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Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city with iniquity. Habakkuk 2:12

The Dean Defeated

T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, dean in point of service as city commissioner, totaling ten terms since 1947, lost his bid for re-election in Tuesday's run-off by the convincing margin of 408 votes.

Thus the voters continued what they started on October 9 when they relegated to defeat the three other incumbents with opposition. Three more votes for Challenger Corbet Nicholson would have defeated Commissioner Ellison and ended the business then.

Why?

The Herald credits the sweep-out to three factors:

1) The usual group of disgruntled citizens who express their resentment at the polls against incumbent candidates for their failure to provide as fast as the petitioners feel they should services they deem themselves qualified to receive. All incumbent candidates face this hurdle.

2) More important was a majority desire to see new faces at City Hall. It is a mood which occasionally permeates the electorate in the democratic process. The defeated incumbents can claim high-class company. Prime Minister Winston Spencer Churchill had just completed leading his countrymen to victory over Hitler after the British, five years before, were seemingly awaiting the knockout punch. Yet the British pastured Sir Winston at the polls.

3) Most important factor, however, was completely beyond the control of the defeated commissioners and can be credited to inflation, more specifically to Duke Power Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, suppliers of power and natural gas for re-sale by the city. Both won healthy increases in rates from the Federal Power Commission, increases which the administration merely passed on—without adding any profit—to city consumers. Reason is disregarded by many consumers on "why's", when they see their bills go up.

The Herald does not foresee great changes in the course of city government, as the new commissioners will find soon after they take their oaths of office December 3, they can agree with Commissioner Jonas Bridges, who volunteered Wednesday that he had many preconceived ideas about the course of city government when elected two years ago. "I found quickly," Comm. Bridges remarked, "what the situation appeared to be from the outside was quite different from the true situation on the inside."

Commissioner-elect Lloyd E. Davis, who's been there before, knows this to be true and said as much Tuesday.

Commissioner Ellison and his defeated conferees need make no apologies. During the past eight years they have provided the city the most progressive - conservative government - progress within the realm of fiscal responsibility—in the city's 99-year history.

Meantime, hearty congratulations are in order to Corbet Nicholson, Ward III commissioner-elect, on his sweeping victory Tuesday, and cordial good wishes to him in his forthcoming service on the city commission.

Some Voting History

Tuesday's was the fourth state-wide North Carolina vote on the question of prohibition of sale of alcoholic beverages.

The first in 1881 showed that Tar Heels were voting as they drank, opposing prohibition more than 3 to 1. Just 27 years later, in 1908, the Tar Heel state, by 44,000 votes, put demon rum in contraband. It was ten years in advance of what President Herbert Hoover termed the national "noble experiment."

In 1933, after national repeal, Tar Heels refused by an 173,000 vote margin, even to authorize a convention to con-

Few Surprises

Whatever surprises there were in the result of the election to legalize sale of liquor by the drink in North Carolina, they were minor ones.

Certainly the 3 to 1 victory the dry forces recorded was as foreordained as any ponderable can be.

It had been acknowledged by wet and dry forces alike that the only chance of passage of the mixed drink amendment was a great out-pouring of voters in the so-called metropolitan centers and concurrent high-percentage "for" results.

Same did not occur, with only Mecklenburg, Orange, and Wake counties, of the state's one hundred recorded in the wet column. From the wet standpoint, Mecklenburg did very well, with a wet bulge of nearly 25,000 votes, and Orange's 2600, considering the Orange population total, was a responsible margin. But populace Wake could muster only a 2037 plus.

Surprises?

Where were populous Guilford (Greensboro) Wake (Raleigh) and Durham (Durham)? Where were resort meccas Buncombe (Asheville) and New Hanover (Wilmington)?

Wets could claim "close" in only two of the five. It was an 130-vote dry squeak in Now Hanover and a mere 1500-vote dry margin in Durham.

But the dries could intone hearty "thank you's" for a 10,000 vote plus in Guilford, 10,500 in Forsythe, and 6000 in Buncombe.

The Herald agrees with the judgment of a dry friend that, "The wets can forget about it for at least ten years."

Carl Richard McGinnis

It is moot which is the sadder: the death of the very young or the passing of a person in the accepted prime of life.

Thus the untimely death, at 45, of Carl Richard McGinnis, especially saddened his legion of friends, here and elsewhere.

There is speculation among his physicians that Mr. McGinnis may have suffered heart muscle damage at the age of two, when he miraculously survived the illness cholera infantum, that damage contributing to heart failure.

During his 45 years, Dick McGinnis had lived as full a life as many achieve who live to much riper age. His marks of success were many. He had excelled in high school athletics, held a part-time job to help defray his college expenses, and served his country in Korea. A capable businessman, he had joined with three brothers in helping to build McGinnis Furniture Company into the successful retail establishment McGinnis is today. He had been an outstanding commander of the American Legion Post 155. He was the father of two fine children whom he adored. He was a most loyal Lutheran layman.

"Everyone liked Dick McGinnis," was a continuing and continuous remark.

For good reason: he was a tolerant, well-informed individual, with whom it was a pleasure to be with, be the association commercial, social, or otherwise.

sider the repeal question.

Was North Carolina the first state to become dry?

The Herald has not yet searched the record, but Colorado joined forces with North Carolina in 1914.

Colorado, incidentally, was, and is again the home of what connoisseurs consider the finest of beers. Thus for 19 years Coloradans put the Coors Brewing Company into the malted milk-making business.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

One of the fascinating facets of news gathering is the interesting side information gleaned at the same time.

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When I called Mrs. J. B. Ellis Wednesday morning to obtain the Grover voting tabulations, I momentarily interrupted a picking operation. Being a pickle devotee (any old kind will do), I asked what she was picking. She replied, "Green tomatoes." My mouth watered.

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David Logan, at work Sunday morning at Harris Funeral Home, got his church service via the Asheville television station. It emanated from Asheville's First Baptist Church and the pastor was getting in his final licks against liquor-by-the-drink. On the lectern were a number of ounce-and-a-half "shot" glasses. The minister proceeded to open a bottle of booze, emptied the liquor into the glasses. Then he told the congregation and television audience just how much they'd be paying for the bottle when buying it by the drink.

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That, it is safe to opine, is a quite down-to-pocketbook approach.

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Speaking of the dry campaign propaganda, some of the bill board material scared the daylights out of supporters of the \$300 million school bond issue and of the \$30 million clean water re-do. In fact, Dean Westmoreland, a leader here in the pro-school bond matter, said the school forces had complained to the "dry" leadership that their treatment of the liquor opposition was inferring "Vote NO" on everything.

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"A few days later," says Dean, "I was riding along and found a new billboard attraction. It was worse yet. It pictured two young children playing and the message was 'Vote NO—For Their Sake!'"

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Happily, the fears of Dean and his co-workers proved unfounded. But elections, perhaps even wars, have been won and lost on such little items as that. The old saying: "For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse a soldier was lost and for want of a soldier the battle was lost."

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It is my usual habit on election day to visit all the polling places. Tuesday developed into an unusually jammed day and I soon realized that I wouldn't make it to Grover or Bethware. I was trying hard to complete the tour to the six in-city wards, missed Ward VI at the high school by five minutes. Officials there had locked the door when the polls closed at 7:30.

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Mrs. Jim Connor, the Bethware registrar, was partially horsed combat for Tuesday's voting, nursing a broken arm, suffered when she fell on a wet kitchen floor at Bethware school. She will mark the sixth week of the injury come Monday and hopes to return from her trip to the doctor without the cast.

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It always happens. On voting day, a citizen suddenly gets interested in supporting a person, or an issue, rushes to the polls and finds his interest developed a bit too late. "I'm sorry," the registrar says, "you didn't register."

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Last week's "name" advertisement for the dries, which listed more than 600 persons opposing liquor by the drink, included very few I could spot who, as is often charged, drink wet and vote dry.

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Among the visitors to the Kings Mountain county precincts was Paul Vogel, Republican member of the county elections board and their apparent to Chairman Ralph Gilbert, Democrat, when terms of the members expire in March. For the first time in this century, the county elections board will number two Republicans and one Democrat.

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Anent the forthcoming, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, the veteran West Kings Mountain registrar, and Mrs. Nell Cranford, equally veteran East Kings Mountain registrar, were telling voters, "This is my last election."

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Being of the Democratic faith and therefore acknowledging it's none of my business, I nevertheless suggest to the upcoming county board it could do no better than name the current Democratic registrars as Democratic judges at the 28 county precincts.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE PRESS DISTORTS WATERGATE?

The gut reaction of any red-blooded American journalist to Richard Nixon's incessant attacks on news media for distorting the Watergate story is that the President doesn't know what he's talking about. For the plain truth is that most American journalists are out to uncover the facts about all dealings in government places (although admittedly there are few writers and commentators with political axes to grind.)

Nevertheless, in the wake of President Nixon's latest charge of "outrageous, vicious reporting," the American people deserve specific evidence substantiating the overall fairness of the media in covering the Watergate scandal.

Last spring the Los Angeles Times commissioned Edward Jay Epstein—"author, political scientist and frequent critic of the press"—to evaluate the job major newspapers and news magazines have done in reporting the entanglement of Watergate. Mr. Epstein's analysis, which was published September 14, covered such newspapers as the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Washington Star-News and Time and Newsweek magazines.

Although he found several cases of "questionable exercise of journalism"—particularly Newsweek magazine in its reporting of rumors surrounding testimony before Sam Ervin's Senate Watergate committee—Mr. Epstein concluded: "In sum, on almost any reasonable criteria, the press showed a consistent and unexpected degree of fairness."

Here are some more samplings from the Epstein report:

"On the question of accuracy the press acquitted itself remarkably well. In the 15 months since the Watergate break-in (June '72 through September '73) literally hundreds of charges and assertions were made in the press, and all but handful have been substantiated in the hearings of the Senate select committee. This high degree of accuracy is particularly impressive because many of the allegations were made in the heat of a bitterly contested presidential election and persistent denials by the Nixon administration . . .

"The Washington Post and Time were by far the most aggressive vanguard of the press in reporting Watergate, and the vast preponderance of what they reported—99 per cent of the factual statements—have proven accurate . . .

"Even the Washington Post, which was most viciously and unfairly attacked by White House and CRP (committee to Raelict the President) spokesmen, almost always printed rebuttals and denials—and often these were given almost as prominent placement as the original charges."

"The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Star-News often gave more prominence to the administration's rebuttals than to the original charge."

The Epstein report may not be the last word judging the performance of news media in covering Watergate. No doubt many other studies of the media's handling of the scandal will be done before it's all over. But the spirit behind independent inquiries like Epstein analysis at least demonstrates that the press, unlike the Nixon administration, has nothing to cover-up when it comes to public scrutiny of its performance. — The Smithfield Herald.

"CAPSULES OF WISDOM" FROM A NEW ALMANAC

Ray, Geiger, editor of the farmer's Almanac, has come out with his 1974 edition, and here are a few "capsules of wisdom" featured in the almanac. Acupuncture is nothing new; my boss has been needing me for years.

Reduce errors at work. Arrive late, and leave early.

Old lawyers never die. They just lose their appeal.

Some stretch pants have no other choice.

Prejudice is a time-saver; it enables you to pass judgment without getting the facts.

When a will is read, heirs listen to it with probated breath.

Before credit cards, we always knew exactly how much we were broke.

A flea circus may be a good act, but it takes termites to bring down the house.

An intelligent girl is one who knows how to refuse a kiss without being deprived of it.

Sign on an organic farm: "We till it like it is."

—Pete Ivey in Chapel Hill Newspaper.

HOGSHEADS

Travelers along North Carolina highways are likely to see large trucks hauling big, barrel-like containers. They're hogsheads full of cured tobacco. The smoke hogsheads dates back to colonial days when the grower packed his own tobacco and had to get it to a river port to sell, could be rolled along the roadways.

QUOTES OLD AND NEW

My uncle's donating his body to science. He's preserving it in alcohol till they need it.—Shelby Friedman.

It often happens that I wake at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope.—John XXIII.

You're an old-timer if you can remember when sex education was called marriage.—Franklin P. Jones.

I was in favor of giving former Presidents a seat in the Senate until I passed 75 years. Since then I have less taste for sitting on hard-bottomed chairs during long addresses.—Herbert Hoover.

The Veterans Corner

Editor's Note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I draw compensation from the Veterans Administration for a service-connected disability suffered in Vietnam. Am I entitled to a \$150 annual clothing allowance?

A—That depends upon the nature of your disability. If you wear one or more prosthetic or orthopedic appliances (including a wheelchair) which tend to wear out or tear your clothing, you are eligible. But you must apply to VA to get it.

Q—I was honorably discharged from military service last month, and plan to buy a home with a GI loan from the Veterans Administration. Will my wife's income help me qualify for the loan?

A—Yes. VA since July 1973 has been giving full recognition to income of both veteran and spouse in determining ability to repay loans.

Q—How many individuals trained under Veterans Administration education program during fiscal year 1973?

A—Enrollments in the agency's three programs reached 2.2 million, the highest level since World War II. Included were 2.1 veterans and servicemen under the GI bill, 29,600 under the vocational rehabilitation program, and 68,200 under the dependent's educational assistance program.

Q—I am a recently discharged veteran with a service-connected disability, who'd like to attend college under the Veterans Administration's vocational rehabilitation program. What benefits would I receive? (P. S. I have a wife and child).

A—If you attend full time, you will receive your tuition, fees, books and supplies, plus \$248 monthly.

Q—Is there a limit on how much I can pay for a home purchased with a loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration?

A—No, but there is a limit on the amount of guaranty the agency can issue—60 per cent, up to a maximum of \$12,500. Also, the loan cannot exceed VA's appraised value of the property.

Q—Do Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics take care of reservists injured reporting to, or returning from, military training?

A—Yes. VA provides medical care for injuries and illnesses which occur during travel time as specified in the reservist's military orders. Both active duty training and inactive duty training are considered active duty for this purpose.

PRINT POWER

Along with being colorful and textured, fabrics are patterned for '73. Patterned fabrics, used in conjunction with solids and other patterns, round out the totally coordinated look of separates, adding interest and movement to the whole costume, says Dorothy Barrier, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University.

FALL FASHIONS

The fall fashion scene is wrapped in shades of green burgundy, navy, brown and deep ruby reds. The color appearance of the English Club and Art Deco motifs set the trend, observes Harriet Tetterton, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University.

TOO MANY

Often too, many plants are used around the foundation of homes. The corners and each side of the door provide strong vertical lines that can be broken with appropriate shrubs. The house may or may not need plants between the door and corners.

Marvin Teer Is Appointed

Marvin L. Teer, assistant vice president of First Union National Bank has been named by the Young Bankers division of the North Carolina Bankers association, to act as county chairman in coordinating the activities of project TELL in Cleveland county.

Project TELL (Teach Economic Literacy Lectures) is a public service effort of the Young Bankers division. Since 1963 thousands of N. C. children have gained first-hand information through this program which is designed to supplement economic education programs offered through the public school system. This statewide program was developed by the Young Bankers division in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction. Many young bankers have made themselves as resources people for classroom lectures on economic subjects, and this program has gained significant recognition for its contributions to the improvement of economic literacy among the young people of North Carolina.

Mr. Teer will be happy to coordinate economic lectures for teachers so desiring these services, which are primarily oriented toward the junior high and high school levels. Teachers may contact the county chairman directly to learn more about this program including scheduling lectures, visual aids, etc. A project TELL county chairman has been appointed for each of the state's one hundred counties.

D. Donald R. Lineberger of Asheville, president of the Young Bankers division states that the membership of this division "is very enthused about the opportunity to speak with so many young people of N. C. Our state is making great economic strides today—and the success of tomorrow will depend on these bright

Liberty Approves Quarterly Dividends

GREENVILLE, S. C.—The board of directors of the Liberty corporation today approved regular quarterly dividends of 7 1/2 cents per share on common stock and 10 cents per share on preferred stock. Both will be payable Dec. 31 to shareholders of record on Dec. 13.

The board set April 9, 1974, as the date of the corporation's annual shareholders' meeting. Directors and auditors will be selected and other business transacted at the annual meeting, which will begin at 11 a. m. at corporate headquarters in Greenville, S. C. The board set Feb. 11, 1974, as the date of record for voting at the annual meeting.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Cleveland County

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Carolyn Prince Payseur of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Carolyn Prince Payseur to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

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