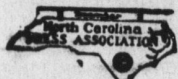




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. Proverbs 9:6.

Tar Heel Troubles

Tuesday's Charlotte Observer published a news story stating that, as a result of petition of about 1700 of the 16,000 students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a referendum will be conducted to determine whether the payment of the subscription to the Daily Tar Heel, 77-year-old student newspaper will continue to be compulsory.

The Daily Tar Heel, traditionally, is the bane of 1) the trustees, 2) the legislature, and 3) the University administration. The students for the most part regard it as must reading. The 1700 are disenchanting because of the current Tar Heel editorship's ultra-liberal treatment of some of the issues of the day.

Failure to make the modest \$2 Tar Heel fee compulsory could pose severe financial crisis says the editor, who points out that the students elected him by 2 to 1 over two opponents, and the business manager, who foresees the Tar Heel forced to become semi-professional, at least, by paying higher prices for employees (all but the top brass work for love, not money) and printing the contract-published six-day daily in its own plant. Student "scripts" represent about one-third the \$110,000 annual gross revenues.

It has been thus with Daily Tar Heel editors, who have been more often loud, many strident, during their year as editor, with overtones continuing in their later years of working to eat. Some of them: the late author Thomas Wolfe, Editor-Author Jonathan Daniels, the late sports specialist Jake Wade, Walter Spearman, for many years a journalism professor, Frank P. Graham, later president of the university, Charles Kuralt, now a television newsmen of prominence. (The Observer account listed Pollster Louis Harris as a former editor, which he is not, and who was quoted by Time Magazine as declaring his loss of the editorship by three votes to Orville Campbell, now publisher of the Chapel Hill Weekly, his greatest disappointment.)

The present editor of the Kings Mountain Herald enjoyed handling the wheel and was in the tradition. The General Assembly, University Administration, student government council, nor some conservative elements throughout the state appreciated, to put it mildly, the rather gaudy defense (on grounds of censorship) of the smutty humor magazine, one issue of which the student council declined to be distributed until it was toned down.

Some echelons of the faculty failed to appreciate the decision to let the students put the shoe on the other foot and grade their professors. The response was tremendous and the results compared to the grades the students compiled. There were a few "A's", a few "F's", more "B's" and "D's", but with the majority adjudged good solid "C's".

It is quite possible the newspaper fee payment as athletic contest ticket fees were many years ago, should be eliminated from the compulsory list and made voluntary and the paper forced to "scratch" harder for the operating cash required.

But in an earlier day the fact of not having a morning Tar Heel would have been unthinkable for most. How to while the doleful hour of an 8:30 class, droned over by a dull professor, minus the crossword puzzle for escape?

No Business Dabbling, But . . .

An ascerbic drama critic once wrote about a Broadway play after its opening night, "Mr. Tommy Tanner played the male lead, a performance that, in his leisure, he is certain to regret."

Belmont citizens, in a very light vote, approved adoption of the city manager system Tuesday.

It is not unlikely that Belmont folk, in the future and like Mr. Tanner, may find reason to be regretful.

Crash On Environment

Citizens of the United States, a polyglot of many older nations, are, history shows, addicted to crash programs, enhanced today by the wiles and talents of advertising and communications media front men.

But Madison Avenue had never heard of the man in the gray flannel suit when "taxation without representation" produced a war which made this nation. Some others: "54-440 or fight", "remember the Alamo", "remember the Maine", "make the world safe for democracy", and "slap the Jap", a World War II favorite.

In 1957, a complacent United States was roused from its slumber when dumb Ivan, the Russian, proved not dumb at all, when he launched Sputnik I into outer space.

In 1962, during the Cuban crisis, the stately sounds of the "Star Spangled Banner" via radio and television twanged the patriotic chord in almost all and had paunchy, over-ripe service veterans happily singing the "Re-up Blues".

There's a crash program underway now on Environment.

It's been slowly gathering momentum for years and, with local and foreign population exploding and John Doe slowly realizing the ill effects of water and air pollution, the crash program "to prevent us from exterminating ourselves" has the solid backing required for success in a democratic society.

As has been mentioned in these columns many times, the facts of water and air pollution are quite real problems needful of near-term solving are quite real. On the more distant field, Chicago should not be contaminating the living-giving Mississippi river, nor up-state New York the Hudson. Locally, it was not right for Kings Mountain to pour untreated human and industrial waste into Buffalo creek and endanger the water supply of neighboring Blacksburg, S. C.

Conquering problems of both stream and air pollution can be managed with hard work and money in quantity. When Dan K. Moore, then an official of Champion Paper & Fibre Company, announced for governor, it was immediately charged that Champion regarded it much cheaper to elect a governor than to clean up the odor at Canton. Not quite true, said Candidate Moore to the Herald. Champion's long-range clean-up program, already well underway, had cost \$4 million to that October 1964 date, and would aggregate \$7 million when complete.

The population explosion business is somewhat different, and is not likely to be dissuaded by social service workers, the pill, nor birth control clinics.

Nor, perhaps, should there be as much alarm as voiced by many.

It should be remembered that the "good" farmer who produced 20 bushels to the acre just a few years ago now harvests a hundred, a feat that can be re-told in wheat, peas, soybeans and many other commodities, as well as in production of poultry, beef, and milk.

Know-how nations need to be exporting know-how to the undereducated nations of the world.

Change Of Command

Cleveland County's Republican chairman no longer lives among us Mountaineers, residing in Shelby, but there is still a somewhat close connection since newly-elected Duane Robinson is general manager of Craftsman Yarns.

Then Mrs. Bruce Sparrow, an employee of Mauney Hosiery Mills, fills the role of vice-chairman and Bob Maner continues as treasurer.

Retiring Chairman Edward H. Smith remains in harness as a member of the board of directors.

Commendations are in order for the work of Mr. Smith during his seasons as chairman. He was an unflagging GOP worker and loyalist. He did not realize his dreams of electing Republicans to local level offices, but joy reigned in November 1968 when the Congressional district returned a Republican to Washington for the first time in 40 years.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

On the occasion of his sixteenth anniversary of writing a regular column labeled "Chapel Hill Chaff" for his paper "The Chapel Hill Weekly", Editor Louis Graves confided to his quite large readership "I'm sick unto death of it". Sick or not, Mr. Graves who "apprenticed" on the New York Times, a pretty fair size country newspaper, he continued to write "Chaff" for many years.

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Come Monday, I will log 25 years as the author of Martin's Medicine". The title sometimes seems a bit old-fashioned, emblematic of journalistic style old hat — until someone tells me they enjoy the weekly medicinal dosage. Then the title seems quite modern. My most recent inspiration in this direction was Mrs. Willis Harmon. Another boon came a few weeks ago when my confrere on the journalistic front and in-law kinsman William Rhodes Weaver of Greensboro, said, "I always read your medicine."

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I am reminded of a by-play in Raleigh a few years ago when Tom Lassiter, editor of the Smithfield Herald, Henry Belk, editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus (former editor Haywood Lynch's alma mater), and I were walking along the street together. Mr. Belk was already virtually blind, but he told Tom, "I still read your column". Tom bowed low as he thanked his fellow editor. "Henry", he said, "that's the highest compliment I can get. It makes no difference whether you agree with me, just so you read it." Editor Belk, incidentally, referred to Mrs. Belk as "my seeing eye wife", as, indeed, this devoted lady was.

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I suppose it would be remiss to pass the opportunity to comment on the approach of a silver anniversary. It is said at the school I attended that the 25th is the big one and that Golden 50 finds too many friends unable to attend, either because of infirmities or having done business with their favorite mortician.

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Twenty-five years—creates changes, sometimes glaringly, in physical appearance and in thinking. I still wear the same size clothes I wore in college days. But a medic friend approached me five years ago and said, "You haven't changed much in 25 years—except your hair is whiter and your teeth are grayer." I hope he'll be present to assess me again at Number 30 in May.

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A particular thinking change occurred just one year after my graduation in a brilliant lad a year behind me. Lee Manning Wiggins, Jr., son of the president of Atlantic Coastline Railway, several other rail lines, owner of a Hartsville, S. C. bank, a key figure in the famed Coker seed breeding success, etc., etc., was a campus leftist who found himself elected national president of the red-tinted American Student Union. As such, Lee, whom I liked very much personally, was a frequent editorial whipping boy of mine. Red-tinted, I think, can stand one of the American Student Union policies of that day was defense of the poor, defenseless Russians and their oppression by the wicked old Finns. I inquired of my journalism professor on the "why" of young Lee's left field thinking in view of his father's background. The Skipper guffawed. "Huh," he said, "you should have known his Daddy when he was in school. Young Lee can't hold a light to him!" Lee, incidentally, awakened within the year, and resigned with a year of his ASU term remaining, at last report was teaching economics at Columbia University. His brother, trained as an engineer at Clemson, is boss of the Hartsville newspaper, another Wiggins, Sr., property.

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This column follows for style "The Omniscience", authored by my late great friend, boss, and teacher, John E. Harris of Albemarle.

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Unlike Mr. Graves, I enjoy writing "Medicine." Recently I made a talk at the Kiwanis club and discussed several features of newspaper operation, told a few tall yarns, and sat down. Carl Finger was presiding. He chided me for failure to mention the medicine column.

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Then he declared, "Martin's column is all right. The only thing it needs is an occasional dose of Epsom salts."

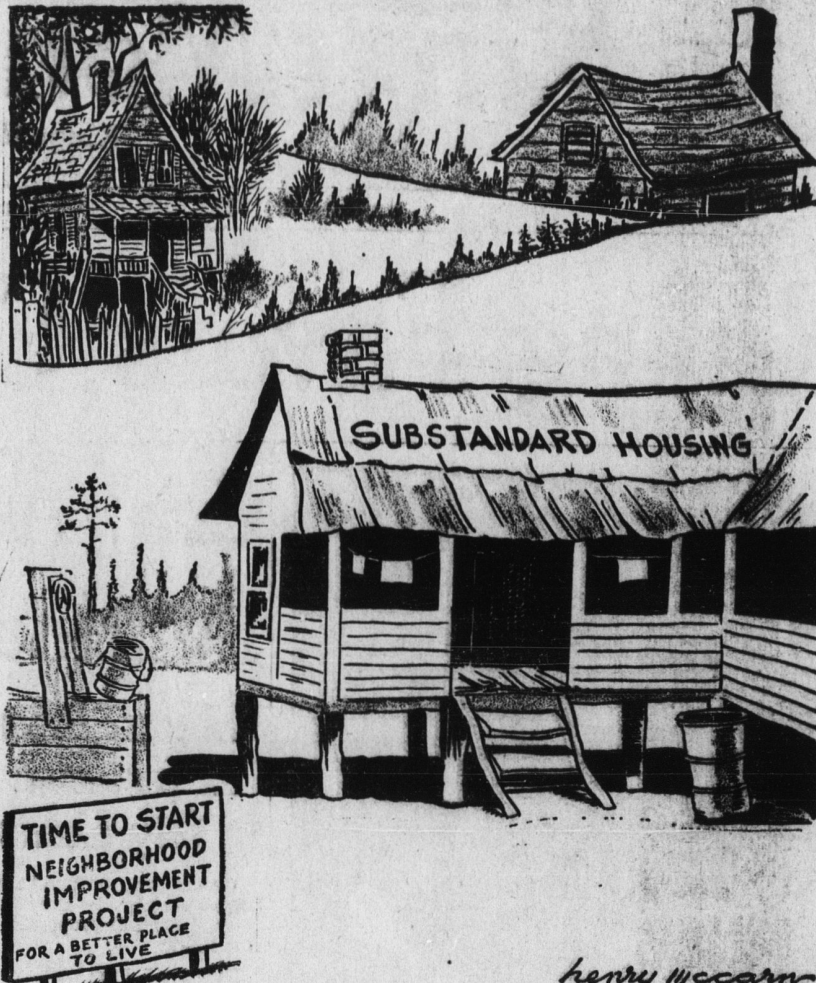
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Conditions Need Correcting



Henry McCann

Viewpoints of Other Editors

POLICE AND SOCIAL REFORM

The police are on the front line of much of society's trouble. In the cities, particularly the reign of lawlessness would be even more entrenched if it were not for what protection the police can give.

And yet, for a number of reasons, the police have become an object of derision. Some of their dislike is of their own making. Among racial minorities, the white police have not overcome a reputation for repression or unequal enforcement. To a sector of youth they are branded the brutal pawns of the "Establishment." Most of their problems, however, stem from subtler causes. The police cannot function more effectively than society or the law lets them. In the case of the growing Spanish-speaking minority groups, language itself is a barrier. And how can police action solve the joblessness, family disintegration, the moral downgrading of slum living which lead to crime?

It is in this context we were heartened by reports of the recruitment of able college youths into police ranks. One police campus recruiter, himself an Amherst man, refers to the policeman's life as a "last chance to be a knight errant" in modern society.

He may be overstating the romantic aspect of police work. But he is certainly correct that the police corps, no less than the Peace Corps or VISTA or teaching, is an avenue for pragmatic idealism for today's youth. Good numbers of young college men are signing up. It is too early to forecast their likely effect. No doubt there will be attrition. Abuse, limited salaries will take their toll. Many of the young men presumably will move into administrative work. And there is the new sophisticated side of enforcement which requires research and study. The policeman, once a comfortable neighborhood fixture, has become an alien. Ways must be found to bridge the police-community gap. The police cruiser has largely isolated the police officer. Perhaps the new young officers will be able to restore friendly and more direct relations.

The most important first effect, however, will be to neutralize the opprobrium directed at the police by today's youth. The legal profession has benefited greatly by Naderlike crusaders. And business has yielded to social-effort-minded young executives. So can the nation's police forces but gain from youth's serious interest in them.

WHAT A BARGAIN!

The school children of Rutland, Vermont, have used good old Yankee ingenuity to get rid of a small portion of their snow. Recently, they shipped 200 snowballs, wrapped in styrofoam and packed in dry ice to Eau Gallie, Florida, where most of the youngsters have never seen even a flake of that white stuff.

In exchange, the students of Eau Gallie have agreed to ship 200 Florida oranges to the children of Rutland.

Now that's what we call a bargain. If there are any more gullible Southerners around, we'd be happy to trade snow for oranges, leeches for bananas and slush for almost anything they have to offer.

INTEGRATION: NORTH AND SOUTH

The United States is aiming today toward a tremendous goal: the achievement of genuine racial balance in its public schools. But the difficulties encountered, symbolized by the current Senate debate, proclaim that this goal still requires the most careful pondering and the greatest wisdom from all citizens — concerning both immediate tactics and ultimate aims.

With the South under Supreme Court command to end immediately its dual white-black school system, Southern senators are pleading for more time to comply, and are demanding that the new standards of racial balance be applied to the North as well as the South. Particularly in the Southern attack aimed at prohibiting pupil busing and at restoring "freedom of choice" as a permissible — if snailpace — method of desegregation.

The goal of desegregation is eminently desirable. Several studies, including the Coleman report in 1966, have documented the proposition that minority-group children show their greatest achievement gains when placed in integrated schools.

Meanwhile heavier investment in slum-area schools has not produced as much pupil improvement as might be expected. Ergo, school integration is good for the disadvantaged, despite the fact that in Philadelphia and some other cities some black officials say enthusiasm for bussing is fading and that black parents prefer their neighborhood schools.

But the gravest questions now are the practical ones concerning just how much true desegregation is being achieved and whether current avoidances and evasions are only temporary.

Resistance to desegregation in Mississippi areas where blacks are in the majority — resulting in large resort to private schools by whites — has been well publicized. Now a survey by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare shows that a kind of "resegregation" is developing in many big Northern cities. When city schools which have had a large white majority experience a big influx of black pupils, in a number of instances the whites in the neighborhood begin to move out and the schools eventually become almost entirely non-white. In other Northern school districts there is, of course, "de facto" segregation due mainly to long-existing housing patterns.

Senator Stennis of Mississippi and other Southern senators are saying to the government: Either proceed as diligently against all this Northern segregation as you are moving in the South, or jettison the whole drive and fall back on "freedom of choice."

The United States cannot really abandon itself to a reinstated dual school system. It cannot leave slum pupils bereft of massive educational help. What has to be determined, with deepest dedication, is whether present procedures are truly accomplishing their purposes, and how the aim of a classless, educated society can be most effectively and speedily promoted, in both North and South.

—Christian Science Monitor

The appointment of Dr. Marc J. Musser as Chief Medical Director of the VA was announced recently by Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson.

MARRIAGE ON THE ROCKS?

This age is not the first to produce doubts about the future of marriage. . . . Speculation about this formal institution and predictions of its demise have recurred throughout history.

Even so isn't this age different? What about the newest forms of contraception, removing sexual experience almost completely from the begetting of children? And what about the bright youngsters reaching maturity today, the men and women who will, presumably, be leaders of this society? Aren't they opposed to all things smacking of middle-class hypocrisy, and isn't marriage really a hypocritical institution?

Actually, there is not as much that is new about the present age as the maturing youngsters might believe. "Free love" after all, is not something that was invented right along with The Pill. And whatever "arrangements" might be in vogue these days among the enlightened young, many others — some, perhaps, just as enlightened — are, wonder of wonders, getting carried. The reasons are hardly surprising, but interesting. One of the characteristics of today's generation of new adults is supposed to be "commitment." Young people demand of themselves a commitment to something or someone—a social cause, a class of people. They are also said to be searching for "meaningful relationships" with other individuals. So it should not be surprising that many young Americans, despite their scorn for middle-class values, still find great attraction in an institution that not only provides for a genuine relationship, but provides also for commitment.

So once again, it is too soon to conclude that this venerable institution is on the rocks.

—National Observer

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Broyhill Is Speaker

Congressman James T. Broyhill, 10th District of North Carolina, will be the featured speaker at the 10th. Congressional District Convention which will be held Saturday, February 28, 2:00 p.m., at the Gaston County Court House in Gastonia, announced Dan R. Simpson, Chairman of the 10th. District Executive Committee.

Chairman Simpson stated that the 10th District Executive Committee is pleased to have Congressman Broyhill give the main address at this year's convention, which will be the "kick-off" to campaign activities in the 10th District for this election year.

Chairman Simpson strongly urges all registered Republicans and other interested persons of the 10th. District to be present at this convention.

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