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Sunday beer sales - well, why not?

One thing's for sure -- nobody ever really needs beer, or liquor or cigarettes, for that matter, even though there are undoubtedly those who on one or another occasion are pretty certain that they do. The majority of us, though, decided a good while ago that the use of these commodities is the private concern of each, so long as he doesn't impose their use, or himself as a result of their use, on others.

Another premise needs to be established in the consideration of the use of these items on Sunday, in this land of religious freedom. A freedom which is to have any religion we want, or none, and again no right expressed or implied for any of us to impose his faith, or lack of it, on others by means other than persuasion.

The question at hand which we are getting around to, and which it would appear the county commissioners are going to have to get around to, is whether or not to allow stores that are open on Sundays, to sell beer on Sundays as they do on other days of the week, this being legal in the State but not in the county by previous edict of the commissioners.

It would appear to us that there would be little if any difference in buying beer, legally for sale in a grocery store, on Monday or Saturday and buying it on Sunday. The places selling it on Sunday would at least then be under regulation as they are the rest of the week, while places now selling it on Sunday are unlicensed and unregulated, and usually uncaught. Also, there seems to be little moral difference between having a beer and a chat and watching a ball game, playing golf, or flying a kite.

If forty grocers or service station operators who now sell beer six days a week want to sell it on Sunday too and it's legal in the State, they are taxpayers and work for a living like the rest of us, so our feeling is, Why Not?

We think this Sunday ban, rather hastily imposed some time ago, should be removed. Those of us who don't want to buy or sell beer need never give it a thought.

Thoughts on unions, New York, here...

News last week of the merger of textile unions, their affiliation with George Meany's AFL-CIO, and their plan for unions everywhere to help with a boycott of the J.P. Stevens Company and its products to force the company to do business with them brings several things to mind.

First, how can these national unions band together legally to fight a company when companies are forbidden by anti-trust of other laws to get together on anything to promote their business or welfare?

Then, hearing these union demagogues talk about how bad things are in the South generally and North Carolina in particular could call to one's mind thoughts of the situation in England and how it worsens from day to day, and the same about New York City, and what brought these situations about. Thoughts come to mind about the empty plants and the unemployment rates in the northeast and middle west, where wages are high and prices are high, and a comparison to this area where wages may not be so high, but more people are working, and things are getting better, and S & L associations are lending money daily for plant workers to own their homes.

These thoughts make one think that plant workers in Stevens plants, Burlington plants and other plants will probably decide that sticking to their companies in this battle that looms with the labor bosses will be the smart thing to do, rather than face the kind of "progress" excessive union organization has brought to New York, the Northeast, the Middle West and to not-so-merrie old England. Makes interesting pondering, doesn't it?

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, June 14, 1951

The town board of commissioners unanimously decided to repeal the ordinance passed January 2 which imposed a \$1 monthly sewer fee on Raeford residents and at the same time increases in the water rates were passed to be effective July 1.

From Poole's Medley:

When you get mad with a fellow and call him a dog you feel some relief. But there are many fine traits in dogs that a mean man doesn't have.

Mrs. J.M. Baker, clerk for the Hoke County Selective Service board announced this week that five more men from the county entered the Army on Monday. The

men were Samuel Eugene Teal, Robert Cecil Kizer, James Daniel McCormick, Vanderberg McKinnon, and James Edward McFadgion.

15 years ago

Thursday, June 15, 1961

What attorney Charles Hostetler termed "an unfortunate misunderstanding" has, at least temporarily, cost the Hoke County Health Department its eligibility to receive federal surplus property.

From Rockfish News:

No report had come in from the Nail Keg Club on Tuesday.

A total of 38 Hoke boys and girls have returned from an exciting week at the Swannanoa 4-H camp with one of their number picked as the outstanding camper in a contest that involved three other counties. Named as the outstanding camper of the entire camp was Kay Moss of Quewhiffle Township.

'There's a Mr. Humphrey, Jackson and Wallace outside who want to work for you, but I don't think for peanuts'



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Patriots Defy Tyrants

Two hundred years ago, A Bicentennial minute for us to recall a dramatic chapter in our nation's struggle for liberty.

On June 12, 1776, a small band of colonists living on the fringes of Fayetteville, N.C. gathered for a secret meeting to protest further encroachment of their rights. Newspapers, which reached the colonists weeks late, if at all, gave dire news -- more defeats in Massachusetts, the arrival of a large British force off the coast of Virginia, and most alarming of all, the threats made by AT & T, American Telephone Tyrants.

Puppy Creek

Philosopher

Dear editor:
 Some people are saying that the spirit of independence has gone out of America, that the old, original, individual aggressiveness is disappearing, that too many people are waiting around for the government to take care of them, little knowing that the government is having a hard enough time taking care of itself.

Such people have not been paying attention to men on television lately. They haven't noticed that more and more men are wearing vests.

The clothing industry for one, like buckskin wearers 200 years ago, still believes in and practices the pioneer spirit.

For years the clothing manufacturers thrived on women's willingness to be told what to wear, long skirts this year, short ones next year, although they much preferred to go from short to long because the other way around some women took their scissors and stayed in style. You can shorten a long dress but it's hard to lengthen a short one.

But then women started getting independent and put on pants, leaving the dress manufacturers and their fluctuating dress lengths about in the same shape barbers were when kids stopped getting haircuts.

Did the clothing manufacturers run to Washington for help? No. They took aim at men. First they tried changing the shape of the coat lapels. This worked in some cases but not enough men noticed the change and kept wearing last year's suit. Then they flared the pants leg, and that helped a lot, making some men with narrow cuffs ashamed to come out in public.

Now the manufacturers have come out with vests. From the President on up to Walter Cronkite, they're wearing them on television, makes no difference what the temperature is or that nobody has a pocket watch and a chain to drape across them.

This will go on I guess, even going so far as getting politicians to step off planes wearing hats, till some small group of radicals start a movement called Men's Liberation.

By the way, although it doesn't seem likely now, for a while I was speculating on how interesting it'd be if the Democrats nominated Jerry Brown and the Republicans Jerry Ford. Then all of us in this country could cast off our fears over what somebody else might think of us for taking a public stand on politics and defiantly put bumper stickers on our cars: "I'm For Jerry."

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE...

People & Issues



DEMOCRATS... Tar Heel Democrats met in Raleigh Saturday and elected state delegates to the national convention to be held in New York this summer. They also adopted a platform which for all practical purposes will likely become meaningless insofar as rank and file adherence to what it may say about issues of the day are concerned.

What the candidate who is elected governor has to say in his inaugural address and what the elected members of the House and Senate say by their votes in the General Assembly is a hundred times more pertinent than the "views with alarm" and "point with pride" statements in the party platform.

Can one in a thousand tell you what his or her party platform advocated just two years ago? We would guess not!

Party delegates can make a lot of noise in the convention about the platform, only to have it forgotten next week.

ISSUES... This week we will devote space to what some of the gubernatorial candidates are saying about the issues, with quotes from other candidates coming in later.

George Wood, seeking the Democratic nomination for governor says North Carolina could save millions of dollars by putting an automatic termination date on all state programs and refunding only those which are working. Under Wood's proposed plan, every six years each state program would face extinction unless a zero-based budgeting review demonstrated its value. Wood says such a law is under consideration in the U.S. Congress and has already passed in Colorado and has been proposed in seven other states. Wood has also called for two successive 10 per cent pay raises to bring North Carolina school salaries up to the national average, adding that as a "last resort" he would advocate a tax increase to do so. Wood's proposal did not apply to other state employees -- only teachers!

Jim Hunt says he will support an amendment to the State Constitution granting the governor the veto power over legislation passed by the General Assembly and that he

opposes efforts to strip the lieutenant governor of the power to appoint Senate committees and committee chairmen. North Carolina is the only state in the Union in which the governor does not have the veto power.

Andy Barber, Mayor of Lovel Valley, regarded by some as a "minor" candidate for governor, says he is a "builder with an open door and fresh air policy for state government". He also advocates local option for liquor by the drink.

Ed O'Herron of Charlotte who is campaigning hard for the Democratic nomination for governor has out-lined a 9-point program in which he pledges to "lift North Carolina out of the economic doldrums" by establishing a special section of the governor's office to seek new, high paying industry and provide more jobs. "I will speak to the needs of education, including discipline in our schools, and to the needs for health care," said the Charlotte man.

REPUBLICANS... It is generally conceded among the Republican candidates for governor that David Flaherty is the man to beat if someone else is to head the Republican ticket in North Carolina this fall.

With this in mind Flaherty's opponents are taking shots at him for his handling of the Medicaid contract. Coy C. Privette, Republican for governor, says: "For example, in one of our largest counties, claims are now running more than 50 per cent higher than expected. When a flat fee is being paid, there is no incentive to weed out ineligible claims."

Jake Alexander of Rowan County hit out at Senate Bill 2902 by Senator Ted Kennedy and Senator Gary Hart over their bill to up taxes on cigarettes proportional to their tar nicotine content up to 45 cents per pack. Alexander says the Kennedy-Hart bill would represent a \$225 million net loss to our people in North Carolina and the loss of 17,500 jobs. Alexander adds that cigarette manufacturing employees receive the highest average of any industry in North Carolina at \$4.80 per hour which is 14% above the national average, and 53% more per hour than the state average of \$3.13 per hour.

price fixing rather than competing with each other, then the Attorney General in the state where this happened could take them to court.

Suppose you, as an individual, paid this higher price for light bulbs. It would be impossible for you to bring this suit, but the Attorney General could sue in behalf of you and others. Money the companies had to pay back couldn't be distributed to the light bulb purchasers, but it could go for humanitarian purposes such as cancer research or hospital construction.

Just knowing that the Attorney General of a state had this power would be a powerful deterrent to any companies who might think about engaging in private agreements rather than competing with their rivals. This would certainly protect the consumer, something I promised the people I would advocate when I ran for office.

There have been safeguards for the companies written into the bill. I introduced an amendment, which passed, that the violation had to be one that was obviously aimed at eliminating competition or fixing prices. There is another provision that if the court finds an Attorney General has acted in bad faith, then the court can make the Attorney General pay the costs. This will prevent any unfair or frivolous actions.

What we have to recognize is that large corporations who gain control of a certain product and then, in concert with each other, fix the prices on that product, are not engaging in Free Enterprise, because the Free Enterprise System means that there is free and open competition.

Many people aren't aware of it, but the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890 was enacted to enhance and protect Free Enterprise.

What disturbs me is that propaganda from the companies has many people feeling this is an anti-business bill, and the people who are writing letters are the very people the measure will protect.

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



The Senate has been debating an anti-trust bill during the past two weeks and there has been an intense lobbying effort by many of the nation's large corporations to defeat it.

This campaign has generated a large number of letters, most of which charge that if you support the bill you are somehow against the Free Enterprise System. There have also been editorials which espouse the same view.

This bill came from the Judiciary Committee and its leading sponsor was Senator Philip Hart of Michigan. Because Senator Hart is ill, I was asked to help lead the floor fight for the legislation.

The anti-trust bill, rather than hurting the Free Enterprise System, actually helps the system because it insures that there will be competition in the market place. It is designed to stop companies, who may have a monopoly on certain products, from getting together and fixing the price on that product.

Let me give you an example. There are three large companies which virtually control the manufacture of light bulbs. Under this bill, if they agreed to set a high price for light bulbs, and it was evident that they were engaged in

more challenging. It made the psalmist fall at God's feet and say, "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1)

The history of India says that the Aryans, when coming to India, crossed the great Himalayas. Seeing the majesty and the glory of the mountains and forests green and bright, the people joined in adoration of something which they did not really know. God's work in nature speaks silently, calling us to halt, to think, and to examine.

But in making us to have dominion over the works of His hands, God has shown His greatness and glory to be still higher and

