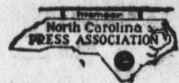




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer. Proverbs 30:25.

Speaker Ban Boiling

The Herald has seen it happen before, but not too many times. Back in 1954, the press was meeting in New Bern and Miss Gertrude Carraway, ex-newspaper woman, then national president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, made an address in which she endorsed some forms of censorship. The following address was by Lyle Wilson, chief of the United Press bureau in Washington, D. C. Mr. Wilson, long a battler with bureaucrats who sought to suppress or at least color the news, hardly in the public interest, replied strongly Miss Carraway was wrong.

Mr. Wilson remarked afterward he felt quite ungalant in attacking the views of a lady in her own home city but added, "I had no choice."

Dr. Edgar M. Knight, president of Duke University, said the same Monday as he addressed the graduating class at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). His confrontation was with Governor Dan K. Moore who took the rostrum to defend his position on amendment of the speaker ban law, passed in the closing minutes of the 1963 General Assembly, and most odious to the educational community as well as many other citizens.

The Moore plan is to appoint a study commission to examine the law, its ramifications, effects, and, in turn, recommendations for retention, amendment, or repeal.

Those who favor repeal and/or amendment are angry and upset that the Governor himself will not recommend to the General Assembly a course of action, in the face of his own findings that the University faces loss of accreditation.

The chief issue is whether the trustees have the power to manage the University.

A concurrent and equally important issue is whether the state is adopting the ostrich policy of putting its head in the sand when anything fearsome or unpleasant appears on the horizon. Such a policy is not in keeping with twentieth century North Carolina where, as Treasurer Edwin Gill says, "Good government is a habit."

UNC Chancellor Paul Sharp addressed last Saturday a large gathering of alumni of the Class of 1940, with a solid attack on the speaker ban or gag law. Many out-of-state alumni present were already very upset over the prospect of losing accreditation, as well as alumni North Carolinians. An ex-Smithfield graduate, now an Ohio physician and active in the Republican party, left the Sharp address saying, "I wasn't sure about the speaker ban law but Dr. Sharp convinced me. It's wrong." The Sharp address had brought a rising and prolonged ovation.

The Herald feels, too, that the Governor's study commission plan is akin to beating around the bush.

Many suspect he is relying for advice on Dr. Beverly Lake, to whom he is in debt for election, and that this is neither in keeping with the leadership responsibilities of the governor's office nor in the tradition of the office since 1901.

Citizens also recall that the Democratic party has twice denied Dr. Lake the nomination for governor. Nor do citizens feel a defeated aspirant should be allowed to be the skipper of the ship of state.

Professionalism

Eric Severeid, the television commentator, commented recently on the fact that master's degrees and doctorates are becoming as commonplace as bachelor degrees once were.

Dr. Paul Sharp, chancellor of the University at Chapel Hill, confirmed the trend in a remark to an alumni group last weekend. It is intended policy, he said, to maintain the present level of enrollment of undergraduates, some 10,000. Future expansion attention will focus on the graduate and professional schools, with indicated enrollment of about 5,000, or a maximum of 15,000 students.

Rev. George T. Moore

Resurrection Lutheran church is losing its pastor and the Herald a contributing columnist via the decision of Rev. George T. Moore to accept the ministerial duty at Spencer's Calvary Lutheran church.

Mr. Moore's record of six years of stewardship here is good. Members have been added, church debt halved, plant and equipment expanded. Meantime, the busy Mr. Moore has furthered his seminary study and also found time to serve actively on the board of trustees of the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C.

His Herald column "Speaking Out" has appeared regularly for several months on the editorial page. His writings contain sound philosophy and wise opinions.

Kings Mountain loses as Spencer gains.

Date Extended

The State Stream Sanitation committee has granted Kings Mountain grace periods on the city's several contracted deadlines for modernizing its sewage disposal system 1) by doubling capacity of the overloaded but modern McGill treatment plant, built in 1954, and 2) constructing a modern disposal plant to serve the western area of the community.

Wilbur E. Long, secretary to the committee, was plain in his address to the city commission.

If evidence of good faith in proceeding on the project were shown, he would recommend an extension. Otherwise, he would not. The new Moss administration promptly resolved to proceed with all due haste.

Much work is to be done before bids can be invited and contracts let for the rather mammoth task in store.

A site must be obtained on a stream with sufficient minimal average flow. Plans and specifications must be drawn and approved. Cost must be estimated and borrowing authority voted.

The sewage project foreseeably will be the most major of the present administration.

Editor Retires

Mrs. Grace Rutledge Hamrick recently announced she was retiring as editor of the neighboring Cleveland Times at Shelby, a newspaper with which she has had intermittent association since it was founded in 1941.

Not that Mrs. Hamrick has reached anywhere close to retirement age. Family responsibilities furnish the reason.

Daughter of a newspaper publisher, Mrs. Hamrick has provided bright and forceful editorial leadership to the Cleveland Times, as well as sharp and honest reporting.

There is a saying in the newspaper profession that printer's ink is as contaminating as a malaria-carrying mosquito, and there is some suspicion that Mrs. Hamrick will find her long association with printer's ink equally contaminating, as has been indicated in her case in the past.

The Herald's best wishes to her and congratulations for good and faithful service to her readers.

It's Dairy Month

June is dairy month and Cleveland County, which in the past decade has moved into this phase of farming with great incidence is calling special attention to the observance.

Four dairies are holding open house through next Wednesday, with all citizens invited to tour their layouts and see what energy and effort must be expended before one may purchase a quart of milk, pint of ice cream, or other dairy product at the corner grocer's or have it delivered to his front porch.

For Kings Mountain area citizens the nearest port of call is the J. C. Randall dairy. To see the full operation, best time to call would be at milking time, usually from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the afternoon. But tours of the dairy will be conducted at any hour.

It will be an interesting tour for the initiated or uninitiated.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comments
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

By MARTIN HARMON

I am embarrassed and regretful to admit last weekend's 25th anniversary reunion at the Chapel Hill branch of the Greater University is the first I've attended, but I do not intend for it to be my last, the good Lord willing.

I have not yet learned the actual number of members of the Class of '40, their spouses and children present, but there must have been 500 persons at the Saturday night banquet. A onetime football player, Leo Slotnick, flew in from Guam with his lovely Eurasian wife, and copped the prize for making the longest trek back to Chapel Hill. Running second was a onetime cross country man, Bill Gordon, Episcopal bishop of Alaska. Louis Sutton, with R. S. Dickson & Company in Charlotte, I nominated for the baldest, and he won by acclamation. Clark Tothorow, a navy commander, initially from Winston-Salem, got the prize for fathering the most children, seven. The prize: a miniature loving cup. Tom Bits, High Point furniture manufacturer had the youngest child, age five months. It was my opinion that blonde Tom, a wrestler in college, Drewry Troutman, of Aberdeen, another cross country man, and Jan Williams, Fieldcrest textile at Spray, appeared least changed of any of us when all the measurements (girth, hair, etc.) were considered. Bunk Anderson, of Charlotte, had added most pounds (80), but J. B. Harris, of Durham, had the most girth. The tape measure wouldn't meet.

Margaret Herndon, then from Grover and a sister of Mrs. Charles Dixon, was present with husband Jim Kirk and family of Birmingham, Ala. Jim posed one of my chief memory problems. I knew I'd known him previously but couldn't connect him as a classmate. After two days, light dawned. I'd heard Jim speak for Charlie at the Rotary Club here, subsequently socialized with him that evening.

Duncan McColl, of Bennettsville, S. C., was inquiring about their friends the Tom Trotts and Mrs. Paul Hendricks. Asked his major, Dunc replied "commerce". Then recalled that then-Dean D. D. Carroll was a tough taskmaster. "He kicked me out twice, but he kicked his son and namesake out three times," Dunc recalled. D. D. Carroll, Jr., was also a classmate and very much present.

Dining companion at one function was the family of Dr. Otho Ross, of Charlotte. Ross' sister Jane is the wife of Phil Hamner, a predecessor editor to me of the Daily Tar Heel, and for whom Linda Biser Ahrens worked a time in Washington, D. C.

Charlie Wood, president of the class our junior year, in yarn sales, had had lunch recently with Billy and Charles Mauney.

John Dorsey, initially from Shelby, now lives in Maryland and works for the Central Intelligence Agency. He recalls introducing Jimmy Harris to Carolyn and adds, "About two months later they were married."

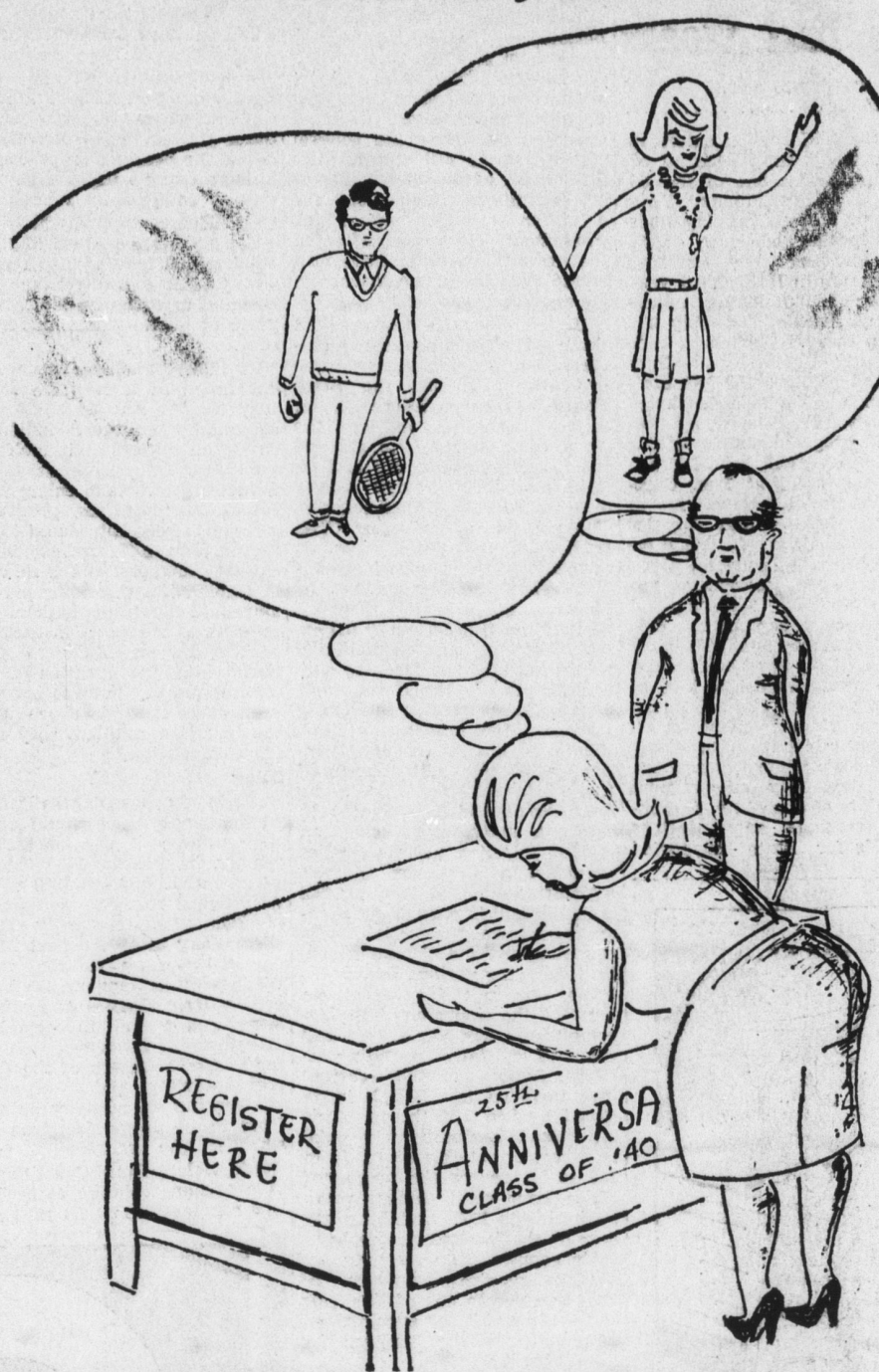
Dave Bowman, of New York, recalls he came to Carolina as a very poor boy, who could play basketball. Said Dave, "I was too poor to live in a dormitory so one of the coaches fixed me up with a cubbyhole room under the stands of the baseball field. The rats were plentiful. Fact is, they even ran across my bed with me in it. One night something happened. No rats, you know I got so lonesome I couldn't go to sleep." Dave is now president of the Interwoven division of Kayser-Roth, hosiery manufacturers.

Bill Stauber, the Durham advertising executive, could have been a Bob Hope had he chosen. As master of ceremonies Friday evening, he kept the crowd roaring for two hours with quips and cracks about college-boy antics of yesteryear. Jim Davis, general chairman of the reunion program, was also in good form.

The question I had to answer most during the weekend was: "Where are Rush and Grace Hamrick and George Plonk?" The Hamricks were not classmates and George is soon to see his eldest daughter married, I replied.

Air Force Colonel Buddy Norden said he awakened at 3 a.m. Saturday morning, started thinking about the reunion, arose, dressed, went to the airport and flew down. Mac Nisbit, permanent class president, flew in from Puerto Rico, Nick Gianakos, a Shell oil executive, from New York, Vance Hobbs, onetime head cheerleader, from Fort Worth, Texas. These and many more. It was a great party.

Silver Threads Among The Gold



Ed. Note: The above cartoon appeared in a special edition of the Daily Tar Heel, University of North Carolina student publication, edited by Herald Editor Martin Harmon in connection with his class' Silver Anniversary issue. The drawing is by David Baity, former Herald staff member now with the Gastonia Gazette. The cartoon is typical of Silver Anniversary gatherings at high schools and colleges everywhere.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

STREET CAR POLITESSE

Remember the days when street car operators were allowed to have beards, when for one fare you could hitch your bicycle to the rear platform, when there was a regulation restricting the speed of street cars past churches on Sunday morning to 4 miles per hour?

The exemplary qualities in Toronto then were good manners, a puritanical outlook and a respect for money. All of them leap from the pages of a 26-page booklet of rules and regulations issued by the Toronto Street Railway to its conductors and motormen in 1906 which was recently unearthed and sent to Toronto Transit Commissioner Ford Brand.

A gentele time? You bet it was, as witness this section:

The conductor must be ready to assist ladies, children and elderly or infirm persons in getting on and off but must not place his hands upon any person unless his assistance is needed.

A frugal time? You bet it was, as witness this one: Uniform buttons are supplied by the company and must be returned on leaving the service when the money paid will be refunded.

Beards were in and it was the shavers the railway was concerned about. "Men who shave must do so regularly," it commanded. Politeness was demanded. "Disputing and quarrelling are not allowed. Should any difficulty occur with a passenger keep your temper and use civil language even under the greatest provocation."

Under the heading of habits, the railway laid it on the line. "Employees must be of sober habits. The use of liquor whilst on duty is prohibited. Any men seen entering or leaving a saloon in uniform will be liable to dismissal. Chewing tobacco or gum and smoking are not allowed whilst on duty."

Under the heading Caution, the booklet says: "Never put a passenger off while the car is in motion or make any sign of movement which would cause a passenger to jump off from fear or anything else."

Smoking was allowed on the rear platforms of some cars and in the three back seats of other cars. "Spitting in the car or on the platform is prohibited," the booklet said. "If any passenger is guilty of the offense, the conductor must politely but firmly caution him. If the offense is repeated, the conductor may stop the car and eject the offender using no more force than is necessary."

JOBLESS FIGURE: FACT OR FANCY?

Just how serious and how extensive is unemployment in the United States today? To answer this question the government cites the national rate of unemployment as determined by its own surveys.

The government maintains that, despite a decline over the last couple of years, the rate is still excessively high. Recently public problem analyst Samuel Lubell challenged the meaningfulness of the government's statistics. "As a nation," he said, "we need a new, sharper definition of who is to be counted as unemployed."

The government arrives at the official figure by taking a survey of 35,000 households. If an individual answers "yes" to the question, "Have you been looking for work?" he is counted as unemployed.

Mr. Lubell notes that the answer to this question in no way indicates the degree of hardship among the jobless. Nor does it reveal the percentage of unemployed who have real trouble getting jobs. Nor of those whose difficulties are such that they would be unable to get jobs in any event.

At the same time that the government claims widespread unemployment, there exists a labor shortage, however paradoxical this may seem at first glance. Help-wanted advertisements in local papers and unfilled jobs at employment agencies bear this out.

Shortages appear to be due to uneven geographical distribution of unemployed workers, lack of applicants with sufficient training and skills, unfavorable wage and working conditions, and stringent hiring specifications. But they may also be due in part to less severe unemployment than the government figure

reveals. On the use of gongs, the railway seemed to adopt the philosophy the more the merrier—except on Sunday. "Sunday cars must never exceed 4 miles per hour when passing any church, place of public worship or Sunday school building during hours of service with in 200 feet of any such place to avoid accidents," it intoned.

The one that got Mr. Brand was No. 73. "Listen to this," he said to his fellow commissioners. "All motormen must carry one pair of pliers and one screwdriver which will be furnished by the company and must be returned or paid for when called for." "An official coughed nervously. "That one's still in there," he said sheepishly. —David Carmichael in The Globe and Mail (Toronto).

would indicate.

Some say that the Labor Department has a vested interest in high unemployment statistics. The AFL-CIO, on the other hand, maintains that the government figures are too low. Citing "invisible unemployment" and involuntary "under-employment," it would place the unemployment rate at about 7 percent rather than the government's 4.8 percent.

By contrast, the National Association of Manufacturers sees the government figure as including many who are not really in need of jobs or who would not be able to hold jobs. The Wall Street Journal, viewing the figure as inflated, charges that it has become a convenient tool for politicians eager to tap the Treasury.

We would urge the Labor Department to revise its question in order to arrive at a more meaningful figure. Government figures should show what percentage of the jobless present a genuine unemployment problem for the country. The figure, on which are based policy decisions having significant economic, social, and political repercussions, should not be a matter of controversy. The department should take the necessary steps to end the confusion.

Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain are people and events taken from the 1955 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The shining new Deal Street swimming pool may open for customers this weekend, probably Friday, City Recreation Director Doug Salley said Wednesday. Charles D. Blanton, now completing two years service in the Army, will rejoin the pharmacy staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company Monday, it was announced by the management. Social and Personal Mr. and Mrs. Major Loftin announce the birth of a daughter, June 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Speaking Out

By GEORGE T. MOORE, President Kings Mountain Ministerial Assn.

Let's talk about religion. The ultimate question, of course, revolves around its place and importance in human life. It deserves a better deal than it has been getting of late.

These are the facts. Today's response to religious activities and institutions is at a low ebb. This trend toward minimal participation is not limited to any one group, denomination or section of the country.

There are several reasons for this disenchantment and departure. One is the current situation of peace. This is world peace in the sense that there is no immediate threat from any of the great world powers. Tied to this is a general prosperity in which there is little threat to personal security. Most everyone is reasonably happy and satisfied, with not much awareness of religious needs. There are more enjoyable things to do.

Another reason is the lack of any great threat to religion itself. History bears out the truth that the absence of persecution develops an unhealthy "take it or leave it" attitude, even among religious people. Religion, unopposed, is taken for granted. It's just not that important. A parallel example is life itself. It doesn't mean nearly so much as when the possibility of losing it arises.

A third reason is found in the emphases which are being promoted by so many of the churches today, especially in the area of social concerns. These involve action and change which do not appeal to many. The result is a slackening of interest. Those who object say that religion should comfort, not challenge. Talk is alright, just so long as it does not demand action.

These and other reasons which detract from personal participation and commitment to religion stem from gross misconceptions concerning religion. In it's basic sense religion centers around one's relationship to God. This is the fact of personal relationships, person to person. It is encounter, the human with the divine person of God.

God creates and man comes into existence. God speaks and man must listen. God calls and man must respond. However, this is no automatic process. There is the freedom of the will, that is, the freedom to refuse, a freedom which has been exercised by all men.

In order to re-establish the relationship, God came into our world. He lived in our midst, in the flesh. This God, the Son of God, provided the way back. He overcame the wrongness, offering his own righteousness to the world. Religion is the involvement in that, in acceptance and response.

All this points to the truth that this is God's world, created for his purposes. Life, and all that it involves, is eternally dependent upon Him. There is no life without Him. Any other approach is self-destruction. Such truth says that every moment belongs to Him. Religious activities and institutions are simply a part of human response. They deserve our participation.

This is not to say that our religious organizations and activities are perfect. As humans we place our stamps of imperfection upon them. However, God watches over his own. He will, if we would, let Him, guide us into truth. He will preserve that which is right. It's worth your response because it's worth your life.

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