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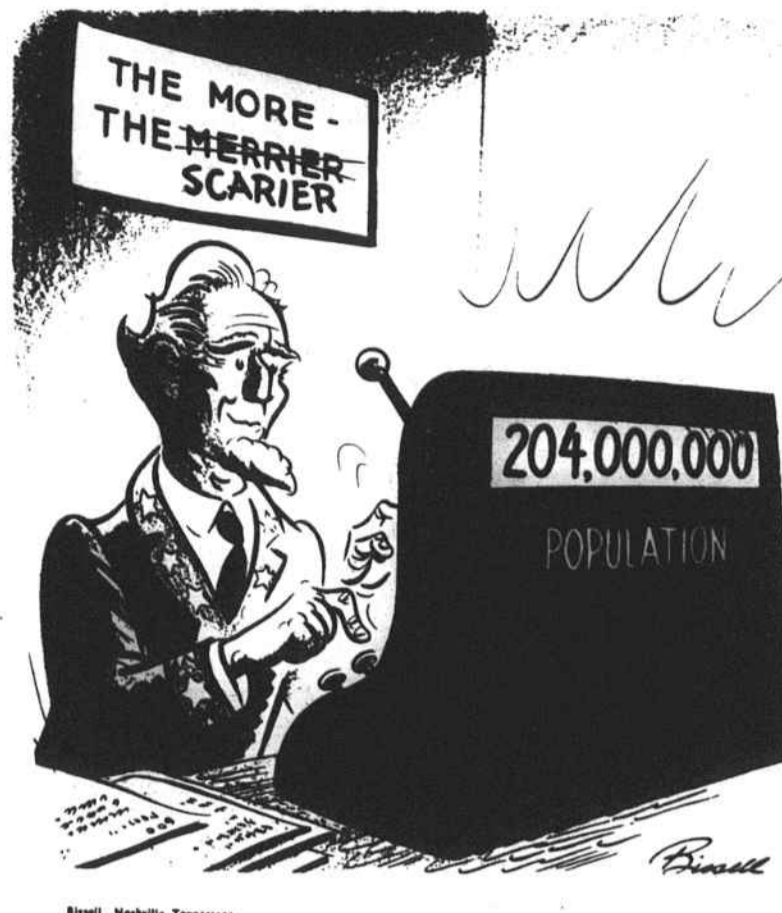
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"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"

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Binell, Nashville Tennessee

By LAURIE TELFAIR

Thanks Are Given For Little Things

Although Thanksgiving Day has passed, here is a prayer of thanks that is appropriate throughout the year. It is especially fitting to remember during the holiday season.

Mrs. Ellen Willis, extension home agent, shared this prayer with me. It was written by Michel Quoist and given, with adaptations, at the 1970 Extension Homemakers' Achievement Day in Stanly County.

"Thank you, Lord, thank you. Thank you for all the gifts that you have given me today. Thank you for all I have seen, heard, received. Thank you for the water that woke me up, the soap that smells good, the toothpaste that refreshes.

"Thank you for the clothes that protect me, for their color and their cut. Thank you for the newspaper so faithfully there, for the comics (my morning smile), for the report of useful meetings, for justice done and big games won.

"Thank you for the street-cleaning truck and the men who run it, for their morning shouts and all the early noises. Thank you for my work, my home, my efforts.

"Thank you for the dish cloth in my hands, for the bubbling of the pot of stew on the stove, for the satisfied look of my family when they finish a good meal.

"Thank you for Jane who loaned me her best pocketbook last week when I had to represent my church at a district meeting, for my next door neighbor who doesn't act superior when I run out of sugar and need to borrow a cup, for Susan who picked up my children at school last week when I was out of town.

"Thank you for the food that sustained me, for the cup of coffee that refreshed in my neighbor's kitchen.

"Thank you for the car that meekly took me where I wanted to be, for the gas that made it go, for the wind that caressed my face and for the trees that nodded to me on the way.

"Thank you for the boy I watched playing on the sidewalk opposite.

"Thank you for his roller-skates and for his comical face when he fell.

"Thank you for the morning greetings I received, and for all the smiles.

"Thank you for the roof that shelters me, for the lamp that lights me, for the radio that plays, for the news, for music and singing.

"Thank you for the bunch of flowers, so pretty on my table.

"Thank you for the tranquil night.

"Thank you for the stars.

"Thank you for the silence.

"Thank you for the time you have given me.

"Thank you for life.

"Thank you for grace.

"Thank you for being there, Lord.

"Thank you for listening to me, for taking me seriously, for gathering my gifts in your hands to offer them to your Father.

"Thank you, Lord.

"Thank you."

STORIES BEHIND WORDS

by William S. Penfield

BAZOOKA

In pre-World War II days Bob Burns, the America radio comedian, popularized a toy musical instrument. It was made of two pipes, one inside the other, and a funnel. Sliding the inside pipe up and down, much like a trombone, and blowing into the instrument produced fuzzy musical notes.

Burns called his instrument a "bazooka," a name that he coined from "bazoo," a colloquialism in his native state of Arkansas that meant loud-mouthed or windy.

When a rocket gun, used chiefly as an anti-tank weapon, was perfected in World War Two, its resemblance to Burns' "bazooka" was noted and the name was transferred to the weapon.

CROSSING ONE'S FINGERS

When someone says that he has his "fingers crossed," he generally uses the expression figuratively. Sometimes a person literally crosses his fingers.

The Cross is one of the sacred symbols of Christianity, for that was the instrument on which Christ was crucified.

Centuries ago it was believed that to make such a sacred symbol gave one protection from evil. By extension it was deduced by many that making the sign of the cross - in this case by crossing the fingers - insured good luck in an enterprise.

Now the expression or the act is used in the sense of hoping for the best.

Puppy Creek Philosopher



Dear editor:

My television set wouldn't work, a tube was out in my radio, another light bulb has just burned out, the washing machine went haywire and put six inches of water on the floor, and my car wouldn't start, so I shut myself up in the living room and started reading a newspaper I'd been saving to wrap around an exposed hydrant.

I hadn't gotten far when I ran across an article that said there are now over 45,000 scientists and engineers unemployed in this country, due to cut-backs in the space program and other reasons nobody is certain about.

Now what really caught my attention was the answer to this problem, suggested by a

Washington expert. He wants a sort of new "WPA" for these unemployed scientists, wants a government-financed program going to keep them busy so their minds won't get rusty. "There are plenty of new ideas and things needing developing," he said.

I got to thinking. No, I told myself, I've got a better idea. Don't put them to work on something new, put them to work on what we've already got.

Put those 45,000 scientists and engineers to work on a tail pipe that'll last longer than one year, a washing machine that's guaranteed for 10 years or 50,000 diapers, whichever comes first; a television tube that'll last through the last bowl game, an air conditioner that'll last as long as an old-

style electric fan, a lawn mower that starts every time, a plumbing system you can hand down from one generation to the next, a paved street that'll last longer than the tax bonds it took to pay for it, an auto fender that snaps back into place when dented, and, well I could go on but you get the idea. You probably have your own list.

Let those 45,000 scientists hold up, turn around and start perfecting what they've already turned loose on.

For a while there it took a life-time of work to buy all the gadgets a man thinks he needs, but now it takes that plus a life-time of moonlighting to keep them going.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

Just One Thing After Another

By Carl Goerch

An odd fact ran across at random, though doubtless known to all students of music: Handel was stricken blind while composing "Total Eclipse," based upon blind Milton's story of blind Samson.

This little incident happened a number of years ago when the late Judge Allen Gwyn was running for superior court judge.

Charles S. Edwards and Dan Jones were good friends who lived in Farmville. Dan is a lawyer and during the campaign had planned to support the candidacy of Judge Gwyn.

A few days before the primary Charles went to see Dan about a little matter and found him out. Law books were piled about in chairs and on the floor, a stack of old newspapers was in one corner of the room and the big desk was completely cluttered with papers, magazines, etc.

Charles happened to see a stack of brochures that Judge Gwyn had sent him. He took one and wrote across the top: "Sorry I missed you. Be back in about an hour. Allen Gwyn."

Then he left the office. In about half an hour he returned and a tremendous change was taking place. A colored man was scrubbing the floor; the books had all been straightened up; and Dan was standing in a chair, dusting off the bookcases.

"What's up?" inquired Charles.

"Judge Gwyn will be here in a few minutes," announced Dan. "Help me get this place straightened up."

Charles snickered. Dan slowly turned around and

stared at him. Then it dawned on him what had happened, and of all the berating and cursing you've ever heard in all your life, it took place right then and there.

Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City told me this story some time ago.

A young lady, who had been married only two or three weeks, was suing her husband for divorce on the ground that he was not mentally competent.

"Was there anything wrong with your husband before he married you?" inquired a lawyer.

"I didn't notice anything," she replied.

"How long did he court you?"

"About a year and a half."

"And you didn't notice anything wrong with him during all that time?"

"Well, maybe there was, but I didn't pay any attention to it because while they're courtin' you, most men act sort of crazy anyway."

There may be others, but here are three North Carolina towns that have four "a's" in their names: Altamahaw, Nantahala and Saxapahaw. There are several others - like Lake Waccamaw - that have four "a's" in the two words that make up their names.

It was a brief and rather curt note that the circulation department of our magazine sent to a gentleman in Greensboro giving notice of the fact that his subscription had expired. In a week the letter came back with the following notation at the bottom:

"So has the subscriber."

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues

INSURANCE... People are very much concerned about the increasing rates of automobile liability and hospital and health insurance, and rightly so. But, the increasing insurance rates is simply a part of the price tag which must be paid for the inflation spiral which appears to be going up, up and up all the time.

We are interested in an item out of Winston-Salem last week which said that Forsyth County officials were studying the possibility of a group medical insurance program for any county resident who is willing to pay for it. The medical insurance plan would be similar to plans provided by large employers for their workers. A major benefit of such plans is that the cost of the insured is cheaper than individual policies.

But the big question is: Could the people needing the insurance pay the premium which would be necessary for a sound and comprehensive hospital and health insurance policy?

GOVERNORS... Governor Bob Scott and his assistants did a good job in entertaining and spreading Tar Heel hospitality to the some two dozen governors and governors-elect who gathered in Raleigh and in Southern Pines last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Scott is chairman of the national Democratic Governor caucus and has made the position more than just an ordinary assignment.

Bob Scott has been mentioned as a possible Democratic nominee for vice president in 1972 and the North Carolina meeting gave him an excellent chance to become acquainted with the top political leaders in approximately half of the states.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS... We are inclined to favor the suggestion of the Local Government Study Commission that would bring municipal elections under the supervision of the State Board of Elections and make a single registration sufficient for all elections for which a voter is eligible; and that the municipal elections be held in November of the odd numbered years instead of in the springtime as is now the custom in most Tar Heel municipalities.

SALARIES... We are not sure who the highest salaried person is in the United States government but we presume it is the President who receives

\$200,000 a year and many other fringe benefits like a home at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington and all kinds of transportation and living expenses.

But here in North Carolina the Governor is not the highest salaried state official.

President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina is the highest paid state official, receiving \$42,000 per year. Next in high income from the state comes Dr. Arden Miller, vice chancellor for health affairs at the UNC, Chapel Hill with a salary of \$39,000. Then comes Dr. J. Carlyle Sitterson, chancellor of UNC at Chapel Hill who receives \$38,120, and Dr. Eugene Hargrove, state commissioner of mental health, and Dr. Jacob Komen, state health officer, both receiving \$38,115 each. Five other UNC officials also rate ahead of the governor in salary. They are, Dr. William Wells, vice president for academic affairs, consolidated UNC, \$36,980; Dr. John T. Caldwell, chancellor of N.C. State University, \$36,850; N. Ferebee Taylor, vice president for administration, consolidated UNC, \$36,180; Dr. Dean W. Colvard, chancellor of UNC at Charlotte, and Dr. James S. Ferguson, chancellor UNC at Greensboro, both \$35,160. Two other officials, Dr. Cam West, director of the State Board of Higher Education, and Dr. Brooks James, vice president of consolidated UNC for research and public service programs receive salaries of \$35,000 each - the same as the governor.

We guess one pretty good reason that the governor's salary is not at the top of the pole is because salary has but little to do with attracting men to seek the office but for these other top paying jobs salary has right much to do in getting the desired man in many instances.

BOLD VENTURE... Some people have been critical of the Army's attempt to rescue American prisoners of war in North Vietnam which resulted in a "waterhaul" to use the language of disappointed fishermen in some areas. However, to our way of thinking the project was laudable, and to a greater extent than our overall and prolonged participation in the Vietnam Civil War.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, December 6, 1945

A representative of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company of Tarboro stated that the exchange here would be completely renovated.

In a program handled by the Underprivileged Child Committee of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, Dr. Ellen Black Winston of Raleigh, North Carolina State Commissioner of Public Welfare, addressed the club and many guests who were present.

J.W. Burlington, who has just been discharged from the army, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Colonel and Mrs. R.B. Lewis, accompanied by their daughters, Mary and Marian, arrived Monday from Trinidad, where Colonel Lewis has been stationed since May, 1942.

T-5 Julian B. McKeithan arrived in Raeford Tuesday night and expects his discharge the latter part of the week. He served in the South Pacific two years.

Corporal John Howard Clark

returned from the Pacific Theatre of operations last week and expects to be discharged this week.

Lt. Colonel Robert Covington, who has been in England for over three and one-half years, returned to the United States this week.

Truman and Jake Austin went by army plane from Pope field to Philadelphia last Saturday and attended the army-navy football game.

Joe Upchurch, USNR, is spending a leave with his parents.

Pfc. Neill Senter arrived in Raeford Sunday, just home from overseas.

15 years ago

Thursday, December 1, 1955
 K.A. MacDonald, Hoke County superintendent of public instructions, said this week that free vaccinations against infantile paralysis would be given all school children up to nine-years of age.

Forty-seven speeding cases

were cleared in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T.O. Moses, and 19 other cases for a total of 66.

William L. Moses, son of Judge and Mrs. T.O. Moses of this county, last week announced the opening of an office in The Bank of Raeford building for the practice of law.

William Hubert Warwick, 33-year-old resident of R-2, Raeford died early Friday morning from injuries received in an auto accident.

Sheriff D.H. Hodgin said today that no indication of how Charlie Shipman met his death had been discovered.

The Hoke High Junior class play, "Joe's Boys" will be presented in the school auditorium Friday night. The cast includes: Virginia McNeill, Lillmar Sue Gatlin, Ruby Mae Clark, Jean Linthicum, Suzanne Cameron, Betty Kinlaw, Virginia Gibson, Elizabeth Graham, Elizabeth Overton, Ed Langston, Jimmy Peck, Homer Tuttle, Fred Dew, Pat Kelly and Walter Thornburg.