to A/1C. He is expected home soon.

K.D. Lowe entered Moore County Hospital last Thursday.

Floyd A. Monroe, 79, died last Thursday at his home on Raeford, Route two.

Larry McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McNeill, was named winner of the annual Walker Casey award in ceremonies at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week. The award is one of the highest a cadet may achieve at McCallie.

T.C. Jones, principal of the Mildouson School and district governor of Ruritan, represented Ruritan Clubs at a state health conference in Greenville Thursday.

Sergeant First Class Roger W. Dixon was honored at the 18th anniversary banquet of the local National Guard unit last Saturday night for 16 years of outstanding service as the units administrative and supply technician. In addition to members of the unit, all his former company and battalion commanders were present. The unit was federally recognized on March 10, 1947.

Sadie Culbreth McLean (Mrs. H.R.) has been chosen by the Home Demonstration Club County Council and the Chaminade Music Club to be Hoke County's nominee for the North Carolina "Mother of the Year."

Furthermore, large families

STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

In The Limelight
The forerunner of the theater's electric spotlight was a lamp that burned lime with an oxyhydrogen flame. The flame produced a brilliant light that was concentrated by a lens. The light was projected, in a small circle, to that part of the stage where the most important action was taking place. From the use of lime in producing it, the light was called "limelight." Actors and actresses on whom this light was cast were literally "in the limelight."

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
A neighbor of mine came by yesterday and said he wanted to take me to town to meet a man who has invented something we both could make some money out of, and since I was out of newspapers at the time I agreed to go.
"But first," he said, "you'd better change shirts."
"What's the matter, what's wrong with this one?" I asked.
"It's got mud and grease all over it."
"So what? Don't you know the Supreme Court has ruled that if a shirt has redeeming social significance it doesn't make any difference if it's dirty?"
But since he insisted this was an important meeting and since there weren't any college kids around to picket me for yielding to the pressures of the establishment, I changed shirts and went with him. I left my socks like they were. A man ought to retain some shred of inner freedom in a world beset with grinding conformity.
You know what, he's on to something big. This man whose name I can't mention until we get his secret patented has invented a brand new remedy and all we need now to clean up is to find a brand new illness it'll cure.
If you'd like to be cut in on it, all you have to do is use your influence if you remember where you left it to get Congress to appropriate some money for some scientific research.
Out there somewhere there's bound to be some undiscovered illness just waiting to be cured by this new remedy, and there are very few television programs that'd be hurt much by adding one more commercial to promote the stuff.
Personally I think it's a great idea. Science has been dragging its feet too long, uncovering new diseases nobody ever heard of before and then spending endless hours trying to find a remedy for them, when the way to do it is to invent the remedy and then go out and find the disease.
I know some people are going to say, aw, you're getting the cart before the horse, but they probably never heard of a car with the engine in the rear or a great man who stood behind a woman.
Yours faithfully,
J.A.