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

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# On patriotism

By Erwin D. Canham

Perhaps not enough Americans, have been thinking about patriotism, as this Fourth of July season comes, It is an ambiguous concept and it ought to be clarified. free men ever more earnestly and effectively. The answer lies in making the system work more adequately, modifying, reform-ing, improving but not ing, improdestroying. Never, perhaps, has the very idea of patriotism been under such violent attack as in the United States to-

The term "patriotic" as applied to organizations is

even sometimes used as a

synonym for right-wing ex-tremism. There was an abortive effort to make the

Fourth of July this year a onesided kind of political

Those who object to U.S. policies in Southeast Asia or elsewhere, those who — like

essewhere, those who — like many blacks — have suffered discrimination for too long, should think hard whether their grievances will be served by trying to destroy the very essence of American nationhood.

The United States stands.

and always has stood, for

many principles which are

vital to human freedom. Its

system is not perfect, its efforts to live up to its ideals have been fixwed, but the chaos of anarchy and nihil-ism is no answer, the police

states of Stalin or Mac are

The answer lies in striv-ing to fulfill the ideals of

25 years ago

June 21, 1945 William J. McDiarmid, one

of the county's largest farmers,

died in a Fayetteville hospital Sunday morning, and funeral was conducted at his home

west of Raeford on Monday

The Gold Star, in lieu of the

second Air Medal, has been awarded to Navy Lieut.

Benjamin F. Currie of Raeford

the Japanese while operating as a fighter pilot from the aircraft

carrier Saratoga during the early phases of the Solomons

Staff Sgt. Raymond A. McBryde, of the 15th Air Force, has returned home after having completed 35 missions

as gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber based in Italy.

Sgt. Irvin R. Currie, son of Mrs. Kate D. Currie of Red Springs, Route One, has been

recommended for the

Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance while serving with the 83rd Signal Company in Germany. He had already been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Boatswains Mate William

mfely at Okinawa. He returned

Jenuary from nine months of service in Europe.

William Poole, Jr., is at home on furlough after completing his infantry beale training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He will report to Ft. Meade.

was conducted at

dee Bobbitt has arrived

exceptional valor against

Affirmation needed

simply isn't good

Patriotism is not un ignoble ideal. It is love of country. It is memory and respect for what is worthy in the past. It is dedication to the future. day. The American flag, until a few years ago a symbol which nearly everybody in the nation respected, has been made by a few a symbol of obscene derision.

to the future.

Little about humanity's struggle anywhere toward the light is without flaw. It is not hard to find things to criticize, even in great hours such as the American Revolution. Among the giants there were little men, and selfish or stupid men. They often exhibited the limitations of common humanity.

### Inspiration reflected

But we should not and we cannot honestly revise the nobility out of American history. There were inspired hours, motives, actions. The American Constitution is a tremendous affirmation of human freedom. human freedom, even if many of its drafters had not progressed to the point of freeing their own slaves.

The treatment of American Indians is a long, dark episode. Countless individual encounters between Europeans and indigenous Americans could have been mare just, humans, decent.
But historically could the flow of the European human tide across North America possibly have been prevented? Of course not.

Today we can look clearly it the evils of the past, but look beyond them both to the nobility of the past and

Browsing in the files

Antioch Presbyterian Church

Friday afternoon for Mrs. George C. Biggs, who died on Wednesday, by the pastor, the Rev. J.W. Mann.

A meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery has been called for

Monday afternoon to receive the Rev. Sam E. Howie, pastor elect of Highland Church in

T.D. Potter, chairman of the

Hoke AAA committee, warns farmers to conserve tobacco twine, as it will be in short

In "Poole's Medley," D.

Scott Poole opines that "If the

OPA were practical, they would reduce the price of molasses in half, and then cane

growers would make more sugar and less molasses."

Local insurance agents

estimate that more than \$40,000 will be paid to Hoke

farmers for a crop damage in the hallstorm of June 11.

At last week's meeting of the men's organization of the Raeford Methodist Church new

officers elected were Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Everett Ferrell and John Haire.

Martin Baumgartner of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce is attending an institute in Chapel Hill this

15 years ago

June 23, 1955

supply this year.

to the opportunity of the future. We need not repeat the same old mistakes. We can achieve greater social justice for the future. Two of the outstanding chal-lenges lie of course in better treatment for the tragic ter treatment for the tragic remnant of American In-dians and the burgeoning minority of Afro-Ameri-cans. They are not the only people for whom better things are required.

### Preserving roots

The best kind of patriotism lies in what we do today and tomorrow. But let us not try to poison or chop off our roots. We need roots.

And we need love of country. Hatred, so carelessly and obscenely expressed by strident groups today, derives from fear and produces poisons. We must replace it by an awareness of our common humanity and a commitment to the solit. a commitment to the tion of problems and re-moval of injustices.

The old Fourth of July oratory and its symbols, which many of us have not forgotten, may have been banal and seemingly superficial. They were not really superficial. They reflected a very great dream. We must not believe that American not believe that American dream — that universal human dream—is dead.

The dream is that men can reflect their birthright and move steadily toward the fulfillment of their destiny. The United States is committed to these goals. It has helped toward their fulfillment. We must all move forward, proudly, soberly, gratefully.

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Homer McGuinn, formerly of Hendersonville, has announced that he will open a new Western Auto Associate Store Saturday in the old News-Journal building on North Main Street. W.T. North Main Street. W.T. Walters will work in the store with McGuinn.

County Farm Agent W.C. Williford says prospects appear excellent for the watermelon crop in the county this year.

## 5 years ago

Funeral service for John Henry Plummer, 77, were held Friday afternoon at Parker Methodist Church.

Raeford's town board has given tentative approval to a budget for next year of \$302,000, the largest in the town's history, and without raising the tax rate from the \$1.17 per \$100 valuation which it has been for the past saveral years Raeford Plumbing and Heating Company announces its opening in this issue.

Hugh's Texaco and Alignment Service announce its opening on North Main Street.

Damage was estimated in the sousands of dollars from a oudburst which fell in an area of the county west of Raeford Thursday night. On the Bill Thomas farm, the 10 - acre lake rose three and a half feet.

Funeral service was held Wednesday for Paul Brownie Davis, 43 - year - old veteran of World War II, who died Sunday

Being unable to find a newspaper yesterday although I looked everywhere, that is everywhere I could see from my rocking chair on my front porch, I went inside the house late in the afternoon and turned on the television set for the first time in a long time and will admit I learned something I didn't know

Now I knew that in the

re-run their news programs too.

For example, they reported that Israel fought off an Arab attack with the loss of one jeep and three canteens while destroying eight Arab planes, and in the same skirmish, which the Arabs said the I sraelis launched, the Arabs said they destroyed ten Israeli tanks and shot down ten

tie.

There's nothing to the report, is there, that the football leagues aren't going to the fall, just re-run last In Viet Nam thay ran the play this fall, just re-run season's games?

Getting around to the home

After Another There's an old tradition that Abraham Lincoln and William Jennings Bryan learned public speaking by using tree stumps and cornstalks as practice

audiences. Similarly Bill Graham says that he practiced in the woods

using the trees as his audience.
The late Hallet S. Ward, congressman from the 1st District of North Carolina, was requested to go to a certain town less than 150 miles from where he lived and make a talk upon an assignd topic. A friend his was curious to know how he got along, and when the two met on the street after his return, the friend inquired

"How was your speech? How did you get along?" "Didn't get along at all," was his answer. "Didn't get along at all! Without doubt it was the most unresponsive audience I ever spoke to in my

"Yes, sir! The most unresponsive! When I was a young man studying law and knowing that public speaking would be required of me, I used to practice by going out into a piece of cutover woodsland not far from where I lived, and there I would declaim for hours before the stumps and the bushes. And I tell you, last night as I was talking to those people, I longed for that audience of stumps and bushes! It would have been much more inspiring, sir. Much more!"

Last week we mentioned a story about two men running for sheriff in McDowell County, and one man winning out by only one vote.

Now we've got that beat. John Taylor of Stokes County was a member of the Legislature. A number of years ago, he ran on the Democratic ticket for register of deeds in Stokes County. When the votes were counted, it was found that he and his Republican opponent had received exactly the same number of votes.

So what happened? Simply this There were three 

members of the board of elections. Two Democrats and one Republican. They had an election among themselves and naturally the score was two to one, in favor of the Democrats, which meant that John was duly elected register of deeds.

Just One Thing

J.W. Russell calls our attention to a sign-painter down at Carolina Beach who evidently got badly mixed up in his lettering. The sign reads like this:

FRESCH FRISH Walker's Place Fort Fisher, N.C.

R.W. Nading of Winston-Salem sends along this little puzzle for you to ponder

'He walked on earth, He talked on earth, He convicted man of sin. He is not on earth. He is not in heaven Nor can he enter therein." Do you know what the answer is?

During his administration the late Governor Cherry was making a speech in Hillsboro.

During the early part of the evening, a Jewish resident of that town by the name of Mr. Bleden spoke to the Governor and said: "Mr. Cherry, I just want to tell you that I think you are a great Governor, and I am proud to inform you, sir, that I worked for you and succeeded in getting the entire Jewish vote of Hillsboro for

you."
"My dear friend, Mr. Bleden," said Gregg, "I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate this effort on your part. I shall never forget what you did for me.

It wasn't until later in the evening that His Excellency found out that Mr. Bleden was the only Jewish voter in Hillsboro.



CHANGING - The new Democratic Party rules which provide that County Party Chairmen can't serve more than two consecutive terms seems to have prompted a number of changes a couple of years in advance.

While the new rules would

not have necessitated anyone stepping down until 1972 it appears that a number decided that this year would be a good time to initiate the change. Here are a half dozen

counties where we have noted changes and there are no doubt many others across the state:

DARE - Moncie L. Daniels, r., former State Representative and a member of the State C&D Board under Governor Dan Moore has been elected to succeed Mrs. Estelle B. Tillett who succeeded Robert D. Ownes several months ago.

RICHMOND - - In Richmond County Clyde H. Causey, a former County Party Chairman Hugh Lee who has held the post for several years.

LEE -- In Lee County longtime Democratic Chairman Ralph Monger, Jr., declined to stand for reelection and to succeed him the Lee Democrats turned to Fletcher

SCOTLAND -- In Scotland County William Winn was elected chairman to succeed Mrs. W.G. Hunt, who recently succeeded Wade Maness as County Chairman. MONTGOMERY .. In

Montgomery County William C. Holder of Troy was elected chairman to succeed John C. Wyatt who recently succeeded

for Sheriff this spring.

ANSON -- In Anson County
Wylie Teal succeeded Herman Hardison, Jr. as County Chairman.

OBSERVATION -- From the counties noted, it would appear that the Democrats have started two years sooner

have started two years sooner than necessary to put into effect the new party rules limiting county chairmen to two full two - year terms.

PERMISSIVE SOCIETY -- Tarheel Native Billy Graham told some 33,000 persons least week in his New York City Crusade that the problem of Yours faithfully,

rebellious youth was not caused by parents or the government but by the nature of America's "permissive society." With Billy, we are in

complete accord.

NO CODDLING! -- An article on the front page of the Coastland Times published in Manteo last week caught our attention. The lead paragraph read: "District Judge Fentress T. Horner continued last week to hand dolpn firm decisions in cases dealing with driving under the influence speeding. under the influence, speeding and breaking and entering in the session of criminal court held Friday in Dare County Courthouse.

We are told that crime is increasing percentage - wise faster than our population. While we believe in justice tempered with mercy we have never felt that coddling those who have no respect for law, property and justice will help build a better society.

We suspect that if more of our judges followed Judge

Horner's example of handling down "firm decisions in cases dealing with driving under the influence, speeding and breaking and entering" that the law - breakers would soon start taking notice and that crime's rampage would start losing some of its steam.

SCOTLAND - Scotland County with a new group in charge at its county convention on June 20 adopted 13 resolutions concerning the state of public affairs in the county, state and nation. If more county conventions expressed the feelings of their people chances are that their influence and attendance would increase. Cut and dried political conventions do not

augur for good attendacne.

UNUSUAL -- We note that
the Maxton Town Board took an almost unheard - of action at a recent meeting - cutting the mayor's salary from \$30 to \$25 per month and the commissioners' from a possible \$30 per month to a flat fee of \$10 per month. The \$10 per month. The commissioners' had been receiving \$10 per meeting, not to exceed payment for three meetings a month. John C. Hasty is mayor and the commissioners are, F.E. James, John Moser, Marshall Brooks and Robert Misenheimer.

## Puppy Philosopher Creek

Dear editor:

summer time the networks re-run their winter and spring programs on the theory I guess that if Hamlet is worth seeing more than once so is Festus, but yesterday was the first time I discovered that they

It's a fact. Here came Huntley and Brinkley telling us their names although I caught on to who they were years ago,

and then they gave exactly the same news they gave months

'A burning issue just makes a brighter light'

July Fourth Celebrates

By Laurie Telfair

Saturday is the Fourth of

July, Independence Day, and this brings to mind several-interesting facts about the

Declaration of Independence,

the document that announced

the separation of the 13

colonies from England and set

forth reasons justifying such a

by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, although it was

approved on July 2.

There had been statements

and documents before then asserting that the colonies were

no longer under the authority of Parliment and on April 12.

the revolutionary convention

of North Carolina specifically

of North Carolina specifically authorized the delegates of that colony to vote for independence at the Continental Congress. On May 15, the Virginia convention instructed their delegates to offer the motion that was to become the document of

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independence.
On June 7, the Virginia delegate, Richard Henry Lee, brought up the resolution of

independence. However, some of the delegates didn't have the

authority to vote on a resolution of separation; some

were opposed and some, including John Dickson, wanted to first set up a central

government and try to secure foreign aid against England

before declaring independence. Finally on June 11, a

committee composed of Thomas Jefferson, John

Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R.

Livingston was formed to

prepare a statement justifying the decision to assert

independence.
This was voted on by nine of

the colonies on July 1 and by three others on July 2. New York abstained until its delegates received permission on July 1 to vote. They voted on July 15

The adoption was celebrated on July 8 in Philadelphia with

the ringing of all the church bells and the next day it was

read to Washington's army.
Ten days later it was ordered

The declaration was adopted

Document Approved July 2

engrossed as "The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America" and

was put on parchment, probably by Timothy Matlock of Philadelphia. On August 2,

the members of congress who

were present signed it and

other members signed later. Those who voted for the

declaration were not always

The last signature, of Thomas McKean of Delaware, was not put on the document until after 1777.

For 101 years after it was signed, the document had no permanent home, but was

transferred to ten cities in five

states. It was almost captured by the British in both the Revolution and the War of

1812 and twice it was almost

burned. Finally, in 1894, with the text dimmed by exposure to light and the signatures

damaged by the rolling and unrolling of the parchment, the declaration was placed in a safe

in the library of the state

put in the Library of Congress, where it remained until 1952

when it was taken to the exhibition hall of the National

The North Carolina

The North Carolina delegates who voted for the adoption of the declaration were William Hooper, 1742 - 90, a lawyer: Joseph Hewes, 1730 - 79, a merchant and John Penn. 1741 - 88, a

A few weeks ago, the singing group, The Fifth Dimension,

appeared on television with a recording of The Declaration

of Independence.
It was identified as such

It was identified as such before they began and its a good thing too, because it is a most inflamatory pronouncement. It is a clear call to revolution that would probably be denounced by Spiro Agnew except for its venerable origin.

venerable origin.

Such irresponsible rhetoric

probably shouldn't be allowed on television and the radio,

people can hear that our nation

was born in an agony

where impressionable

Archives.

In 1921, it was removed and

among those who signed it.

agitators.
For those who haven't heard

the Fifth Demension recording or haven't read it since school,

here for July 4th, is the first part of the Declaration of

"When in the course of

human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume

among the powers of the earth

the separate and equal station

to which the laws of nature and of Nature's God entitle

them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires

that they should declare the

causes which impel them to the

happiness.
That to secure these rights,

governments are instituted among men, deriving their just

powers from the consent of the

That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is

the right of the people to alter

or abolish it and to institute

new government, laying its

foundation on such principle and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall

seem most likely to effect their

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light or transient

causes, and accordingly all experience hath shown that

mankind are more disposed to

mankind are more disposed to suffer, while events are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are

accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and

usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object

evinces a design to reduce them

under absolute despotism, it is

their right, it is their duty, to

throw off a government and to

safety and happiness.

Independence.

separation ---

Then they switched to London where a newscaster in a trench coat standing in the wind outside some building reported a new proposal for peace in the Middle East is being discussed.

film of the reporter dodging bullets, failing once more to tell us what was happing to the

provide new guards for their future security. front, they reported the cost of

living went up three-tenths of one percent last month, the

stock market fluctuated

another freight train had derailed, Agnew had spoken, there was a riot in Memphis or

Los Angeles, I forget which

more studies are being made to

halt inflation, pollution has shown up off the shore of whatever coast it was they had

the camera trained on, the urban crisis is still the urban

It's a fact. Thy newtworks

are using re-runs on their newcasts. All they're changing

is the shape of David Brinkley

crisis, etc.