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Commencement is for everybody

It is a scant 10 years until the 400th anniversary of the first date cited by the Oxford Dictionary for the use of the word "commencement" meaning the "great ceremony" of granting university degrees. Now is the season for fondly remembering whoever it was who had the bright idea of calling an end a beginning. A certain edge would be taken off the academic festivities if they had instead been called "conclusion."

Even so, a great deal of distinguished speakers' breath is expended on reminding graduates, only too happy to get out of the classroom, that their education is just starting. This has always been so in a basic sense. It is becoming more so in the literal sense of continuing education through the use of formal learning facilities for people long out of school.

From state-supported courses in community colleges to expensive seminars with "name" professors, the opportunities to increase knowledge and skills are on the rise. For some institutions, as the conventional student-age population dwindles, the expansion of services and clientele becomes a matter of survival. For some individuals, trying to keep up with society's changing employment needs, the same can be true.

The American Bar Association's law school calendar for June displays a wry cartoon of degree recipients doffing their caps and gown even before they get off the platform on the way to a fleet of taxis they are preparing to drive. If diplomas have become less of a ticket to employment in a given field, so the lack of diplomas seems less of a barrier to a whole range of well-paying jobs whose skills can be achieved through means other than the four-year college.

In other words, commencement is not just for those now receiving a well-earned moment in the sun on their respective campuses. It is for anybody at any time who is ready for a new beginning. -- *Christian Science Monitor*

Praying for the children

There is a way out of the deep dilemma and anguish that surround the outrageous act of terrorism and defiance of authority in the Netherlands. The answer is prayer. In addition to all the means being tried to secure release of the Dutch schoolchildren, teachers, and train commuters being held hostage by South Moluccan terrorists, the world can lend the strength of its prayers.

Such prayer is an immense power. Aside from the Biblical record, there are countless documented cases in modern times of individuals being supported and saved by reaching out to God in seemingly inescapable circumstances. Moluccans themselves are a deeply religious Protestant community, and the Dutch parents of the endangered children have been turning openly to prayer and singing hymns. This certainly can surmount a feeling of helplessness in the face of sudden danger. In the words of Isaiah:

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Meanwhile, the more moderate elements in the Moluccan community in Holland must help the younger radicals to see that terrorism and the taking of innocent hostages is not the way to solve their problems. There have been welcome signs that moderates were trying to exert such an influence, as they did with considerable success during a similar incident in 1975.

One can perhaps be aware of the deep frustration of the younger Moluccans, living as they do in self-imposed exile in an industrialized country, resisting assimilation, and trying to draw attention to their cause -- Moluccan independence. But no one can sympathize with terrorism, whatever the political goal, especially when children become pawns in the game. -- *The Christian Science Monitor*

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday May 29, 1952

A crowd of from 400 to 500 people from Raeford and Aberdeen attended the opening game of the Aberdeen - Raeford Little League at the Little League park in Robbins Heights here on Wednesday of last week and saw the Raeford Tigers managed by Alfred Cole, Lawrence Poole and Willie Hodgins beat the Aberdeen Cubs by a score of eight to four.

George Wood, who has been coaching at the Vanceboro High School for the past two years, left yesterday for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training.

Marion Gatlin, J.B. Thomas,

J.H. Blue and Charles Hostetler represented the Raeford Kiwanis Club at a testimonial dinner given at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh last Thursday night for Kiwanis International President Claude Hillman of Baltimore.

57 seniors at Hoke High School got diplomas Tuesday night.

With the campaign for Governor between William B. Umstead and Hubert Olive being the only hot state-wide contest and with the only two-way local contest being between T.O. Moses and W.L. Roper for recorder, a tight vote is rather dimly expected by some of the political wise men.

'Do you remember how the Mother Hubbard story came out?'



The Champagne Of Water, Not Beer, Being Sold

It is not often that you will see a photograph in this column. When you do, there is a very good reason. The reason usually is the writer was lazy and didn't write enough to fill up this space.

But, sometimes, there is another reason. This is the case this week. The photograph you are seeing here of the cup of water is being shown here because this is a most extraordinary cup of water.

This cup, together with the ice and water, was offered for sale at a Raeford restaurant for 43 cents. It was offered for sale at that price, but not purchased, since the buyer put up such an argument with the management that the price was re-negotiated.

If you think no restaurant here would have the nerve to charge somebody 43 cents for a cup of water, you haven't been to lunch with Ann Webb and Suzanne Aplin. I have, but not on Monday when the cup of water episode took place, so I have the information second-hand.

It seems that when these two ordered their \$1.59 lunches, they asked for water, too. Yes, they got the water, and when they got the bill, the total for each was \$2.02. Making the price of the water 43 cents. Unless you figure in the tax,



The Dom Perignon of Fine Water

which would bring the price of the water down to around 37 cents, which is more reasonable than 43 cents, yet not reasonable enough for these two.

At this point, the story goes, a disagreement arose but this writer can only speculate on the discussion, not being present firsthand. But this much is known, these two presented their case so powerfully that the management backed off and the charge for the water was stricken from the bill.

So, here is Raeford's most expensive cup of water and it will be on display in this office for three weeks. Groups and tours can be accommodated for a small admission charge.

Of course, all you will be able to see is the cup. After savoring the magnificent bouquet, the dummies drank it all down.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

Some pessimistic people claim it's impossible for the nations of the world to ever get together on much of anything, especially on abolishing war. They say an agreement between nations isn't worth the paper it's written on, even though the price of paper is ten times what it used to be, including the paper *The News-Journal* is printed on.

This is not always true. For example, just recently the major countries got together and signed an agreement outlawing the use of nuclear war.

They've agreed that a man-induced earthquake, for instance, cannot be used, although you can see how effective it'd be to run one right through the middle of your enemy's country when it was getting ready to attack.

It is now unlawful, under the agreement, to stir up the ocean and send a tidal wave over some country you're at war with.

Guided hurricanes or tornadoes cannot be sent through another country, ripping up cities right and left in the pursuit of peace.

Producing a drought throughout your opponent's lands has been outlawed, as well as, in case you overlooked some spots and crops came up anyway, producing torrential rains at harvest time.

Lightning can't be man-directed, it must be allowed to strike where it pleases like nature intended. No late crop-killing freezes are allowed, and no country will be permitted to melt another country's snow in the winter time.

Now you may ask, will the nations signing this agreement live up to it? Will they refuse for example to devastate an enemy's country with a searing drought, or split it in half with an earthquake? Of course they will...until one of them figures out how to do it.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.



Horoscopes, persons' opinions, or faith in God and His word--on which of these do you rely?

During a pastoral tour in the island of La Gonave, an upset lady told me: "Pastor, it's too awful. I dare not tell what I have dreamt about you going on the sea!"

Later, while preparing to travel thirty-five miles across the channel in an eighteen-foot boat, I remembered the lady's words; but I reaffirmed that the Lord I served had power over whatever dreams could mean.

Four people were with me in the boat. When we had traveled some fifteen miles, we met conflicting winds; tumultuous waves started to toss the boat terrifically high and low. This became a long, six-hour fight for life, at the end of which we had the blessing of landing. Then, at night, the radio made it clear that aborted hurricane Deborah had blown forty-mile winds.

Believing in God does not warrant our engaging in all sorts of ventures according to our whims. But when we feel that we are doing God's will, we yield our future into His hands, even as we face the unknown.

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for the assurance we have that in Your loving and powerful hands all will always be well. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In doing God's will, it is with confidence that we yield our future into His hands.

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--Marco Depestre (Petit-Goave, Haiti)

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



President Carter has exercised his power as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to discipline his Chief of Staff in Korea. Major-General John K. Singlaub was removed from his job after he criticized the President's plan to withdraw our ground forces from South Korea.

Singlaub said the action would increase the likelihood of war between North and South Korea. I agree with the General's argument. But he was wrong to take issue with his commander after the decision had been made.

But my duty as a Senator is not that of a military man, and I must disagree with the Chief Executive's proposal. To withdraw is not wise, and the issue is not just Korea, but Asia.

Ever since the possibility of withdrawal came to the fore, our allies in Asia have expressed their alarm. Japan, especially, is concerned, because our troops in South Korea are the key to her defense from conventional attack. As I pointed out after my trip to that part of the world two years ago, we can expect considerable economic realignment, and possibly a rearmament Japan, if we reduce our presence in Asia one more time.

Economics is an important side issue. We should not keep troops overseas just to produce trade, but it is a fact that North Carolina soybeans, and ten percent of our tobacco exports, go to Japan, and South Korea is also a customer for our produce. Economic relationships follow our alliances.

But the real issue is simply our willingness to maintain our commitment to the South Korean people. The argument to justify our

withdrawal, as put forth in the Senate, is that we are propping up a repressive government in Seoul. This is illogical on its face, and doubly illogical to one who has visited the country.

We are not in South Korea to support repression, but to defend the people themselves from attack by a fanatical communist regime whose repressiveness is doctrinal.

I went to Korea to inform myself, knowing this issue would be before us. I was not the guest of their government, but went at the taxpayers' expense, to do the taxpayers' business. I went where I wanted, and saw whom I wanted, and I talked to South Korean dissidents. United in their opposition to President Park Chung Hee, the dissidents' message was universally the same: we need American defense and troops, and to increase our danger from the North will only increase Park's rationale for limiting our freedoms. Don't pull out.

I found press reports of repression in South Korea to be greatly exaggerated. But it ought to be pointed out that we, in our own country, have been through time in which a series of Presidents abused their Constitutional powers in the name of national security -- but I do not recall that our allies quit us over that.

The accusation of repressiveness was hurled at the government of South Vietnam not too long ago, and we then pulled out. But you cannot abandon a government without abandoning the people.

We hear from the South Korean dissidents. From the North, there is no dissent, only an ominous silence. There must be some difference worth preserving.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



OUR COURTS...Many people are criticizing some facets of our court system, and with good reason, many would say.

The Raeford *News-Journal* reports: "District Court Judge Joe Dupree, who in recent weeks has sharply criticized traffic offenders who fail to show up in court, handed out numerous PJC dispositions in District Court here Thursday in protest of a system that 'stinks'."

Yes, Judge Dupree used the word "stinks" and lots of laymen might use a stronger one if it came to mind.

After a session of superior court dealing with criminal cases ended last week in Moore County, we asked Sheriff C.G. Wimberly about the number of "plea bargaining" agreements arrived at with only three or four cases being tried. Sheriff Wimberly responded that it was "most disturbing," saying that "plea bargaining" took place when the charges were serious like breaking, entering and larceny.

"Plea bargaining" was the rule rather than the exception with defendants getting off on probation rather than active sentences, which in reality is little more than a pat on the back, saying: "Be a good boy. Don't do it again."

With what Sheriff Wimberly finds "most disturbing," many people may feel that the judge should not sit by and permit wholesale "plea bargaining." And no wonder Judge Dupree feels the system "stinks" in problems he is having with defendants who fail to show!

Can it be that the smart lawyers know the district attorneys and judges that they "can work with" and get their cases continued until the "right judge" comes along?

GOVERNOR HUNT...Governor Hunt has been speaking out strong for more effective law enforcement in the fight against crime, and for changes in the court system to bring about mandatory sentences. This sounds good, but if we had strong and able judges and solicitors, couldn't justice be evenly meted out in our courts today? But, being realistic, we feel Governor Hunt's idea is in line with a system which is not working, and his recommendations should be enacted without delay.

WORK FOR PRISONERS... Law-abiding citizens are asking why prisoners are no longer given road work as used to be the case. Instead of paroling them after one-fourth of time served, why not make it after time worked, unless disabled, and if they failed to work, let them serve the full sentence?

Why not let parole be permissible only after good behavior and satisfactory work on assigned projects?

HUNT & GREEN...We have been reading much in the state press about how poorly Governor Hunt and Lt. Governor Green are getting along.

We were talking to a seasoned politician/and or statesman the other day, a person who had supported both Hunt and Green. He was wondering why Green didn't know more North Carolina political history than he seemed to know. He said if he knew Tar Heel political history he would realize that after three years in the governor's office, he was pretty well washed out, and if Green would just play it quiet he would be in much better shape to run for governor in 1980 than to follow the line he was taking. Come to think of it, we doubt that over one governor -- and possibly not one -- could have been re-elected in the past 50 years. Our guess is that Dan Moore would have had the best chance of re-election.

MOORE ABOUT OUR COURTS...Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger seems to be about as much displeased with our system of justice as some of our lay citizens in North Carolina. Last week Chief Justice Burger said: "The notion that most people want black-robed judges, well dressed lawyers, fine paneled courtrooms as the setting to resolve their disputes is not correct. The people with problems, like people with pains, want relief, and they want it as quickly and inexpensively as possible." The chief justice also said: "Lawyers may be a handicap" in trying minor disputes."

