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

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Faithful stewards

The American people should be most grateful for the merited rebuke they have just been given. In her wise words from the Senate floor, Maine's Sen. Margaret Chase Smith has calmly but precisely pinpointed the grave dangers which the United States now runs through the present escalation of violence, emotionalism, and overreaction, coupled with the failure of enough Americans to speak out against the stresses and strains which would tear their society asunder.

Anyone, anywhere, who lays claim to patriotism, intelligence, or goodwill, should hear Senator Smith's warning and heed it.

Her words had, to begin with, the great merit of honest impartiality. She excoriated with equal forthrightness violence and emotionalism from whatever source, whether it be high in the present administration, on a college campus or in the ranks of demonstrating hard-hats. Unwisdom has no exclusive abode with any one group or outlook in the country and there are few segments of the population which cannot do a better job of seeking to heal the present great rifts in society.

Particularly apt is her warning that "extremism, bent upon the polarization of our people, is increasingly forcing upon the American people the narrow choice between anarchy and repression." For she further warned, "if that narrow choice has

to be made, the American people, even if with reluctance and misgiving, will choose repression." No one familiar with American history, with the present swing in public opinion, with America's firm basic commitment to an orderly middle-class life can doubt the rightness of her assessment.

Yet there is great hope in the fact that such words are spoken and will be heard and read by millions. Today one of the worst of crimes is to be numbered among those unfaithful stewards who see the danger and yet give no warning. Or, who fall into the practice condemned in this verse from Psalms: "I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good." It was Senator Smith's speech against the disgraceful antics of Wisconsin's Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy exactly 20 years ago to the day, which helped work on the country's conscience until his demagoguery and falsehoods were driven from public life.

We have never believed, and we do not believe today that the United States will fall into the bottomless pit of real repression or that it cannot rally its moral strength and its practical sense to the point of finding a workable accommodation among the various factions and tendencies now abroad in the land. But to do so, the country needs straight thinking and speaking. Senator Smith has contributed both.

The Christian Science Monitor

Will the real Senate stand up?

This spring the land is filled, not with the voice of the turtle, but with a resounding chorus demanding that the United States Senate reassert its "right" over foreign policy. Many a wise, thoughtful, experienced public figure has called this a dire necessity. Many a leading American newspaper has run editorial after editorial urging support for Senate leadership in foreign affairs. Lawyers, professors, students, businessmen have swollen the cry.

Fine. We, too, more than once have suggested that it would be a healthy development if the Senate were to show more initiative, exercise more leadership, donate more thinking to foreign affairs. It was clearly the intention of the Founding Fathers that both the presidency and Congress should have their say.

But, hold on a moment. Which Senate are we speaking of? Are we talking of the Senate which has over and over again balked at constructive foreign initiative, crippled foreign efforts, ignored foreign opportunities? Are we talking of the Senate which blocked American entry into the League of Nations, held back full support for the World Court, is presently cutting back further and further on foreign aid, which has no hesitation over passing

resolutions mixing in the affairs of other countries for political rather than diplomatic reasons?

Of course, this is not the Senate which today's "strengthen-the-Senate" advocates have in mind. They visualize an upper chamber full of wisdom and goodwill, ready to curb the excesses of runaway presidents, a bulwark of reason and foresight in a reckless world. In short, they dream of a Senate which will hew to their own concept of where foreign policy should go and how it should be conducted.

But, alas, in the world of politics we must expect the bad with the good, the unwise with the far-seeing, the heedless with the prudent. A Senate which has asserted an iron hand over the President on Southeast Asia, might also be inclined to assert an equally hard fist where other very different issues are concerned.

Is this an argument against greater senatorial participation in foreign affairs? Not a bit. We hold to our view that the Senate has much constructive wisdom to contribute in that field. But it is a warning to those, carried away by their desire to see the Senate curb the White House on Vietnam, that such a path may have many surprises.

The Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

June 7, 1945
 Pic James L. Currie is spending a few days with his brother, Navy Lt. Ben F. Currie, at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Fayetteville Wednesday where Dr. W.P. McKay performed a tonsillectomy on each.

Archie Livingston, 73, farmer of Blue Springs Township, was buried in Wagram Sunday.

Street two blocks west to Bethel Road.

Patrolman W.T. Herbin, who has been the sole representative of the State Highway Patrol in Hoke County since Patrolmen D.G. Surratt and J.T. Harris left several weeks ago, was joined by a colleague last week. The new patrolman is J.E. Dupree, a native of Smithfield, who has served on the patrol about four years at Taylorsville. Patrolman and Mrs. Dupree, their two daughters and one son, have moved into a home in Sunset Hills.

Robert L. Huffines, president of Amerotron Corporation, has announced the election of four vice presidents of the corporation. They are Ronald R. Boyd, Alfred H. Grant, E.H. Hines and George L. Staff.

Benny McLeod arrived Saturday from Staunton Military Academy to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. McLeod.

15 years ago

June 9, 1955
 Dr. Watson Mumford Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church from 1925 to 1940 and again for a few months in 1946, died Monday in an Asheville hospital at the age of 82.

County commissioners met Monday with Chairman Fulford McMillan presiding and tentatively approved a budget of \$103,000 for the county general fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1. County Accountant J.A. McGoogan was not present, as he is a patient in a Fayetteville hospital.

The town board Monday night made plans to open West Elwood Avenue from Magnolia

2nd Lt. Deane Matheson has recently completed her basic training in the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Rucker, Ala. The daughter of Mrs. Daisy G. Matheson of this county, she is a graduate of Duke University.

Howard A. Baucom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Baucom of Raeford, is to receive his degree of doctor of Optometry at Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in commencement exercises today.

An Aeolian pipe organ has been purchased by the Raeford Presbyterian Church and will be installed by about August 15, the Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor, has announced.



Let Snakes Go In Peace They'll Eat Each Other

By Laurie Telfair

Let me begin by saying that while I am not especially fond of snakes, all things being equal, I prefer them alive to dead. For the last few weeks we have had visitors bearing the bodies of very large snakes for us to take pictures of. Luckily, I haven't been around to snap the photo, but my feeling is that when a snake has lived long enough to reach a five or six foot length, one should let him go in peace - especially if it's a king snake. Former game protector and mayor here, H.R. McLean stopped by the office after the photo of the king snake appeared in the paper and told us king snakes shouldn't be killed because they kill and eat poisonous snakes.

The encyclopedia confirms this. As a youngster, my husband had a collection of snakes that included pigmy rattlesnakes and a king snake. He put them in the same cage one day to see what would happen and thereby reduced his snake collection considerably. He had a happy king snake though.

There are some 3,000 to 3,500 species of snakes. Out of this 412 species are poisonous. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica there are 30,000 deaths a year from snake bites, with most of these occurring in Burma.

Burma is the home of the king cobra, the largest of the cobras. The South African cobra, which has the most potent venom, can kill an elephant with his bite. Very few places have no snakes. Ireland is famous for being serpentless. Australia, on the other hand, has many of the poisonous species and is the only continent with more venomous snakes than harmless ones.

The coral snake is another dangerous snake, which is found from North Carolina south and west of Texas. It is shiny black red and yellow snake, with red bands bordered in yellow. There is an expression "Red on yellow, kill a fellow" because the harmless

snakes that are colored similarly to a coral snake have black borders on the bands rather than yellow.

However, I don't plan to stay long enough to decide if its red on yellow or yellow on black. Peaceful co-existence at a distance is my creed.

The United States has four of poisonous species and all of them, with the exceptions of the western coral snake and some of the 15 varieties of rattlesnakes, can be found in the southeastern part of the country. Maine, supposedly, has no poisonous snakes and Hawaii had no snakes at all until a small, harmless kind was imported on some potted plants.

The largest snakes belong to the boa or python variety. Five of the 60 varieties of boas or pythons reach 20 feet or longer. This family resembles its relation the lizard in several ways. They have two lungs, while most snakes only have one, and they have traces of hind legs - short bone spurs near their tail.

The boas and pythons kill their prey by smothering them, not by crushing. The snake will wrap two or three coils around its prey and when the victim breathes, the snake draws a breath, the snake takes up the slack. After several breaths, there is no more room to

exhale and the victim smothers.

Under natural conditions, snakes have a rather long life span. A small snake will mature in two to three years and a medium sized variety species in about five years. Some snakes live 15 or 20 years scientists say, and a few live more than 30 years.

The snake has a host of enemies, however, so its probably the exception that lives to a ripe old age. Man is the most dangerous of the snake enemies. But to quote from "The Strange World of Reptiles" by James Norman, "next to man, snakes are their own worst enemies. Being ideally shaped and easy to swallow, snakes are just too tempting to other snakes. King snakes, corals and racers are notorious cannibals."

The mongoose of India enjoys quite a reputation as a cobra killer, thanks to Rudyard Kipling's story, but the mongoose more often than not ends up the loser.

Other snake killers are dogs, cats, armadillos, skunks, hogs and hedgehogs.

Birds, which are often eaten by snakes, also kill snakes. The hawk is a ferocious snake-killer. In Africa, secretary birds are kept as pets because of their ability to kill snakes.



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

'Seltzer'

A spring made a village in Germany famous. From the spring flowed a sparkling water that contained salt and the carbonates of soda, magnesia and lime.

The water acquired a reputation for its medicinal qualities, so much so that it was bottled and sold not only in Germany, but also in other countries.

The Germans called the water "seltzer," from Selters, the name of the village where the spring was located. "Seltzer" was corrupted to "seltzer" in English, and is now used to refer to a manufactured mineral water similar to that found at Selters.

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor:
 I'm not sure you're supposed to worry about such things in the face of far graver issues around the globe, but according to an article I read in a newspaper last night a lot of towns and cities are hopping mad over the census figures now coming out.

They're mad because the figures are lower than they'd expected. Here they'd been thinking they'd been getting bigger all the time and when the figures came out some towns believing they'd jumped from say 10,000 to 12 or 15 thousand found they were still 10,000, and some cities thinking they'd passed the

quarter-million figure found they were a measly 200,000. Some of them want a re-count.

I don't understand this. The average city like it is can't afford all the police, firemen, schools, paved streets, parks and other things it needs, and yet here it is hollering for more people it can't extend sewer lines to. It's like a man with seven children, the last two of them barefooted, hoping for still a bigger family.

Now I'm not saying the smaller a town is the fewer problems it has, but you've got to remember that the biggest city in this country certainly has the biggest problems. Ask Mayor Lindsey.

Or take Los Angeles. Why would a city with so many people and so many cars now there's not enough air to breathe and no place to fall if you faint, want to increase its population? It's like a fat man trying to gain weight, an under-stuffed hospital asking for more patients.

Now you take the area surrounding this Bermuda grass farm. We haven't increased our population in years. We saw long ago that if we couldn't improve the quality, at least try to hold down on the quantity.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

A man stopped me the other day on the street and said: "Do you know what's a fact? You can learn a whole lot by listening to kids talking. We old fellows think we know a lot, but these youngsters can teach us some things if we listen to 'em. Trouble is, we older ones think we've got to be handing out advice to the younger ones all the time. Here's what I started out to say. Last night that kid across the street was at my house talking to my boy, and I heard the two of them discussing one of their friends. As well as I could make out, the third boy had disappointed them in some way. He had been given a job to do and had fallen down on it - hadn't lived up to their expectations. This is what I heard one of them say, and I've been thinking of it ever since: 'The trouble with George is that he's a three-inning pitcher, and the game is always longer than that.' What do you think about that?"

We separated and I went on to my work. But I have been thinking ever since, at intervals, about what that boy said about the other one:

"He's a three-inning pitcher and the game's always longer than that."

Some minister can take that and get a sermon out of it.

administrators of the estate of John Pleasant Michael, deceased, give formal notice that steps are being taken to sell the lands of the estate. The notice is directed to a large number of nephews and nieces of the deceased and to the children of the nephews and nieces.

We didn't have anything better to do, so we counted the names. There were 236 principals. In addition there were wives and husbands also listed, making just about the longest list we've ever seen.

A friend was telling us the other day about a barber - friend of his who became sort of weak mentally and had to go to a state institution. He wasn't in such terribly bad shape, so he was allowed to do a little barbering work from time to time. We don't know whether he was permitted to handle a razor or not, but anyway, he did something.

He was mighty proud of his "shop," and this fact was evidenced by the homemade sign he hung up:
BEST BARBERSHOP
 South of the North Pole

Caution in the spending of money, especially the money of other people and especially public money, is an admirable thing to observe, but too much "caution" becomes something else - the Bible calls it "withholding more than is meet."

Horace Mann, one of the great educators of another generation, said once in a public address, that if it cost \$50,000 to save and properly equip a boy for life, the money would be well spent. A man in the audience interrupted the speaker by asking if that was not an extravagant statement, if the amount was not too high. Quick as a flash Mr. Mann replied, "Not if it is my boy!"

The most disconcerting question that young children ask consists of one word, "Why?"

Elmer Wheeler, well-known instructor of salesmen, says that this is the toughest question that a prospect can ask.

When desperate, he recommends that the salesman smilingly retort, "Why do you ask why?"

Our lawyer-readers may be interested in a legal notice which we observed recently in the Lexington Dispatch. The

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



PRECINCT MEETINGS -- Democratic precinct meetings were held across the state last Saturday. These precinct meetings should be the fountain head of the Democratic party across the state and the nation. Some people refer to them as the sleeping giant, and the precinct meetings could constitute a powerful giant if the people would take advantage of the opportunities which they offer.

We suspect that not more than one percent of the registered Democrats attended the precinct meeting last Saturday. Had each precinct meeting registered its sentiments on various issues of the day at the meetings last Saturday the effect would have been tremendous on our public officials and the ripples would have been felt beyond the confines of the state.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS -- The Democratic County conventions will meet on Saturday, June 20 and if the grass roots Democrats want to speak out at these meetings they will have a second opportunity to do so on the vital issues confronting the state and nation. We feel that one reason that party conventions are poorly attended in North Carolina is because in too many instances the leaders and regular members do not avail themselves of the opportunity to go on record on issues which concern the people.

UNEMPLOYED -- Last week the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that people out of jobs pushed the unemployed rate to the highest peak since 1968 when Dick Nixon was serving as Dwight D. Eisenhower's vice president. The May rise of unemployment pushed the jobless rate from 4.8 percent to 5 percent of the nation's work force.

LOBELIA -- Outside of Moore County not many people in North Carolina know anything about Lobelia or where it is, but within the next five years it may become one of the most talked about places in North Carolina. Lobelia is located on the Eastern side of Moore County, near Harnett and Cumberland counties, but prior to January 1, 1958, it had been a part of Hoke County since Hoke's

establishment in 1911. Before Hoke's establishment it was a part of Cumberland County. For a good many years after the turn of the century, a trapezoidal still, a shingle mill, a general store and a post office were the main attractions in Lobelia. The post office was abolished about 1919 since which time the community has been served by a Rural Route out of Vass.

But things are now changing. A. B. Hardee, a native of Pitt County, president and developer of Whispering Pines Village in Moore County, has undertaken another project which is now the talk of the area.

The project, known as "Lake Surf," when completed, will have installed in a portion of the 1,200-acre lake a man-made unique and unusual wave-making machine which is expected to attract people by the thousands from all over North Carolina and other nearby states. The surfing area will contain 1 1/2 acres and will take care of 400 people for surfing at one time.

Hardee and associates have already purchased more than 2,000 acres of land for the development which will include golf courses as well as residential areas surrounding the huge lake. Hardee says that the project will have dining facilities to provide for 1,200 people - the largest of any place in North and South Carolina and that it will cater to conventions as well as the pleasure seekers.

The project is now well underway with bulldozers whirling about like ants with about half of the 1,200-acre lake already cleared. The closing date for the 4,832-foot dam has been set for November 1970 and they hope to have the lake (which is on Cranes Creek) filled by April 1971. The residential area is being designed to take care of 18,000 people and the overall project could well be of greater importance to North Carolina than Bald Head Island about which the people of the state have been hearing so much in recent weeks and months.

The Lake Surf dam will be only about one-third of a mile from the sign at the crossroads which tells people they are passing through Lobelia.