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

'Ha - who says we can't agree ...'



## Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

Last week we mentioned the late John Bragaw's question, "Are fathers and mothers trying to make the way of their children a little too easy." This brought to mind a story - sermon for which the Rev. Dr. William L. Stidger was famous. The story concerns an amateur naturalist who watched an emperor moth slowly making its laborious way from the chrysalis stage. As the amateur naturalist watched the little thing struggling, squirming hour after hour in its effort to emerge from the cocoon, he felt pity for the embryo, and taking his knife, he cut into the narrow end of the cocoon, slightly enlarging the opening so that it would be easier for the moth to come out. It seemed to him that so hard a struggle should be ended just as soon as possible.

than he would have if the opening had not been enlarged by the knife - his wings were imperfect, so that he could not fly, but only flutter feebly about on the ground. Then before the day was passed the moth had either sickened and died or its natural enemies on the ground had eaten it. He could not battle his own way; he could not protect himself because his wings had not gone through the hardening process which they would have had if the natural struggle had been allowed him. By too much kindness the amateur naturalist has been the moth's enemy. The person's good intentions had unwittingly deprived the moth of the strength that could be developed only by its own efforts to emerge from the cocoon.

"He felt sorry for that moth," said Dr. Stidger, "just as many of us parents in this day feel sorry for our children when we see them battling through some hard problem; struggling through a dense wood, or a denser experience. We hate to see them puzzled, bewildered or hurt so we lift the load for them, make life easier for them by stepping in and helping them... We make it so easy for them that they never know the joy and delight of overcoming hard things; having certain definite chores to do on Saturday morning - a cow to milk; wood to cut; newspapers to deliver in the early morning hours; dishes to wash; rooms to sweep. We want to save them from all the hard things of life, just as that amateur naturalist did for that emperor moth emerging from the cocoon into its new life. So we cut a hole in the cocoon, and the next day or the next month or year we discover what the naturalist discovered."

Several years ago I was out at the Raleigh Municipal Airport. Among the spectators was a little Negro boy, about nine or ten years old. He was gazing at the planes wistfully and finally I couldn't resist the temptation to ask him if he wouldn't like to take a ride. He said he would, so up we went. For a minute or two he was intent upon the scenery below. Then he kept turning his head and looking at me. When we were circling over Raleigh, he spoke up and said, "When gong wop long?" "That's the way it sounded. The motor was making so much noise, I couldn't hear distinctly." "What did you say?" I asked. "When gong wop long?" he repeated. I shook my head. In a few minutes we landed and after I had throttled back the motor, I asked him, "What was it you asked me while we were up in the air?" "I asked you when you were going to drop the bombs," he replied.

## Pastoral

(head in the sand, maybe, but happy)

It is difficult, almost every day now, to keep from being completely depressed by the time we get through reading the morning paper, talking to a few neighbors and friends during the day about the state of the world and where we appear to be headed, and watching the evening news on the tv set with no good news being shown - just violence in Canada and California and elsewhere, and Agnew finding nothing good about his country and fanning the flame with his endless implications and sarcasm and inuendo... You know, we sort of enjoyed Agnew for a while, until we stopped to reflect that we can't seem to remember his finding one good thing to say about any group or person or movement in this country except some politician he doesn't even know and is trying to get elected. Now we are approaching the conclusion that the vice president is doing more to divide the country than just about anyone else.

sure, but enough, went to the polls and authorized their town government to proceed with the financing of improvements to the water and sewer systems.

Out at Hoke High we haven't heard of any serious concerns about things that are plaguing many communities... we are all too proud of Coach John Pecora and his winning Bucks to be concerned about much but the continuation of their streak.

And on these pages in recent weeks have been stories of rural water systems being dedicated and activated and financed, and fire departments in the county being well organized and cooperative, and the town board voting a big chunk of money for a cooperative community recreation program, and without doubt, many more.

Now we don't pretend to contend that everything is right, even here, but in a week when so many things in so many places appear to be in such bad shape, and when people over the North American continent are wondering if they are going to have to start wearing guns again like the old West, we just had the urge to voice this reminder that things are not really so bad, here in Raeford and Hoke County.

Here in Raeford and Hoke County, at least, we can reflect that things really are not so bad, if we get our minds off what we read and hear and see on the tube long enough for the reflection.

We've got a fine new plant with bright promise of some good new jobs being built, and last Saturday Raeford voters, not too many of them, to be

## Pantsuits For Work? The Answer A Clear Maybe

By Laurie Telfair

Pantsuits are being seen more frequently this season on the employee as well as on the customer.

Working women in several of the department stores in this area are taking to pants for work. European workers have been wearing pants to work for at least ten years, but then they have had the excuse of severe winters to speed the change.

Now, according to news reports, pantsuits have become widely acceptable throughout the country. Nurses in several hospitals have selected uniforms with trousers. A revolt occurred last winter at CBS headquarters in New York when some executive issued the order that women workers could wear pants to work because of the severe cold but must change into skirts at the office. At last report, most of the female CBS workers were wearing pants at the office anyway.

The Army, which might be expected to be a holdout to the trend, surrendered without a single shot being fired. In answer to a query from a Live Wire reader, "Ft. Bragg authorities say post regulations on proper dress for civilians require that employees will use good judgement in dressing in conformance with high standards of dignity and decorum, with careful consideration being given to attire suitable for the position and working requirements. Pantsuits are considered to fit the above standards. Therefore, they say Ft. Bragg has no objection to women wearing pantsuits to work."

Mrs. Sylvia Allen, a Fayetteville lawyer who is a member of the staff of the District Solicitor and who frequently serves as Solicitor for District Court in Hoke County, swears she is going to wear a pantsuit to court here.

The temperature of the courtroom is usually only slightly above freezing and most regulars there wear a sweater, or maybe even a coat, as protection against frostbite in mid - summer from the air conditioning.

Judge Joseph Dupree voiced a doubt about pantsuits being proper court attire, but Mrs. Allen assured him that they were being worn to argue cases before the Supreme Court. The judge then said he would defend fashion by wearing a mini-robe if the solicitor wore trousers.

I have ventured out to work once in a pantsuit, but due to a slip of my memory, I got a great deal more exposure than I had planned. I intended to stay mainly in the office communing with my typewriter, but I chose the first Monday in October to wear my new pantsuit. That also happened to be the day the county commissioners met, so I made my fashion debut in rather select company. Pantsuits are comfortable and attractive and I plan to wear them more often this winter. Not everyone has the same opinion about them, however.

In an informal opinion poll, I got one opinion favorable to wearing pantsuits to work (mine); several undecided and six who said it was up to the individual. E.E. Smith, Clerk of Superior Court, said "It doesn't make any difference to me what they wear, as long as it makes them happy. As long as it's an accepted fashion, clothes are your own privilege."

Frankie Seals, assistant clerk of court, said, "I think it's up to the individual. I'm not saying I won't ever wear a pantsuit to work, but right now, I'm not planning to." "I feel about women wearing pants to work like I do men growing long hair," Leonard "Zeke" Wiggins a city policeman said. "If you want to do it, it's your own business. It's not my concern."

One decidedly unfavorable opinion was recorded. Mrs. Carol Holland, receptionist and bookkeeper at The News-Journal said emphatically, "I think pantsuits are very attractive - at home, for sports, to wear to ballgames, shopping or at other activities. But I don't think women ought to wear them to work."

### STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

In the Middle Ages the area that was under the influence of the church was divided into districts of dioceses. A bishop was in charge of each diocese. The main church in the diocese was the one at which the bishop made his headquarters. It was here that he had his throne or seat. Because the bishop's throne was located in it, this church was called "ecclesia cathedralis" - the church of the seat, from the Latin "cathedra," meaning seat, bench or throne. "Ecclesia cathedralis" was translated into English as "cathedral church," which was shortened to "cathedral."

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues

**CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES** - Last week President Nixon vetoed the bill which Congress passed limiting the campaign expenditures which candidates for president, vice president, senator, representative, governor and lieutenant governor could spend on radio and television advertising - is one method which can be pretty well controlled.

The message of the report is that when the campaigns are quiet that the Republicans are more apt to vote than the Democrats but that when the masses get aroused the Democrats fare much better.

We agree that the bill lacked a lot in covering the waterfront and that it should have included newspaper and billboard advertising as well as the electronic media. In many avenues of political spending it is almost impossible to control the expenditures, but television, radio, newspaper and billboard advertising in one method which can be pretty well controlled. The bill which President Nixon vetoed would have limited spending on campaign broadcasting to seven cents for each vote cast for the office involved in the previous election, or \$20,000, whichever was higher.

Mr. Hill while working for the SAL Railroad in Hamlet in 1938 lost his right arm when he was knocked off the top of a moving box car in Hamlet. He landed between two box cars and managed to escape with the loss of an arm. Mr. Hill was a Captain in the USAF Reserves and in 1941 or 1942 when he got his call to active duty no one thought he would be accepted, but he wanted to serve and was finally accepted, entering as a Captain and remaining in the active service until 1946 when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Among other things he is now President of the Hamlet Rotary Club.

In North Carolina in 1968 Bob Scott received 821,232 votes and Jim Gardner 737,075 making a total of 1,558,307. At seven cents per vote a candidate would be able to spend \$109,081 in radio and television advertising in running for office which to us does not appear to be an unreasonable lid to put on this type advertising.

RABBITS -- Different people have different hobbies. Some play golf, some go fishing and others interest themselves in other extracurricular activities. A few nights ago at the Richmond County Fair in Hamlet we had a nice chat with Mrs. Ella Beitzel who lives on the Troy-Candor road 2 1/2 miles off Highway 220. Her hobby and that of her husband, Carl Beitzel is the breeding and raising of a wide assortment of bunny rabbits. In the business for six years they now have 26 varieties.

On still another hand, it does look like some parents are not doing all they could, to be generous about it, to train their kids to live in an organized society. Probably before this new law becomes universally enacted it ought to be turned over to a Congressional committee for further study. This will delay the matter for years.

LIKE PARENTS - It's still pretty general, and the rule rather than the exception that young people follow in the footsteps of their parents when the time comes to register and vote, and join a church. But, little by little, the modern generations are getting away from following in the footsteps of the parents when it comes to politics and religion.

There may be much to be gained by youth liberating themselves from the political party of their parents, but we do not see much to be gained by turning from the "faith of our fathers."

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

## Crusade against violence

Finally, in both the United States and Canada, governments are moving vigorously to stamp out the bombing, terrorism and kidnapping - the acts of mindless violence - by which small minorities would threaten society. And who is there who will not cheer and give fullest support to this upgirding of the loins, this resolve to have done with anarchism, as we all realize that a society which is permissive toward its own destruction is hardly slated for survival.

A lot of waking up has occurred all along the line, and it is about time. Had university officials shown more backbone when the militant fringe first moved into lawlessness, today's nihilist threat might well have been stopped in its tracks. Now, lessons have been learned the hard way.

In Canada Prime Minister Trudeau, casual and outgoing in public appearances, has had to become more security-conscious. As an Ottawa official told our correspondent: "We have to be aware that there are forces in the world bent on disrupting normal society and we can no longer be oblivious to them."

In Washington, congressmen are suddenly alert to the fact that even they themselves could be the object of kidnapping by ideological bandits.

The aroused public anger will, it is said, help President Nixon, a law and order man, politically. But this drive against terrorism is a national, nonpolitical affair.

The public in the United States can be glad that the FBI is superbly efficient in tracking down those on its "wanted" list.

This is a time when all the forces of law and shrewd surveillance and public policing must be mobilized against the destructionists. There are orderly means for changing policies. But the way of the violent: man must not succeed.

The Christian Science Monitor

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago  
October 25, 1945

John C. Story of Greensboro was shot and fatally wounded at about ten o'clock last Saturday morning while hunting deer about five miles north of here. He was fifty-five years old and was Sheriff of Guilford county.

Trinidad, British West Indies, was awarded the Legion of Merit on October 10 by Lieutenant General Brett Caribbean Defense commander in ceremonies at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Sgt. James McDiarmid was discharged from the Army at Fort Bragg last week and is with his family here. He arrived in this country from Europe last week.

SSgt. Raymond McBryde received a discharge from the Army Friday at Laredo, Texas and arrived home Monday.

Captain David Scott Currie has been separated from the army and is at home.

Douglas McBryde and David Gibson of Dundarrach, who have been in the European theatre of operations, have recently been discharged from the army and are at home.

Cpl. Willie Jones, of Dundarrach, who has been in the Pacific theatre, was discharged from the army recently and is at home. He was in the 27th Infantry Division on Okinawa.

S2c Riley Jordan, V-5, stationed at Miami, Fla., is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Jordan near Timberland.

For Sale: Seed wheat, oats and rye. No trash, Clarence Lytch, Raeford.

15 years ago  
October 20, 1955

John A. McGoogan, servant of Hoke County since its formation in 1911, died suddenly in his sleep shortly before 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning. He had suffered with his heart in the past year, and had been a hospital patient, but had not been troubled in the past few weeks, and his death was unexpected.

## Puppy Philosopher

Dear editor: I remember reading it in a newspaper, I forget which newspaper and which town it was, but some city government, tired of willful mischief and serious destruction by kids and students, if there's any difference, has passed an ordinance making parents responsible for their children's actions, even to the point of fining them and sending them to jail.

and they probable feel that way too, but there's another side to it, to be thought about before you send the parents to jail. Some good people might wind up behind bars.

What I mean is, occasionally some kids who turn out the best come from what is considered some of the worst families, and some who turn out the worst come from what is considered some of the best families. Kids don't always follow a formula.

To hold down on the prison population, it would be better to hold only great-grandparents responsible. Be very few prison riots that way.

On still another hand, it does look like some parents are not doing all they could, to be generous about it, to train their kids to live in an organized society.

Now if a neighbor's kid pulls up all the flowers around your house and smears paint on your new car, a law punishing the parents seems like a splendid idea, but if it's your kids... this requires more level-headed thought. On the other hand, if the parents are going to be punished for their children's misdeeds, what's to keep

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.