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Letter To The Editor

Dear Miss Virginia,

Will you be so kind as to print a letter for me? I am in the Air Force hoping to do my part in serving my country. I reported for duty three days after graduation, and did not have the time to send cards of thanks to the people that were so kind to me with gifts. My mother said that the gifts were still coming, so please print a note of thanks for me for right now. When I have completed basic training, I will be able to to write each one personally. I would not want them to think I did not appreciate their kindess.

Also a special thanks to Mr. Newby and Mrs. Byrum and all the teachers that worked so hard, that I and the rest of the students could pass their twelve years of school. They don't have an easy job with so many different personalities to work with, you know.

I am asking prayer for me and the thousands of others that are trying to be trained, so as to safe-guard this great nation.

If you can find the space and the time, I would be very thankful to you.

I close with "God's blessing on America," for we have enough people against us.

Sincerely yours,

AB Ronald James Gilliams
Harvey

TO THE EDITOR
By Gst. Cooper, Scout Leader

On March 16, 1971, the White House Conference was held at the university of Elizabeth City, North Carolina by Mrs. M.B. Taylor, the Home Agent in charge of the Conference.

It was one of the important steps to provide ways and means for older people in our society, and too, to let them know that they are not forgotten by us.

My views on the most important needs are: raise Social Security Benefits; Widow Social Security Benefits should be equal to husband's; lower age limit which affect amount of Social Security Benefits; Medicare Coverage should be more inclusive; reduced cost of living, such as, medical costs, food, housing, wage and price controls to curb inflation; Spiritual Well-Being, more interest in and direct concern for, older people by all churches, more pastoral visitation, especially to sick, lonely, and shut-ins.

It was stated that we need a broader curriculum offerings for older people--such as, adult education programs to include wide range of subjects, such as, home management, home, economics, finances, wills and estates, music, arts, hand crafts.

TRANSPORTATION

Need to improve transportation systems, such as, routes, time schedule, to provide transportation for rural service, week-ends and holidays.

To reduce fares, or cost on all forms of public transportation, to provide safety standards on public transportation for all.

Finally: The White House Conference was one of the most important conferences in our time, with guest speakers on the program from various parts of the state, and out of the state.

We feel that we as leaders have taken the right step to bring the people together on one common ground for better America.

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Dear Editor,

For years, I've driven by roadside signs which proclaim; "Keep North Carolina Green." And all the while I thought the message was meant to protect our wildlife and its natural habitat which abounds here in our Variety Vacationland.

Last weekend the "Green" slogan suddenly (and I might add, through no fault of whoever coined the phrase) took on quite a new meaning--"Keep North Carolina's treasury GREEN with GREENBACKS from out-of-state visitors."

I refer to game warden Horace Cahoon's tourist trap--slightly reminiscent of the speed traps which once lined our highways.

Case in point:

My brother-in-law, Joe Gerry of Tallahassee, Fla., and his 9-year-old son, John, were visiting with our family last week. John accepted an invitation from my neighbor, Mrs. Dinnah Mathews Sr., to fish from her backyard which boarders the Perquimans River.

Joe, thinking the quiet of the river and the shade of the trees might provide just the place to catch up on a little reading, decided to accompany his son. John the family's fishing expert, thought the boat anchored in knee-deep water might be better for fishing than sitting on the river bank. So John with fishing pole in hand, and his father, with book in hand, sought approval of my neighbor to sit in the boat.

Before the first fish had had a chance to nibble, Mr. Cahoon was on the scene.

Mr. Cahoon's first thought was to issue Joe a ticket for fishing without a license. But Joe pointed out, "I'm not fishing. I'm reading." Ironically, the book happened to be "The Greening of America."

Persistant, the game warden countered with a ticket for "operating boat without adequate life-saving equipment board."

Joe promptly found himself before the local magistrate where he was required to pay a $15 fine. Unfortunately Joe was scheduled to leave the next morning and was forced to pay the fine because he could not stay here until the case could be brought before a judge.

Perhaps Joe was violating the letter of the law---no life preservers were in the boat in which he was sitting. (They were only a few feet away – in Mrs. Mathew's home.

But:

I'd like to point out that Joe was unaware of the boating safety law which Mr. Cahoon said he violated, although I realize ignorance is no excuse for violation of a law.

I seriously question whether or not Joe was, in fact, "operating" the boat. Sitting in an anchored boat (in knee-deep water) is hardly operation of a boat.

And in situations such as the one described above, I believe the spirit of the law is an important factor. Joe was not willfully violating a law.

Would not a warning have been sufficient?

I realize Mr. Cahoon is responsible for enforcing the law as it applies to his specific charge. But I would also hope that a man in his office would also consider the spirit of the law.

From the magistrate's own lips came words painfully too familiar: "Mr. Gerry, you looked like you could pay the fine. That's probably why you got the ticket." The magistrate then detailed a case in which violators were found by the same game warden in the middle of the river and without safety equipment. But they "were warned because they didn't look like they could pay the fine."

I ask you. Is this the kind of justice we are to hold up as the "American way" to a 9-year-old disappointed fisherman? Not to mention his bewildered father.

I am concerned about boating safety. And most certainly, I'm aware of the important job our game warden should be doing. But I refuse to believe that a part of his responsibilities includes preying on our-of-state visitors "just because they can pay the fine."

Why should we invite people to come to our state and our county if they are to be treated in such a manner?

Take heed, tourists. That green sign has a double meaning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fannie E. Hurdle

Applications Being Accepted

The Raleigh Area Office, U.S. Civil Service Commission announces that applications are being accepted for a vacancy for Deputy U.S. Marshal, GS-6, $7727 located at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Applications must be submitted not later than July 21, 1971.

For further information and/or application forms, contact the Federal job information Center, P.O. Box 25069, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 or the Examiner-in-Charge, U.S. Post Office, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909.

Announce Adoption

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas Whitley of 1811 Meadowbrook Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina announce the arrival of 9 week old Thomas Eldridge Whitely on July 6. Grandparents are Mrs. Ryland Whiteley of Murfreesboro, North Carolina and Mrs. Shelton Long of Hertford, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ruth Haskett Shoffiett Dies In Florida

Word has been received here of the death on July 5 of Mrs. Ruth Haskett Shoffiett in a hospital in Holiday, Florida.

A native of Perquimans County and former resident of Hertford, she lived at 1903 Maplewood Drive in Holiday. A registered nurse, she served in the Navy Nurse Corps during World War 2.

Surviving are her husband, Milton Shoffiett of Holiday, Fla; a sister, Mrs. Edith Proctor of New Hope and a brother, Norman Haskett of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services and burial were held July 6 in Holiday.

$1.45 Hourly State Minimum Wage

Wages of an estimated 50,000 of North Carolina's lowest paid workers will be increased on July 1, 1971, when $1.45 an hour becomes the legal minimum wage in establishments covered by the State Minimum Wage Law.

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane pointed out that the law applies to establishments employing four or more persons. There are approximately 80,000 workers in North Carolina, employed mostly in small retail and service businesses, whose sole wage protection is the State Minimum Wage Law, Commissioner Crane said. The Federal Wage and Hour Law, with its $1.60 hourly minimum, covers an additional 1,100,000 Tar Heel employees.

The $1.45-hourly State minimum is part of a two-phase package bill enacted by the 1971 General Assembly with the strong endorsement of Governor Robert W. Scott. Phase two of the new law will raise the State minimum wage to $1.60 an hour, effective July 1, 1972.

Crane pointed out that part-time employees who work 16 hours per week or less are exempt from the $1.45 minimum wage, if the business where they work has three or less full-time employees at any one time. Also, under a regulation adopted by the State Apprenticeship Council, bona fide student-learners may be paid a special sub-minimum rate of $1.25 an hour, effective July 1, 1971.

Commissioner Crane said that in all instances where duplicate coverage exists under both State and Federal wage laws, the higher Federal standard applies. The part-time employee exemption and the student-learner regulation apply only in small establishments grossing less than $250,000 annually, which are not covered by the Federal law.

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Just like a roller coaster, all of us realize that our very life is a series of hills and valleys. We are enjoying a smooth and peaceful existence, when suddenly we find ourselves far from the peaceful valley on what seems like a mountain of confusion and distress.

At such crucial times we need to remember there is a nearby fortress of stability. It is that place of power that stands ever ready to provide the necessary faith and courage to face tomorrow with enthusiasm. Discover the inner peace that comes from divine love. Worship in church this Sunday.

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Matthew 24:15-22	Luke 24:45-53	Acts 8:26-39	Romans 3:10-31
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Romans 15:19-21	I Kings 3:7-12	I Kings 4:29-34

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GOD, THE CHRISTIAN, AND CIVIL LAW

International Sunday School Lesson for July 18, 1971

MEMORY SELECTION: "We must obey God, rather than men." – (Acts 5:29)

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:8-11; Daniel 6; Acts 4:13 - 20; I Peter 2:13-17.

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It will be noted that our background passages for this Sunday's Lesson bear witness to God's endorsement of civic law, and its administration and observance. This Lesson, therefore, is designed to help responsible individuals recognize the problem of sometimes conflicting loyalties, and re-act with due wisdom and foresight in the light of their acknowledged obligations go God and country. In this day of confused issues and happenings, this Lesson is, indeed, timely.

One thing must be borne in mind. laws are for keeping! At the time Moses received God's law they were pertinent to their day and time. However, times do change, and so do circumstances. What applied in regard to the letter of the law then was not necessarily what applied some forty years or so later. Mankind, hopefully, progresses, and progress inevitably brings change. Revision in the light of this, is a continuing process.

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word, and it should be the cornerstone for Christian actions and beliefs.

Moses played a major role in the establishment of Israel's judicial system. He prescribed the election of a supreme court, as distinct from the local courts. Its task was to decide cases which proved too difficult for the lower courts. This same system exists, basically, today. But whether then or now, the Courts, composed of learned men, deserve consideration and respect from the general public.

There are still times when Christians find themselves in disagreement with the judicial bodies, and they, like Daniel, Peter and John must decide where their true loyalties lie. For these three early Christians, their loyalties lay with Christ, and they suffered many hardships and dangers unflinchingly. For the present-day Christian such conflicts must be resolved through a great deal of honest soul-searching, governed by a desire to accord the laws of God, and man their just respect and dues.

A country – any country – derives its character from its people. Disagreement and rebellion against legislative decisions that finds expression in destruction and rabble-rousing is not the Christian way. Within a Christian community love should prevail; God must be given His proper place both in personal and national life, for it is only then that other things fall into their proper place.

Let us, therefore, pray for strength and wisdom for those who face the challenging and often perplexing task of governing our land, and for temperance in our dealings with all men, in accordance with the exemplary pattern of the life of Jesus Christ on earth, and Our Father's holy ordinances. Only thus can we be worthy witnesses to our faith, rendering service unto others.

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