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My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. Proverbs 3:11

The LBD Question

Even historically dry Cleveland, historically, that is, for at least 65 years, seems singularly unexcited about the upcoming November 6 election, just 19 days distant, when North Carolinians go to the polls to determine whether liquor-by-the-drink will be legalized in North Carolina.

It may be presumed that the excitement may well increase during the interim.

Discussing the upcoming election recently, a dry friend remarked, "I've heard a good many wets say they would vote against liquor-by-the-drink because it's a bad bill."

Bad or not, the bill most certainly is a convoluted one.

Some interesting items in it: Only Grade A restaurants with minimum seating capacity of 36 are eligible for permits.

The license fees range from \$300 to \$1000, with a \$300 deposit required with permit application and non-refundable if the permit is denied.

The licensee must keep detailed records of his sales, is subject to annual audit, and must sell more food than grog.

Brown-bagging will be out in liquor-by-the-drink establishments.

An LBD firm, in addition to the annual license fees, must pay a premium of \$5 per gallon on whiskey, which in turn the licensee is required to buy at an ABC store in the same county. A purchase-transportation permit to move the hooch from the liquor store to their places of business is also required.

IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

Cleveland County is one of 15 counties of the state's 100 which, legally, is totally dry.

Under the "club" provisions of the current liquor laws, a member was permitted to rent a locker in which he could keep his own personal supply. In turn, the member could tap it as he liked and purchase the mixings from the club. Well, every club in Cleveland

\$30 Million Freeze

Most folk thought there would be only two matters to settle in the statewide voting on November 6.

But there's a third and a quite strange one.

The voters are being invited to approve \$30 million in clean water bonds, that they have already approved.

Crazy, yes?

But true.

The re-vote was necessitated because Uncle Sam decided to pass out more money for clean water, before the state sold \$30 million of the clean water bond issue (total \$150 million) approved in the May 1972 primary.

A "For" re-vote on the frozen \$30 million is advised to use this money to take advantage of a change in federal law which now provides that the federal government will provide 75 percent of the funds for clean water projects.

North Carolinians voted for the \$150 million when the federal government promised to provide only 55 percent of the cost of approved public projects, and the law providing for the bond referendum was based on the old law.

The re-vote was required when bond attorneys looked over the terms of the law and "doubted" that the bonds could be legally sold.

More important still, attorneys for the banks and other institutions which bid on and buy bonds indicated they'd have no part of the remaining \$30 million.

This is another interesting question to determine answer to on November 6.

County has recently had its license suspended for a period of 60 days—with no assurance of having the suspension lifted. The reason was simple. Each and every one (was it 18?) was running a bar. At most clubs the mixer or chaser was plain water, or a soft drink. At the more sophisticated clubs it was possible to get a martini, Manhattan, gin fizz or whiskey sour. But none of the clubs had the space to provide lockers for all the customers. Besides, it was too much trouble.

Should the state vote wet for LBD, Cleveland and its 14 other teetotaling county confreres would have to vote in ABC stores before deciding the liquor-by-the-drink issue, a possibility considered highly unlikely.

IN NEIGHBORING GASTON

In neighboring Gaston, an ABC county, even a wet LBD vote would not assure LBD.

LBD could arrive by three methods:

- a) request the state ABC board to establish LBD within 90, such request being made by the county commission.
- b) a local election on the LBD question called by the county commission.
- c) a local election forced on a county by petition to the county elections board of 20 percent of the registered voters.

It looks as if the wets gained a few victories in the bill's final form, chief among them avoidance of the South Carolina experience where LBD vendors must sell grog in more expensive mini-bottles.

THE ARGUMENTS

The magazine "We the People of North Carolina" gave full treatment to the upcoming liquor-by-the-drink vote, including lengthy personal statements of position by the leaders of the dry and wet forces.

John J. Ryan, chairman of the wets, makes a quite logical approach to the question, though these arguments are weakened somewhat by his tendency to argue by comparison with LBD situations in other states including South Carolina and Virginia.

Co-Chairmen Allen Bailey, the Charlotte lawyer, and State Representative Joy J. Johnson, passed the dry platform to Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Mr. Grant delves quite heavily in the venerable lawyer's dictum: "When you've a winning case, fight with the facts. When you have a losing case from the standpoint of the law and the evidence, cry and wail."

HERALD CONCLUSION

In accord with the democratic process, one should vote as he pleases on this long-emotional question.

But if one is a wagerer, he is well-advised to bet against liquor-by-the-drink.

These Bids Pleased

School officials were pleased.

Low bids on the four school construction projects—junior high school, Kings Mountain High School auditorium, East and West school additions, were "within the money."

Are prices going down? Maybe a little, for most construction bids of the past few years have posed too-tight-money problems. Costs consistently had out-run architectural estimates.

The school officials had felt they might have to borrow up to \$200,000 from the state literary fund to make up the difference.

That this will not be required is not only happy news for them, but the taxpayers, too.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The New York Mets evened the 1973 World Series at Shea Stadium Wednesday night at two games each on the stellar pitching of Jon Matlack. The score was 6 to 1.

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The Oakland Athletics threatened in the ninth, loading the bases against reliever Ray Sieckel with two away, but Sieckel fanned A's leadoff man Bert Campaneris to end it.

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Thus, while the A's and Mets are 2-2 on the best four of seven series, Matlack and A's fliker Ken Holtzman are 1-1. Holtzman won a pitcher's duel over Matlack in the opener at Oakland.

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The Met win assures return of the two league champions to Oakland for the sixth game. Thursday night the action's at Shea Stadium again. Friday is a day of rest and the action resumes at Oakland Saturday.

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Mike Andrews, who Owner "Charlie O" Finley of the A's sent home on the disabled list after Sunday's game, when Andrews made two costly errors in the Met's 12-inning marathon victory keyed by Willie Mays, not only was back and in uniform, but saw some action. He was out on an infield bouncer in the A's seventh, but the highly partisan Mets audience not only gave Andrews a standing ovation when he went to the plate but another after his ground-out. The T-V announcer said, "Tip your hat, Mike." Mike did.

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It has already been a rather whacky series, and, well, folks, there's more to come.

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Dick Williams, the A's manager, must go down in history as a gum chewer's delight. It must be gum, for none could chew tobacco, that fact. It reminds that the golden weed in chewable form (Beech Nut rough cut I believe was a baseball man's delight) was the trademark of the old time ball player. Maybe the baseball breed out of loyalty to the trade has switched to Phil Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, who invests his Spearmint and Juicy Fruit profits in the lads who call Wrigley Field home.

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Wrigley Field, incidentally, is an unregenerate ballyard. It has long been the only major league ball park unequipped for night play.

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Rumor is rife that Dick Williams, who managed the Boston Red Sox, got fired, then went to great success at Oakland, will move to Shea Stadium next year. No, he won't take over from Yogi Berra, but will succeed Ralph Houk with the Yankees, who, while the House that Ruth Built is being re-built along more modern lines, will share Shea Stadium with the Mets for two years.

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I shed several tears for the demise of the old Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. I saw many games there when a navy lad as the Yankees' guest, who, during World War II, not only welcomed servicemen for free, but gave them the best seats in the house.

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I was also impressed in the early post-war years with the Yankee Stadium one-way traffic rest room arrangement.

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And the last game I saw in the Stadium was a good one for a Carolinian, as old Bobo Newsum, the firstville hero, fluster-balled (or airplane-balled) the mighty Red Sox into submission by 1-0. That was 1947 and, incidentally, the year Yogi Berra broke in as catcher for the Yanks. Berra, at that time, was one of the most awkward receivers the major leagues had seen to date. He learned and well.

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In New York for the Series is Mayor John Henry Moss, president of the Western Carolinas Leagues which produced Met Jerry Koosman, among others, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson. George is the lone Kings Mountain product to play in a World Series. It reminds that Mrs. Wilson, a Scot, thought George was crazy when he told her he played baseball for a livelihood.

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And John Henry, when the Mets made the Series in 1969, bragged about graduating Koosman. Then laughing, he added, "I can't claim Seaver, though he did spend the night at Rock Hill before he was moved to Greensboro."

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WILL AUTUMN EVER BE THE SAME?

It is autumn in these parts, and the sight of a maple tree gives the whole world a glow. The first whiff of wood smoke in the neighborhood air makes pollution seem benign. The boys passing a football in the street declare the end of the baseball season in a judgment too definitive for even a president to ignore.

Yes, the fan is still recognizable. But will it ever be the same again?

Shine on, harvest moon . . . but the harvest that farmers were once paid to reduce will need to be multiplied.

The frost is on the pumpkin . . . but the pumpkin is 12 cents a pound. Next, the \$1 hot dog at the stadium.

And that touch of wood smoke . . . it may become a cloud as the wood-stove business reportedly booms among people hedging against shortages of other fuel. Americans go into this fall under instructions to turn their thermostats down.

As for the schoolboy with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like small unwillingly to school . . . it never used to occur to him that his teacher might be on strike.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness . . . but you'd never think so from the fall crop of TV series.

But if one swallow doesn't make a spring, neither does any of the changes really unmake an autumn.

Christian Science Monitor

EXPRESSIONS OF A TURBULENT PAST

In February 1969, 167 George Washington University students signed up for "The Negro in American History." This fall, 24 students are enrolled in the course. Also in 1969, 339 students signed up for American University's "The Sociology of the Afro-American." This semester only 12 are taking the course. And whereas 64 students were attracted to Georgetown University's "The Negro in American History" when it was offered in the fall of 1969, the course was dropped two years ago after only nine students enrolled.

These examples, cited in a recent survey by The Washington Post, a coincide with similar findings elsewhere. Enrollment in black studies courses is way down, and fewer still are majoring in the subject.

One reason for this is that the black studies movement caused existing disciplines to take a closer look at Negro historical, intellectual and cultural contributions, and to incorporate them into traditional curriculums. Furthermore, the Post noted that virtually every political activist on campus crowded into the classroom when black studies were first offered at George Washington. But radicals are as passe today on most campuses as parietals and crewcuts.

Saunders Redding, black author and professor of American Studies and Humane Letters at Cornell University, told the Post that a major defect of black studies was that white schools were often pressured into acting swiftly. (For example, the George Washington history department approved a course in Negro culture only one day after some 200 students marched on the administration building and demanded that the school do so.) Consequently, unqualified faculty members gave courses that were inspirational but often devoid of scholarly content.

Black studies programs were hardly unique at Multiversity in often lacking content. And they did help to correct an existing oversight. There is probably content and students for a few specialized programs. But generally a major or minor in Afro-American studies is obviously a waste of time for anyone wanting to cash in his academic credentials for a good job.

A recent study revealed that the median salary for black political scientists is \$21,298, and that the typical black Ph.D. who teaches in a university receives 16 new job offers a year. There are probably fewer than 3,000 black Ph.D.s in the entire country. But demand for their services, at a time when demand for Ph.D.s generally is down from earlier years, is almost certain to grow under combined pressure from civil rights groups and HEW that colleges integrate their faculties.

But the demand will be for those who exhibit scholarship within traditional disciplines, not for people who are certified in the latest fads. And it is hard to escape the conclusion that a good many minority studies' programs, particularly those that emphasized currency and commitment rather than content, were little more than expressions of our turbulent past.

Wall Street Journal

Street Law November 1

RALEIGH. — After November 1, no streets in residential areas with subdivision characteristics will be accepted into the state system for maintenance unless they are paved and meet state highway standards.

This new policy was adopted by the Second Road Council at its regular September meeting in Raleigh.

Under the new regulation approved by the 14-member council, a subdivision street must be officially recorded and paved to state standards before it is accepted as part of the state highway system. Once a road is on the state system, then the state is responsible for maintaining it.

In the past, some council members pointed out, developers have sold lots on unpaved streets, telling buyers that the state would pave the streets. When the state refused to pave the streets, property owners were left with either living on a badstreet or paying to have it improved.

The council defined "subdivision characteristics" as instances where individuals or companies were dividing acreage into smaller parcels and selling them for profit.

State standards call for a right-of-way of 60 feet and pavement of width of 20 feet as a minimum, but say a movement of 24 feet is desirable.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

We approve and support Senator Walter Mondale's proposal for a high level, of course nonpartisan, commission of American citizens to study and think about the institution of the American presidency.

We approve and support not because we think that such a commission can, or should, come up with any radically new definition of the presidency or with any proposal for substantial changes in the institution itself, but because we think it highly important that Americans do some rethinking about their presidency. They have had it for so long and come to take it so much for granted that subtle and dangerous changes have taken place without the public being entirely aware of the changes.

The biggest change of all is that the word "president" has taken on overtones of meaning which the Founding Fathers would never for a moment have entertained. Letters coming into this office sometimes urge us to support "The President" because he is "The President."

"My country, right or wrong" is a patriotic sentiment of some merit. But "the president, right or wrong"—Never.

The Founding Fathers conceived the American presidency in terms of the Roman republic, not in terms of the Roman Empire. President meant to them a citizen, under the laws, who would for a fixed number of years "preside" over the executive branch of the government. But they thought of him only as the first magistrate. He was not endowed with any presumption of superior wisdom from being in the White House—or from having won a landslide victory on election day.

The presidency is a heavy responsibility—not an opportunity to dominate. Senator Mondale thinks that Watergate is the result of a 36-year trend toward a presidency "larger than life and larger than the law."

Our own sense of the matter is that the presidency first got really out of hand under Lyndon Johnson, although there were earlier symptoms under Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Some historians would say under Wilson and even Lincoln.

When the change began is debatable. That it did get bigger than life-size under Johnson and Nixon is beyond question. The presidency's overblown when those around the president claim for him the right to break the law. A head of government who can break the law is no longer the first magistrate of a free people; he is an emperor or dictator or tyrant.

These things should be studied and talked out. If Senator Mondale's commission could cause a lot of Americans to ponder such matters—it would be a good thing.—Christian Science Monitor.

SACRED HEART BAZAAR

The Sisters of Mercy of Sacred Heart Convent in Belmont will hold their Annual Bazaar on November 10. The Bazaar will be in the Gymnasium of Sacred Heart College. Many new and unusual items are being offered this year. A smorgasbord will be held from 5 - 8 o'clock in the evening at the college dining room. Refreshments will be available all day.



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