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

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Sanctions for hijacking

More than stern protests are called for by the Sunday hijacking of three airliners over Europe. The pirates who seized these aircraft are really privateers committing international acts of terror for the Arab governments that give them sanctuary. Those governments could stop the piracy tomorrow, if they wanted to stop it, by pledging to extradite future hijackers to nations against which piracy is committed.

In the war between Israel and Arab league nations the seizure of civil aircraft has only nuisance value to those who engage in it. To nations victimized by it, however, it is a blindly barbarian practice that marks its perpetrators - and protectors - as enemies of all mankind. Effective civilized retaliation should be possible by countries acting in concert. To fail to respond effectively is to make any fanatic with a gun the arbiter of international air travel and commerce.

The United Nations is an unpromising instrument in this field. The UN affiliated International Civil Aviation Organization, which met for two weeks at Montreal, Canada, to deal with the problem in June, produced a pretty set of recommendations that are legally binding on no one. Representatives of 10 Arab states were among the delegates from 91 countries who, with the single exception of the Cuban, approved a wide range of measures to prevent sabotage, hijacking and other illegal interference with civil aircraft. In the final analysis there still remains no operative rule of law. With national interests subject to constant shifts, only a few nations will surrender the right not to extradite hijackers. Only a few

such holdout countries are needed to encourage continued hijacking.

The ideal but least promising approach to curbing piracy by the Arab nations - and others too - would involve enlisting the self interests of the Soviet Union. Russian airliners are vulnerable to other and future fanatics, and the unpunished hijackings by Arab guerrillas sets a precedent that may well return to haunt the Kremlin and its client nations. Russian influence as sponsor of Arab hostilities against Israel is sufficient to force an end to the current rash of indiscriminate piracy.

Western bloc nations, including such countries as France, which has been sympathetic to the Arab cause, have a similar self-interest in halting international piracy. These at least should support the call issued Monday by the International Air Line Pilots Association for a boycott of countries that harbor hijackers. Other economic sanctions are possible, if nations that subscribe to the rule of law will forego short term trade and other interests with countries that protect hijackers.

The U.S., as a world leader in air travel and commerce, certainly should take the lead in negotiating Free World sanctions against these nations. And, regardless of joint efforts, our national government must insist on more effective security on American air carriers. Passengers may be inconvenienced and delayed. But truly thorough security measures could prevent or foil most acts of piracy that now succeed. The relative ease with which hijackers now seize airliners encourages further piracy, and the U.S. should move to stop it. *The News And Observer*

Autumn again

As the days of summer wane and the sun dips below the horizon a little earlier each evening, we know that nature is sending out its first gentle warning of the approach of a new season. On September 23, the sun crosses an imaginary line and Autumn begins. For many parts of the word, Autumn is a season of high color. The leaves of the trees, as they don their most brilliant hues, seem to consciously strive to outdo each other in attracting the attention of passers-by. Legendary

visions of a harvest moon and corn sheaves usher in the spirit of Halloween.

In the "South 48", Jack Frost treads softly bringing color and briskness to the scene. Since Alaska has been added to the roster of states, it is fitting to note that Autumn steals across the North with sharper but equally fascinating changes. Those who know say that Alaska, in the fall, is enchanting. But then, what section of our great nation is not, as we turn the corner of a new season?

Browsing in the files

of The News-Journal

25 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1945
Private John D. Webster of Raeford Route One is a member of the hospital unit staffing the Kunming Station Hospital in China, which has recently been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit plaque.

Cpl. James R. Williams and Pvt. James Luther Jackson, both of this county, were among the 30,000 American soldiers flown from Europe to Miami by the Air Transport Command during the month of August.

Major Graham Dickson, who has been in a hospital in Denver, Colorado, for some months, has been transferred to the N.C. Sanatorium at McCain.

1st Sgt. Ralph Plummer received his discharge Saturday after four years and 51 weeks in the Army.

Lt. Truman B. Austin arrived Tuesday from Alliance, Neb. and expects to be separated from the Army this week.

John Dunk McNeill received his discharge from the Coast Guard last week.

RM 1-c Herman Cole, who has served overseas 18 months and in the invasions at Anzio and Southern France, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Alexander have received a letter from their son, SM 3-c William Alexander, who is with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet, stating that his ship, the USS Sutherland, was the first ship to enter Tokyo Bay.

Hoke Exchange Company received its incorporation papers this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warlick and Mr. and Mrs. Zeb McDaniel listed as stockholders.

M.W. Dew is getting along nicely at Moore County Hospital where he has been a patient since Sunday.

15 years ago

September 1, 1955
Clarence Lynch called The News-Journal this morning to report that his rain gauge showed three and a quarter inches from the rain around eight o'clock last night.

Wilbert Stanton of Fort Story, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Stanton.

After losing 10 straight games last year the Hoke High Bucks are looking for better days under new Head Coach Floyd Wilson with his assistants, George Wood as backfield coach and Delmer Wiles, end coach. Pictured with the coaches in this issue are squad members Dickie Henley and Walter McMinis.

High school kids on dope? Where do they get these wild ideas?



Autos One Contribution Is The Bumper Sticker

By Laurie Telfair

Mere gas and oil and an occasional tune up is apparently not enough for a car. They need love and affection also.

Cars are a means of transportation and should perform their duties quietly, efficiently and economically with a minimum of attention on the part of the user. Like washing machines, refrigerators and other pieces of modern household equipment, automobiles ought to operate trouble-free for ten years or so before any necessity for replacing them occurs.

But, somehow or another, cars have been allowed to gain the upper hand. Maybe as an extension of the relationship between humans and their horses, then animals furnished most of the transportation, cars are endowed with a personality that is an extension of their master's. They are pampered...and...petted...and given gifts in the way of accessories that are thought to improve their appearance. And they come to expect it, and sulk or burn their oil when they are ignored.

Personally, I think all the time, effort and money that was put into the development of the automobile should have been spent in breeding super-horses. Horse shoes wouldn't cost \$40 apiece. And they don't need spark plugs or new spark plug wires every three months. And I've never yet seen a horse that needed waxing.

But here we are, committed to automobiles that are rapidly covering the earth with asphalt and concrete on which to ride or push and polluting the air until it is becoming unbreathable. Yet a drop in the number of cars sold is considered a sign of trouble in the country's economy.

I do have to give automobiles credit for one good thing, however. Without cars, we would miss an entire medium for the dissemination of information and inspiration - the bumper sticker.

The interest in ecology has inspired a number of bumper stickers, which is strange pairing of a major instrument of pollution to carry the message of the environmentalist.

ecology stickers is the one that pictures a stalk of grass with the message "Have you thanked a green plant today?" Since plant life is our major source of oxygen, the question is appropriate.

Driving safety stickers have taken a new approach lately. Some of the best I've seen are the ones that point up the moral responsibility of the driver. On a trip to Washington this summer, I noticed several I had not seen around here, such as "Safe driving is a civic responsibility" and "Driving safely is your moral duty."

This is a very good approach to a serious problem during a time that that is, I believe intensely moral, in spite of sexual permissiveness and an excess of violence for social motives.

Patrotic sentiments, both directed in favor of and against the war, are popular. There is the "America, Love It or Leave It" and its answer, "America, Change It or Lose It." Another popular one is the "War is harmful to children and other living things." And of course, there are the old favorites, "Make Love, Not War" and "Draft Beer, Not Students."

One car I've seen around Ft. Bragg has a sticker I haven't seen before. It proclaims in large letters "Bigger and Better Wars."



STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

Nightmare

Unpleasant dreams seem to be as old as mankind. One type of frightening dream that has been recorded for centuries is a feeling of suffocation, as if something heavy were resting on one's chest.

Centuries ago, the Anglo-Saxons attributed such a dream to a demon or fiend that lay on top of a sleeping person.

Such a demon was called a "mare." Since it was active at night, the demon acquired, in English, the name "nightmare." Now "nightmare" refers to any wild, unpleasant or frightening dream.

Champion

In Latin, the Romans' language, battlefield was called a "campus," a word meaning field or plain, because that was where battles were fought. A fighting man was called a "campion" -- a man of the battlefield.

"Campion" became "champion" in Old French and in English, and acquired a broader meaning -- one who fought for someone or some cause, on the battlefield or in an arena.

Tournaments among fighting men were held frequently during the Middle Ages. Through the process of elimination one man emerged unbeaten. This led to the present meaning of "champion" -- one who wins first prize in a competition.

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor:
I have been reading the census figures for the whole country and find them almost completely alarming.
While the total population is increasing, some of the big cities are losing people, some of them as much as 15 per cent, and you know what that means. It means they're moving out to the suburbs.
Now that in itself is all right. I never could see why people wanted to crowd up in inner cities, after all, the country is now safe from Indian attacks, no use in everybody huddling up inside the fort, but if you look ahead you know what's going to happen. The people who over-crowded the inner cities will before long over-crowd the suburbs. They're just moving from one

un-believable spot to another.
So what's going to happen? Some real estate man, when his suburban development gets choked up, is going to start saying, "Look, the place you live is out in the country. Plenty of fresh air, room for kids to run, no traffic congestion, no smog, etc. Get out of the un-liveable suburbs and move to the country. Now I've got this tract of land about 20 miles out..."
This is what's alarming about the whole thing and if us country people are smart we'll start a campaign to frighten the people away.
Point out, for example, that country living is exaggerated. Water wells are always going dry, water pumps break down right when you have guests, septic tanks clog up, snakes

and other varmints are dangerous, you have to gravel your own road, you're too far from the fire station ad besides there aren't any fire plugs, if you think it's hard to get a repairman in town try to get one in the country, there aren't any neighborhood schools, there aren't even very many neighbors, you'll get lonesome out there, you're ten times as far from your job or the supermarket, there aren't any buses or taxis, there's no garbage pick-up, no home-delivery of newspapers, say, the last thing you want to do is move to the country. Life is miserable out there. Stay miserable where you are and save the cost of moving.
Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Gorch

Something I didn't know until the other day: five North Carolina rivers ultimately empty their waters into the Gulf of Mexico through the Mississippi River.

other and downed the whole business!

A friend told us this story about President Grover Cleveland not long ago and I bet it's one you've never heard.

President Cleveland went to Atlanta to attend the Exposition there in 1895. The place where he was to speak was outdoors. The folks had erected a platform for the occasion, fixed up with flags and bunting, and there were seats for the spectators, several thousand seats. To the rear of the platform was a little enclosure which they had fixed up for a certain purpose. The day was cold and raw. The President's carriage drove up with the usual attendants, and he got out and climbed up the steps to the platform. With him were several dignitaries, one of them Daniel S. Lamont, his Secretary of War. As they reached the platform they were maneuvered into that little enclosure and there were two drinks of whiskey on a table within.

Bet you didn't know that to obtain funds with which to complete the building of churches at Wilmington and Brunswick, the General Assembly of 1760 established the Cape Fear Church Lottery.

Sometimes we think that our generation is the only one that has been interested in ecology and conservation. I was reading the other night that in colonial North Carolina a man who owned no land was not allowed to hunt unless he could produce a certificate, signed by two justices of the peace in the county in which he wished to hunt and one church warden, stating that he had planted and tended 5,000 hills of corn. Perhaps some of the birds ate this corn. Nowadays it would be a good idea if every hunter helped supply feed for birds in the fields in which they hunt.

Here are some more towns that have changed their names: Elm City was Toisnot. Randleman - Union Factory. King - King's Cabin. Summerfield - Bruce's Crossroads; Stokesdale - Pond; Fairmont - Ashpole; Maxton - Que Heel and then Shoe Heel; Alma - Argyle. Ridgecrest - Terrell; Swannanoa - Coopers; Gilkey - Millwood; Rutherfordton - Rutherford; Essex - Kings Hill; Chalybeate Springs - Hector's Creek; Snow Hill - Nobuche.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



Irony - The Fayetteville Observer says in commenting on President Nixon's welfare reform program that: "There is no small irony in the fact that a 'conservative' Republican President advanced it and is now having to prod a Democratic Congress to give it a try."

We have noticed that oftentimes when a candidate is elected as a "middle - of - the - road" candidate, once he is elected he begins to veer either to the right or to the left.

When Lyndon Johnson was elected to the U.S. Senate he was elected as a Southern Conservative but after entering the white house he turned into a rabid liberal.

When Governor Luther H. Hodges appointed B. Everett Jordan to the U.S. Senate to succeed the late W. Kerr Scott, Jordan was regarded as an ultra - conservative. Since taking his seat the junior Tar Heel senator has become a middle - of - the - road legislator.

Before Sam J. Ervin, Jr., was named to the State Supreme Court he was a spokesman for the group of school teachers demanding more pay than Governor Cherry and the legislature were willing to grant. Back in those days the teacher pay issue pretty much divided the liberals from the conservatives in North Carolina.

Since becoming a member of the U.S. Senate the senior senator is sometimes found on the conservative side and other times on the liberal side. Senator Ervin is steeped in constitutional law and the constitutionality of a bill has much to do with the side you find Senator Ervin on.

CONSTITUTION -- Speaking of Senator Ervin and the Constitution, we would like to see him on the U.S. Supreme Court. But he will never be appointed to the top court because he is a Southern Democrat with conservative tendencies. Wonder who many people now remember the name of the lawyer named to fill the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court denied to Judge Haynesworth of South Carolina and Judge Carswell of Florida?

CHEEKS -- It seems that the Check brothers -- James and King are doing pretty well when it comes to higher education.

Dr. James Check was president of Shaw University in Raleigh when he was tapped for the presidency of Howard University in Washington. To succeed Dr. James Check

as president of Shaw University, his younger brother, Dr. King V. Check was named to succeed him. Now, the latter has been tapped for the presidency of Morgan State College in Baltimore with a student enrollment of 4,376.

ROY SOWERS -- Roy Sowers is sold on the Department of Conservation and Development operating as it is and not being divided into two separate departments -- a conservation department and an industry and commerce department. Sowers and Bob Scott may go separate ways on this issue.

HIGHER EDUCATION -- Speaking before the 19th Annual Legislative Workshop Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board at Hilton Head Island, S.C., last week, Governor Bob Scott let out some "ABC's of Higher Education" which were reminiscent of quips from his late father -- W.Kerr Scott.

Here are some of Bob's ABC's in higher education: "It is time for academic responsibility, not academic anarchy." "It is time for brains and biology on campus, not bullets and brutality." "It is time for creativity, not criminality." "It is time for English and economics, not endless encounters."

Scott said he was not saying "the more students, the more trouble. What I am saying is that when a college or university is bursting at the seams with 10,000 or 15,000 or 25,000 students, then that institution tends to become impersonal and computerized, unaware of an individual's problems, and unresponsive to his needs."

Bob Scott is quite right on his ABC's in higher education. As Chairman of the University of North Carolina Trustees, as Chairman of the N.C. Board of Higher Education and as Governor of North Carolina he is in a strategic and powerful position to do something real constructive about the problems confronting higher education in North Carolina today.

Mammoth Mirror

The world's largest mirror--23 feet in diameter--is installed at the jet propulsion laboratory of the California Institute of Technology. Used to simulate conditions of space flight, the mirror focuses rays from artificial lights to duplicate the rays of the sun. Its reflector, for maximum gleam, is coated with nickel.