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A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8

Herald Ground Rules For June 13

The Herald has already informed both "wets" and "drys", seriously if jestingly, that it fully understands a newspaper's role as public servant and disseminator of the news concerning emotionally charged public issues.

Political campaigns, personal or on issues, can and often do wax hot to the point of nearly igniting the newsprint on which the type appears.

The result: a newspaper is a battleground and any young grade school student knows what happens to a battleground. It gets chewed by the artillery from both sides.

Already, the Herald has been fussed at — so far in minor degree — by both sides.

With the die cut and voting day 25 days distant on the question of legalizing sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption and establishing Alcoholic Beverage Control stores, both those for and those against are girding for the days ahead and the temperature is increasing.

The Herald therefore feels it in order to set forth, for one and all, certain ground rules the Herald will enforce during the ensuing season:

- 1) Advertising copy will be accepted from groups or individuals at regular advertising rates provided orders and copy are placed by 5 p.m. Tuesdays for the upcoming edition. Orders will be rejected if considered libelous, per se or inferential.
- 2) The Herald will endeavor to publish all letters to the editor on the election question within its space limits. These letters must meet the same tests on libel. Where a form letter appears to be in use, these letters will not be used. Only letters from Kings Mountain citizens will be published. No firm rule is made concerning length of letters, but those of 300 words or less will have better chance of being published.

Good Bill Killed Downtown Mail

A committee of the General Assembly has killed a bill advanced by Republican minority members which would have cut from a year to six months residence time required in North Carolina before an incoming citizen could qualify to register and vote.

This is a change long over-due and burial of the bill is no credit to the Democratic majority.

There are obvious reasons for time limits.

To offer an extreme example, a two-week or month's residency requirement might enable state-line border inroads which would open the political wars to dictatorial packing, the man with the money-bags having enough of them.

But six months is a sane residential requirement.

The Baugh Bill

Rep. Baugh of Charlotte has introduced a bill to place a five-cent tax on cigarettes, with the revenue to be rebated to the hard-pressed counties and cities.

In times past, the Herald has advocated a tobacco tax — in lieu of increasing the sales tax — with the same success (none) Mr. Baugh can expect for his.

The Herald does not now endorse a tobacco tax.

Tobacco, its growing, processing, manufacture and sale, is one of the state's major industries. North Carolina produces more than three times the cigarettes than does Virginia, runner-up in the field, not to mention chewing tobacco and other products.

The whole tobacco industry has been under pressure for 13 or more years of federally-financed propaganda from the surgeon-general's office on the slow death produced by use of cigarettes, pipes and cigars.

A non-smoking high ranking state government official remarked a few years ago, "Pity the poor Governor of North Carolina should everyone start believing the attorney-general. I'd have to start smoking just to be patriotic!" He would.

Mr. Baugh's tears for the sad plight of New York, taxing smokes into the bootlegging market, has nothing to do with the price of eggs (tobacco tax) in North Carolina.

Mr. Baugh's appeal that North Carolina is the lone state not taxing tobacco is argument by comparison, seldom valid. Hasn't he heard about the army private who found every other member of his company out-of-step but him?

FOR SALE — 1950 Dodge 4-door Meadowbrook, 24,263 actual miles, four good heavy tread tires, recappable spare; run-out-out of the car heater, freshly painted, non-dented starboard side. Interior slightly rough, needs new glass for front left-door, has some dents on port side, front bumper and hood. Can be seen at Victory Chevrolet Company sick bay during business hours. All reasonable offers considered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARL WIESENER, COMMANDER-ELECT, AND THE OTHER NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN OF OTIS D. GREEN POST 155, AMERICAN LEGION.

BEST BOWS TO JEFF MAUNEY AND PAT CHESHIRE, KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATES TO BOYS' STATE, THE WEEK-LONG "CRASH" COURSE IN GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN LEGION AND THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT.

IT'S VOTING DAY AGAIN TUESDAY. A KEY POSITION ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ONE-FIFTH OF THE POLICY-MAKING BODY GOVERNING MORE THAN 4200 AREA SCHOOL CHILDREN, IS TO BE FILLED.

GLENN BROOKSHIRE'S DECISION TO LEAVE THE FIELD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S PUPIL TESTING AND PLACEMENT DIVISION IS DISAPPOINTING TO THE MANY FRIENDS HE HAS MADE IN THE BRIEF SCHOOL YEAR HE HAS SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL. HIS TEACHERS AND MANY PARENTS GIVE HIM HIGH MARKS FOR PERFORMANCE.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

BY MARTIN HARMON

I have long been addicted to the premise that a family should have as many autos as licensed drivers. While such premise is not recommended for increasing the breathing capacity, improving the heart condition, or other physical conditions of the family, it has some sideline physical benefits in saving wear-and-tear on the nervous system by speeding performance in this two-speedy vale of tears rat-race.

ONCE UPON A TIME (AND I WAS DETERMINED IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN) MY TWO-DRIVER FAMILY WAS THE OWNER OF THREE CARS. THIS IS WORSE, I AM SURE, THAN FOR A TWO-DRIVER FAMILY TO HAVE ONLY ONE CAR. ONE SITS, WHILE TWO MOVE. SWITCHING MUST BE DONE TO KEEP BATTERIES CHARGED, AND IT IS NATURALLY THE MORE AGED AND DECREPIT WHICH QUICKLY BECOMES RE-HEADED STEP-CHILD.

THERE IS THE MATTER OF INSURING THREE CARS AGAINST THE LIABILITY, COMPREHENSIVE, AND COLLISION HAZARDS. THE TAX FASTER ADDS HIS ASSESSMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES HIS POUND OF LICENSE TAG FLESH.

MY "THIRD" CAR OF YEARS AGO WAS A HUDSON CLUB COUPE, LEADER IN THE LE-DOWN-TO-GET-IN MODELS WHICH IS ALL BUYERS CAN FIND TODAY. SHE HAD BEEN MY HONEY-MOON CAR WITH ALL THE VARIOUS EXIGENCIES PERPETRATED BY JOHN PLONK, JR., TOLLY SHUTFORD, FRED FINGER, NED MCGILL, MIKE MILAM, A SOUTH CAROLINA PATROLMAN AND VARIOUS AND SUNDRY OTHER IMAGINATIVE FOLK.

ON MAY 16, 1871, THERE OCCURRED THE BATTLE OF ALAMANCE, NEAR BURLINGTON IN ALAMANCE COUNTY.

ROYAL GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON, COMMANDING AN 1100-MAN FORCE OF NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL MILITIA, SMASHED A FORCE OF 2,000 INSURGENTS IN A TWO-HOUR BATTLE, BRINGING ABOUT THE COLLAPSE OF THE REGULATOR REBELLION.

THE REGULATOR MOVEMENT HAD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE BACKCOUNTRY SETTLEMENTS, CAUSED BY RESENTMENT AGAINST TAXES AND CORRUPT, INEFFICIENT OFFICIALS.

TRYON HANGED SIX LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT, AND SET OUT UPON A MARCH WHICH TOOK HIM FROM HILLSBOROUGH TO SALISBURY TO SALEM BURNING AND DESTROYING THE PROPERTY OF THOSE PROMINENTLY INVOLVED IN THE REBELLION.

MAY 20, 1775, IS ONE OF THE TWO DATES EMBLEMED ON THE STATE FLAG.

ON THIS DATE, IN THE FRONTIER SETTLEMENT OF CHARLOTTE TOWN, A GROUP OF PATRIOTIC SETTLERS MET AND DRAFTED THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ANTICIPATING BY NEARLY A YEAR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA ON JULY 4, 1776.

ON MAY 20, 1861, 86 YEARS LATER, ANOTHER GROUP OF NORTH CAROLINIANS — IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY — WOULD VOTE TO ASSERT THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ON THIS DAY THE STATE SECEDED FROM THE UNION AND PETITIONED FOR ADMISSION TO THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

NO STATE TOOK THIS ACTION MORE RELUCTANTLY. FORT SUMNER HAD BEEN FIRED ON IN APRIL; LINCOLN HAD CALLED FOR TROOPS AND THE WAR HAD ALREADY BEGUN. ONCE COMMITTED, HOWEVER, NO STATE WOULD CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE CAUSE THAN DID NORTH CAROLINA.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

On May 14, 1908, former governor Daniel R. Russell died in Wilmington. He was the state's last Republican governor.

Russell served in the Confederate Army, the General Assembly, as a judge and U. S. Congressman. He was elected governor in 1896, when the Populist movement split the state's Democratic Party.

Born May 17, 1741, in Virginia, John Penn, one of North Carolina's three signers of the Declaration of Independence.

An early and staunch supporter of separation from Great Britain, Penn served in the Continental Congress from 1775-80. After the Revolution he forsook government service entirely for the practice of law.

Others: Died May 18, 1920, Robert B. Glenn, governor 1905-09.

Died May 17, 1819, William Hawkins, governor (1811-14) during the War of 1812.

Born May 17, 1862, in Washington, N. C., Josephus Daniels, author, newspaper publisher, Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador to Mexico.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

BY ED H. SMITH

IMPROPER QUESTIONS

Certain tests and questionnaires used by the federal government threaten an unjustified invasion of the privacy of government employees. For several years, Sen. Sam J. Ervin's subcommittee on constitutional rights has kept a sharp eye open to detect possible infringement of individual liberties.

The subcommittee extensively probed the psychological testing of federal government employees. It pointed to the use of some testing forms which include what many would consider objectionable questions relating to religion, sex, and other personal matters.

From one test, the following, for example, were to be answered "true" or "false":

- "Christ performed miracles."
- "I pray several times a week."
- "I like to talk about sex."
- "I am a special agent of God."

More recently, the subcommittee found that various government agencies were using a "report of Medical History" which includes questions of an extremely personal nature, some of which have no apparent bearing on the individual's physical fitness.

After the subcommittee and the American Civil Liberties Union pressed the matter with the United States Civil Service Commission, the commission dropped the form for all civilian employees and job applicants. But the Defense Department continues to use it for military personnel.

A "false or dishonest answer" to this questionnaire is punishable by fine or imprisonment. It was by no means clear that access to these forms would be strictly limited to medical staff. If they were made available to personnel or security officers, answers irrelevant to physical fitness might well have resulted in exclusion from government service.

Government must, of course, obtain certain information about applicants in order to select able, conscientious, and reliable employees. But there are some personal matters which government has no right to extract from an individual as a condition of employment.

We are encouraged that both Congress and an organization dedicated to the preservation of civil liberties have seen fit to look into the matter. It deserves — The Christian Science Monitor continuing surveillance.

REPORT ON THE PEACE CORPS

In the case of the Peace Corps, familiarity has bred the sort of public indifference that goes with the acceptance of an established institution. The corps' fifth annual report was submitted to Congress by President Johnson recently with almost no general attention.

Imaginative ideas are rare in any age. This one was first put forward by Senator John F. Kennedy a few weeks after he won the Democratic party nomination in 1960. The Peace Corps began operating the following June when he was President. By now, more than 20,000 Americans have served; and over 7,000 have completed overseas tours.

The Peace Corps attracts unusual young men and women who enjoy the unique experience of immersing themselves for two years or more in an alien culture. The basic service they perform in underdeveloped regions is to help people of these countries meet their needs for manpower. In a world where

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Kings Mountain citizens voted resoundingly Tuesday to fluoridate the city's water supply. The result was 1193 to 576, or better than 2 to 1 majority.

Garland E. Still, A. Dewitte Cornwell and R. Coleman Stroupe have called formally for run-off elections in their contests for city offices.

George William Sellers, Jr. celebrated his second birthday Sunday, May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole honored their daughter, Paula, on her 14th birthday Friday at a lawn party at their home on McGinnis street.

The United States is not generally popular, partly because of Vietnam and partly because its immense wealth and power arouse suspicions of "imperialist" designs, the Peace Corps workers are the best kind of diplomats.

They are in no sense a brain-washed outfit. Last month, hundreds of former members asked Mr. Johnson to stop the bombing of North Vietnam.

As the annual report just issued points out, the biggest contribution in the Peace Corps comes from educated middle- and upper-class citizens. They help the United States by doing practical, useful, unselfish and much-needed work in uncomfortable circumstances and for very little pay.

It was an act of faith to believe that thousands of young Americans would be willing to volunteer. With a sixth anniversary approaching, the Peace Corps deserves attention and applause, and what is more important, money and support.—The New York Times

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SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Soon for many students graduation will come and commencement oratory will flow like milk and honey on this important day of their young lives. One official, J. C. Matthews, president of North Texas State University, sums up the situation: "It will be said of the university students in this day, that some wore their hair long; some grew beards, some protested rules, some violated rules; some declared that God is dead; some obeyed only the laws they liked; some declared no concern for other people's life or safety or comfort; some threatened others. But it must be recognized that the great majority conducted themselves as the ladies and gentlemen they are."

Pussywillow, a taffy-colored cat residing in Washington, D. C., received a cat basket from a friend of her master's in New York. The gift, sent from a pet shop, was addressed to Miss Pussywillow. Since then, the cat has received offers to subscribe to "Harper's" and the "Atlantic" and to become a member of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

Riding in a taxi I noted that the name of the driver was Jose Sandoval and asked him where he was from. He said that he was the first of 3,000 volunteers from the Philippine Islands to join the American forces in World War I. Then he stayed in this country. As to why he volunteered for that war, he answered that President Woodrow Wilson sent a cablegram to his homeland asking for men to help save the world for democracy. Evidently Jose Sandoval took this message seriously. "I felt loyal to Uncle," he said.

How differing aspects get different results is shown by what happened a few years ago when an architect was visiting the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was admiring the residence of the Superintendent, the oldest building there, when he learned to his dismay that it was soon to be torn down to be replaced by barracks. The architect went to Washington and button-holed Congressmen but could interest none. Then he had an inspiration: he called on the late Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia and told him that the famous home of General Robert E. Lee, which he occupied while Superintendent of West Point, was about to be destroyed. The senator could hardly believe it. He called the Academy on the phone immediately. The result: the landmark still stands.

Noticing a large "nest egg" on the desk of a banker, I asked him how the name originated and he did not know. One could tell that he had never been fortunate enough to grow up on a farm. So I was glad to remind him—as one who had—that this was once used to keep in the hen's nest, the belief being that she would thus be more attached to the nest and stay there to lay her eggs. Although nest eggs were artificial, they looked almost exactly like the real thing and I suppose we will never know whether the hen was really fooled or not. Now of course the expansion is used by this bank in advertising—as a suggested saving of money for a rainy day—or just any kind.