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

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1970

Blinding violence

There are signs of a heading up of violence in America from which all parties must desist. The issues of the moment, calling for a decisive use of intelligence rather than further emotional response, are:

Counterviolence by authorities and citizenry - At Kent State University in Ohio, four white students were killed by National Guardsmen. At Jackson, Miss., two black students were killed and 11 injured by city and highway police gunfire. In New York City, construction workers methodically bullied and beat up students, the police allegedly doing little to intervene. In Boston, police were called to stem a series of noisy all-night student street parties and allegedly went on a brutal repressive rampage.

Provocateness of student action - Referring to the Boston event, a city official said "some policemen used the occasion to work off their frustration and anger by engaging in random acts of punishment and torment." There is, of course, no way of measuring the degree of bully instincts and a sense of outrage against students may similarly be aroused in the minds of many Americans.

Surely the dangers of outside response were pointed up at Kent State. Fortunately, there has been a decided shift from confrontation to orderly protest, campaigning, and lobbying by the nation's young. This trend must continue or the students will, willingly or not, become parties to still further violence. At the same time, just as in Ohio, New York City, and Boston, the guard or police forces are being brought to heel by investigations and public response, so there needs to be throughout the nation restraint on police overreaction.

Apparent double standard for blacks - The lesser hue and cry over the slaying of six blacks at Augusta, Ga., compared with the response to the white Kent

State dead, has intensified the feeling among blacks that a double standard exists in American justice. At Augusta and Jackson, it is not certain as yet whether the police response was justified. In any event, it would be prudent for federal authorities to investigate not only the Kent State incident, but any and every disturbance involving gunfire, police, and groups of protesting citizens or students, black or white. This should be done not simply to find out instances of overreaction, but to protest the instruments of authority from further distrust.

Depending on where one stands, the finger of blame for mob violence tends to point in different directions - the war in Vietnam, student insolence, repressive bullyism, unwillingness of officials to listen to dissent. And what does this accusatory exercise accomplish? More violence.

It is time for Americans to reason together. Processing the conclusion of the Vietnam war will not be helped by intemperance. Thus both student provocateness and citizen counterviolence are blind influences, which only compound confusion over precisely what America should do in Indo-China.

-The Christian Science Monitor

Conservation should be pleasant without scurrility, witty without affection, free without indecency, learned without conceitedness, novel without falsehood.

William Shakespeare

It was noted by the American Farm Bureau Federation that in the United States one farmer now produces food enough for 45 people, compared to 15 in 1948.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

30 years ago

May 16, 1940
John B. Cameron of Raeford was elected chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee at its meeting Saturday in the courthouse following the County Democratic convention. He succeeds J.B. Thomas, who had served as chairman for ten years and who declined to seek reelection.

Mrs. Jesse Gibson has donated an acre of land for the high school cafeteria garden. Clint Parrish has agreed to furnish stock to work the garden and NYA will furnish the labor. J.W. Dowd will be in charge.

When the registration books closed in Hoke County's ten precincts last Saturday there were approximately 2,500 voters on them, according to W.L. Poole, chairman of the county board of election.

54 seniors were presented their diplomas at Hoke High School graduation exercises Friday night by N.B. Blue, chairman of the county board of education.

Luke Powell, road engineer in Hoke and Robeson Counties, stated yesterday that the work of widening Highway 15-A from Raeford to Laurinburg was started this week. T.T. Betts, division highway engineer in

Fayetteville, has announced that work will begin in June on the new \$50,000 highway underpass at the Aberdeen and Rockfish crossing on the Fayetteville road about 11 miles from Raeford.

Advertising for votes for Congress in the Democratic Primary are Congressman W.D. Burgin, C.B. Deane, Giles Y. Newton and Bob Steele, III.

Bill Upchurch left Sunday for Dover, Delaware, to join J.C. Clark, who is manager of a baseball team there.

15 years ago

May 19, 1955
Following a trip to Raleigh and conversations with the local government commission by Mayor Alfred Cole and Town Commissioner Tom Cameron this week the town board is expected to decide at a meeting tonight to ask the voters of Raeford to approve a \$60,000 bond issue for increasing the water and sewer facilities of the town.

John Morgan reported to the Chamber of Commerce directors that the local plant of Amerotron now employs over 1100 persons. The directors voted to send Martin Baumgartner, manager, to the Chamber of Commerce school in Chapel Hill. Angus Currie met with the board and outlined plans for Clean-Up week next week.

Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church entertained their families at a picnic supper Wednesday night. They were entertained by a quartet consisting of W.L. Poole, Make and Martin McKeithan, and Glenn Clark. June Johnson also showed some color films of members of the church on various occasions.

Judge T.O. Moses heard 32 cases in Recorder's court Tuesday.

5 years ago

May 20, 1965
The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce will run a list of high school students available for "odd jobs" during the summer. Jim Fout, manager, has announced.

Mrs. Mary Kemp Thomas of Raeford last week became the "first graduate" of Sandhills Community College when she received the North Carolina High School equivalency certificate.

Hoke County will be included in "Project Headstart" this summer and 300 children of the county will receive pre-school instruction in six centers, it was announced this week by Jim Fout, director of the Hoke Community Action Program.

As sparks fly upward?



Christopher Robin, Pooh Stay Young For Readers

By Laurie Telfair

"Edward Bear came downstairs. bump. bump. bump on the back of his head. It was, as far as he knew, the only way to come downstairs. Sometimes he thought there might be another way if only he could stop bumping long enough to think of it." (From "Winnie-the-Pooh")

And so, Edward Bear, better known as Winnie-the-Pooh, came into the lives of readers all over the world.

And A.A. Milne, the author, classified as a minor playwright and novelist in encyclopedia, gained a place in literature. "Winnie-the-Pooh" and Milne's other children's books have been translated into many languages, including a version in Latin.

Milne began his series of children's poems and stories out to desperation on a rainy vacation.

He, his wife and their three-year-old son, Christopher Robin - who was called Billy Moon by the family had taken a house in Northern Wales with friends for a month. With the house full of family friends and guests, Milne recalled in his autobiography, he felt a need to get away, so he pleaded urgent artistic inspiration and retreated to the summer house to write.

He had urged by a friend to try something for children but had not done so. However, now he had to write something and it was raining anyway. During the eleven days it rained, he wrote eleven sets of verses, which were first published in 1926 in the English humor magazine "Punch" and published later in his first book of verses for children "When We Were Very Young."

Two years later, "Winnie-the-Pooh" was published which brought to life the nursery animals of his young son. The next year "Now We Are Six" was published and in 1928, when Christopher Robin was seven years old, Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo and all the other animals are put aside for more grown-up things

in "The House at Pooh Corner"

The Pooh books were a great success, and the Milne's were flooded with admiring letters from all over the world. Tourists came to the house to see the real Christopher Robin and his stuffed animals.

With this, Milne said he would give up writing for children at least until he was a grandfather.

He also wrote plays and novels for adults and was an assistant editor of "Punch" for many years.

Pooh has retained its popularity through the years and has become a fad among teen-agers and older readers as well as a favorite of children. Walt Disney, never one to let a fad go by unanimated, produced several Winnie-the-Pooh features.

The essential character of the original Ernest Shepard illustrations were retained in the Disney movies, but most Pooh purists frowned on the liberties taken with the stories. Disney's Pooh-bear just wasn't the real thing.

I saw a children's theatre production of one of the Pooh stories done very successfully in Columbus, Ga., once you became used to an English teddy bear drawing Georgia accents. The directors, who had adapted the stories to play form, had had the decency to leave the stories unchanged. It was an entrancing production

Some of the poems from the two books of verses have also been set to music.

Milne, who was born in 1882, died in 1956. He didn't write any more of his children's stories even after he became a grandfather.

His son, Christopher Robin served in the Royal Air Force during World War II and then became the manager of a bookshop in Dartmouth, England. He is now 49

The story-book Christopher Robin (or maybe that is the real Christopher Robin) remains a small boy who lives at the edge of a forest with his animal companions, to be discovered with each generation of children.



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

The "corned" in corned beef does not refer to any of the cereal grains in general nor to Indian maize in particular -- the things that the word "corn" denotes.

One has to go back to an early meaning of "corn" to get the meaning of "corned."

"Corn" used to denote a large particle, or coarse grain, of anything. Large grains of salt were called "corns of salt." Beef that was preserved by putting it in water and pouring coarse salt on top of it was called "corned beef."

A little Latin can go a long way in building one's vocabulary. One can learn one basic Latin word, and, by adding prefixes, make several more words.

Some prefixes and their meanings are: De (off or away), in or im (in or into), ex (out of or away from), re (again or back) and trans (across, beyond or through).

A basic word is "port," from "portare" --- to carry, bring or take.

Combining "port" and the prefixes results in the following words: Import (to bring in), export (to carry away from), deport (to send away), report (to bring back, in regard to information) and transport (to carry or send across).

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

When you open up a big daily newspaper you never know what you're going to find, excusing the front page, and I was flipping through one which turned up out here yesterday when I ran across a picture of a turtle. His head sticking out as he inched up a hill, hanging on the wall behind some official's desk with the motto under it: "You never get anywhere without sticking your neck out."

I got to thinking about this and you know what, how far in the last million years have turtles gotten? On another page I found a report of a speech made by a student leader who said the

purpose of all the college demonstrations is to "turn this country around."

I guess if the Atlantic and the Pacific seaboards swapped positions it'd be all right, but you see I've got this fireplace out here on this Bermuda grass farm with a chimney that works fine when the wind is out of the north but smokes when it's out of the south, which is all right because with a south wind blowing I don't need a fire, but if the students are going to make the wind blow south in the winter.....

Of course, what they mean I guess is that they're going to turn people around, but I'm not sure about that either. What I mean is, from an

esthetic standpoint, most of us don't look any better coming than going.

Say, speaking of students, I'm all for their drive to clean up the environment everywhere except where they've been demonstrating; when they run out of litter in the cities I've got some out here ready to be picked up, but I was just thinking, have you noticed that in their drive to eliminate the causes of litter, such as throw-away cans and bottles, they've been picketing sodawater plants, not breweries? Them kids ain't so dumb.

Yours faithfully
J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Every once in a while you'll see a newspaper or magazine article about some prominent individual giving a list of his ten favorite books. I've seen any number of such lists but don't recall ever having come across a single one that didn't include "Tom Sawyer."

The lightest of them all. And then we slipped out late at night. And sneaked them off the line. For he was so ashamed of his, And I ashamed of mine.

A number of years ago Alex C.D. Noe, vicar of St. Thomas Church at Bath, who was as well known as the church, sent us this poem that he had written. It was good then and is just as appropriate now.

Bill knew that he had troubles, And I knew I had mine; And so we took them out one day, And hung them on a line --

That all might see and sympathize, And pity me and Bill; And know we'd had an awful time, In climbing up the hill.

And then we asked some other folks, To air their worries too; And see by contrast all the clouds, That we'd been fighting through.

But when the line was hanging full, Of worries large and small; We found that our troubles were,

The Mid-West Paper Sales Ltd., of Winnipeg, publishes a house magazine called "Papyrus.R" A recent issue contained this bit of a gem:

"Hint to young wives: if your husband refuses to wipe dishes, claiming that it is not a man's job, politely reach for the Bible and read from II Kings 21: 13.

"And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." "Further comment will not be necessary."

A friend of ours was walking along the streets of Fayetteville on a Sunday morning when he saw a stalled car on the street. It had a flat tire, and a rather stout man was busily engaged in trying to change wheels. He had on a black suit and it was getting liberally sprinkled with dust.

"Brother," said our friend in a jovial tone of voice, "That's a hell of a way to spend a Sunday morning, isn't it?"

The man straightened himself for a moment, gave a sigh and then said: "My friend, I am a minister of the Gospel, but I fell inclined to agree with you most enthusiastically."

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues

OUT WEST - As a member of the Senate Board of Higher Education it was our pleasure to visit the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Western Carolina University at Cullowhee last Thursday and Friday.

The last time we visited what is now UNC - Asheville was in 1960 when the institution was one of three community colleges in the state, the other two being at Charlotte and Wilmington. Our last visit to what is now Western Carolina University was in 1963.

Both the Asheville and the Cullowhee institutions of higher learning have witnessed great growth since our last visits.

The administration at UNC - Asheville is now headed by Dr. William E. Highsmith who is the incumbent chancellor, and who appears to be doing an excellent job in his drive to make the smallest unit of the UNC system a top-notch liberal arts institution. "The fundamental aim of the University is to provide for serious and able students a liberal education of high quality," says Chancellor Highsmith.

UNC - Asheville had its beginning in 1927 when the Buncombe County Board of Education established the Buncombe County Junior College for men and women as part of the public school system.

It was not until 1955 that the N.C. General Assembly voted an appropriation for the institution - \$5,000 if we remember correctly. The 1957 General Assembly gave greater support to the institution. The 1963 Higher Education Bill converted the institution to a state senior college. The 1969 General Assembly made it a part of the University of North Carolina system of higher education.

Today, UNC - Asheville occupies its attractive campus on Sunset Mountain overlooking Asheville and has an enrollment of approximately 1000 students.

Dr. Highsmith says that he anticipates a solid growth of about 100 students each year for the next several years and that the ultimate objective of the institution is to "give students the best possible opportunity to acquire those skills, techniques and attitudes, and that basic knowledge and understanding which will best equip them to pursue successfully their individual goals, to function effectively and constructively in society, and to find meaning in their personal lives."

WCU - Western Carolina University was originally known as Western Carolina Teachers College like ECU was originally known as East

Carolina Teachers College. WCU has had remarkable growth in recent years and now has a fulltime equated enrollment of about 4,500 students.

Until a year or two ago Dr. Paul Reid served as President and did an outstanding job. Since his retirement Dr. Alex S. Pow has been named president and appears to be guiding the institution with a firm hand on an even-keel manner. WCU draws its students from 89 of North Carolina's 100 counties, from 27 other states and seven foreign countries. Its student body today is approximately double what it was six short years ago. Last year there were 959 members of its graduation class.

RAMSEY CLARK - We noted that a "Ramsey Clark for President in 1972" movement has been started in Raleigh by an informal group which has been meeting for several months as a social gathering calling itself "effete snobs and others for Ramsey Clark for President."

We would feel that most support for Clark would come from the Gene McCarthy type of supporters as Gene seems to be fading out of the picture since he decided against seeking renomination to the U.S. Senate. Frankly we don't expect Ramsey to gain as much support as Gene garnered in the 1968 presidential primaries!

JUDGES - A few days ago we asked an eminent attorney who he considered the top superior court judges in the State. He thought awhile then mentioned Albert Cooper of Kinston, George Fountain of Tarboro, Walter Bone of Nashville (now retired) and the late Leo Kerr of Burlington who died a few weeks ago.

We are now going through a period when we need good, solid and capable judges who command the respect of the people!

Banks in the United States process 20 billion checks a year.

The Amazon River has 50,000 miles of navigable waterways, according to the National Geographic Society's book "Exploring the Amazon." An ocean-going freighter can sail 2,300 miles upriver and in some places find water beneath its keel deep enough to cover a 10 story building.

The United States uses more than four billion pounds of cotton annually half for clothes.