

# Editorial Mirror

## A Halloween Suggestion

Halloween, that dubious annual festival, supposedly set aside for the kids to have good clean fun, is just more than a week away.

It is only as a reminder that we point out that each year at Halloween, children are injured and killed while out trick or treating, and communities such as ours suffer thousands of dollars in damages from malicious vandals.

Lighted pumpkins, colorful costumes, and parties may be harmless enough, but we would urge parents to keep their children entertained at home, and off the street and out of danger this Halloween.

## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I should like to make some corrections relative to the report the gentleman from the Gaston Gazette made on the 74 by-pass hearing October 12.

He quoted me as saying the 1965 survey was made "through a fairway." I said it was made "near the golf course." Again he quoted me as saying, "Now they want to move north and squeeze farmers out of their jobs so the country club set can play golf." Here is my statement - "These men are responsible to the taxpayers - not to a few who seem to think an 18 hole golf course is more important than a man's right to make a living." Reference was made to the newly acquired land only. The original golf course and the country club set, as he termed it, were not mentioned and are not pertinent to the matter under discussion.

Further, the same person quoted me as saying, "I think they should sacrifice the golf course instead of farmers." That is false. I suggested a divided golf course as a few other clubs have. By making an overpass or underpass, I added, the golfers could play on one part and then go over to the other part to finish.

I felt and still feel that this arrangement is preferable to the destruction in the path of alternate two.

Janet Falls.

## Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day-1971-is observed on October 25, originally Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. In recent years the strong, unified sentiment that existed in 1917-1918 has not prevailed; instead, many exhibit hostility to the military and many question Washington policies which have meant a far-away war, and perhaps rightly so.

However, those who serve this country, often risking their lives, have had nothing to do with policy decisions resulting in military operations. Rather, it is their duty to serve and to obey. They have served—and are serving—this nation well in a difficult time. To those who felt the sense of duty, who obeyed the law of the land, and sacrificed in serving this country, the nation owes gratitude and admiration.

## William Penn

One of the great men in the settling of America was William Penn (1644-1718), son of a wealthy Londoner who while at Oxford became a believer in the teachings of the Friends. For this "offense" he suffered many punishments throughout his life, including being expelled from Oxford and terms in prison.

Finally he received a tract of land in America (what is now Pennsylvania and Delaware) in payment by the King of a debt owed his family. He then recruited settlers for the new colony and sent a cousin to be the colony's first Governor. He himself drew plans for the laying out of Philadelphia, in 1682, and a year afterward came to America to help establish the liberal Quaker government of the colony.

It is said he drew up a fair treaty with the Indians at Shakamaxon on the Delaware, a treaty never broken. He spent four years in the American colony and built a large country house at Pennsburg, opposite Burlington. But in later life he was beset by new charges of treason, and finally lost his fortune to swindlers, dying in prison, partly paralyzed by a stroke, in London in 1718.

## Little Havana Scandal

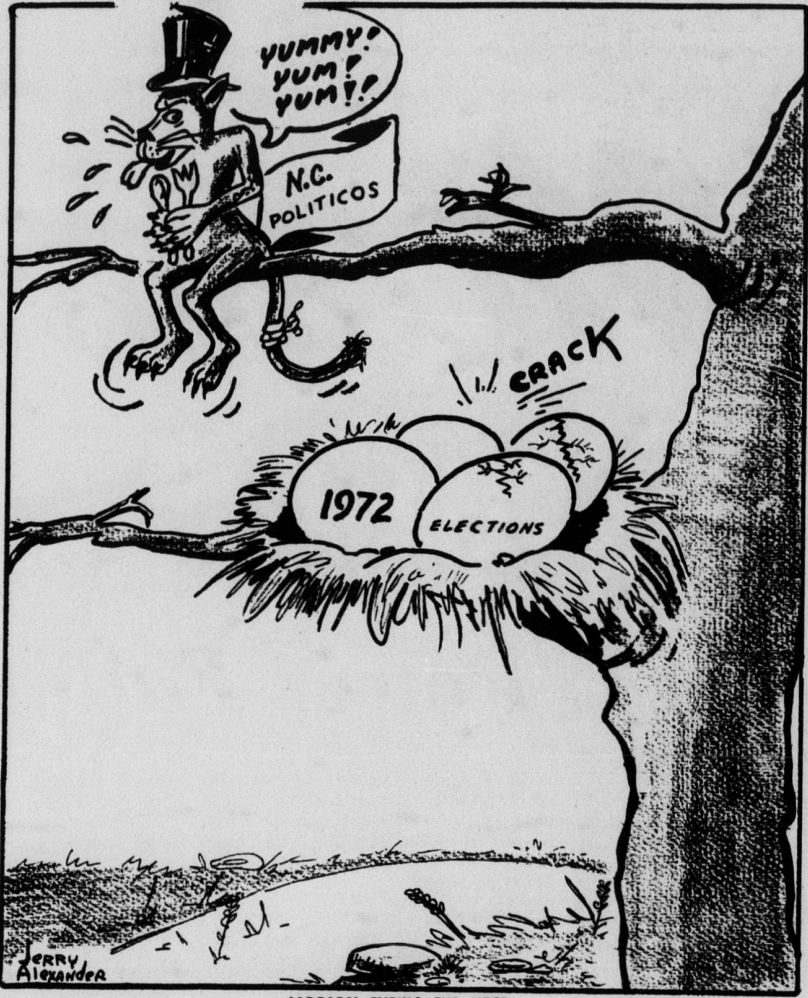
President Kennedy's ill-fated Cuban invasion fiasco (initiated in the Eisenhower Administration) prompted the late President to open the doors of the United States to a flood of 600,000 Cuban immigrants. The result is that most of the influential anti-Castro Cubans are no longer in Cuba to oppose Communism. (More than 100,000 immigrants have come into the Miami area illegally.)

Worse, the situation in "Little Havana" in Miami is a scandal. Countless thousands of these immigrants can't speak English. They now are demanding the state of Florida send Spanish-speaking officials into their area. They are complaining they aren't getting enough state jobs.

There is a Spanish-language television station and four 100 per cent Spanish radio stations. Over 50,000 are on federal welfare. By special federal law, they get better welfare treatment than native-born Americans, who must rely partly on state welfare. There is already a Spanish language newspaper and many Spanish language weeklies in Little Havana.

The cost of all this to the federal government, going up each year, is now \$144,000,000 annually. The cost of schooling the children of all these Cubans is being partly financed by Washington.

In short, the Cubans are getting far more federal attention than Americans; blacks in the area complain the influx has checked their progress in getting better jobs and flooded the labor market. Meanwhile, the Cubans are protesting they are being discriminated against!



## Washington Report

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

### Equal Rights Amendment

Last week, the House of Representatives passed a resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment to ensure women and men equal protection under all State and Federal laws. The intent of this Equal Rights Amendment is to impose an equal standard of opportunity for all persons regardless of their sex.

In recent years, much attention has been focused on the women's rights movement. One result of this movement has been to point out that, throughout the country many laws and practices have been based on differential treatment for the female sex. One important difference in treatment has been in the area of comparable salaries. Department of Labor statistics document what the working woman has been aware of for some time. Studies indicate there is a considerable difference in pay scales for men and women performing similar functions and even doing the same job.

The bill which passed the House last week, if adopted as a Constitutional amendment, would bring about sweeping changes in these practices and revisions of a number of laws.

Since this is a proposed Constitutional amendment, it must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Then it must be submitted to the states and 38 of the state legislatures would have to ratify this measure before it becomes the law of the land. After this process is completed, the law provides that it would not become effective for two years to give the states time to comply with changes that would be necessary. However, court cases and revisions in private and government employment practices have already started to move in the direction of providing more equal opportunity for all Americans.

The Consumer Protection Act passed by the House last week would establish an independent agency within the executive branch to provide better coordination of ongoing consumer programs and to improve overall consumer protection efforts.

The new Consumer Protection Agency would have the power to act on behalf of consumers before various federal agencies and the courts. It would institute a more comprehensive program of consumer education, handle consumer complaints, and work generally to provide better services to American consumers.

In addition to this agency, a consumer advisory council would be established composed of private citizens to act as links between the government and the individual consumer. This Council, representing the consumer, the producer, and the public interest, would bring fresh ideas and viewpoints to the government environment for consumer protection.

It is an attempt to provide assistance and more direction to consumer-oriented activities. This bill would ensure that the consumer receives more information on the products he purchases and would provide additional remedies to correct deceptive practices.

The rain began to fall hard. A threatening flash of lightning illuminated the already bright playing field, and in the distance could be heard the rumble of thunder.

A few fans began to leave for the shelter of their cars. An encouraging roar of "Go, Go, Go!" rose from the cheering section, as the game went on.

As the score tied at halftime, the field was a mess, the players were a mess, and the fans were a mess.

The lightning got worse. The lights in the stadium and parking lot went out. The crowd was thinning out of the bleachers, and when the teams could no longer see to play, the game was over, for Friday night anyway.

**BEST OF PRESS**  
Irish Wit  
For every woman who makes a fool out of a man there are a hundred who make a man out of a fool.  
-Irish Digest.

Think So?  
If the do-it-yourself craze continues, it might even extend to thinking.  
-Office Economist.

Ambitious  
You've heard of the man who started on a shoe string and worked his way up until he got slapped.  
-Bean, Corpus Christi.

## Sunday School Lessons

### God Heals Broken Humanity

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 61; Ephesians 2:11-10; Colossians 1:21-23.

This Lesson is designed to aid us in recognizing the activity of God in healing the wounds of mankind, and to urge us on in commitment to truly redemptive ministries.

The skeptics in this world are quick to ask why -- if there is a God -- does He permit all the sorrow and suffering there is in the world...why doesn't He do something about it? Such remarks reveal much of the immaturity of the individual who utters them, and a sad lack of understanding of God and of His ways. The completely fail to understand that tragic circumstances are not of God's making, but the results of mankind's sinning ways. We always see what we want!

To assert that God remains unmoved by our human plight goes directly against the teachings contained in the Scriptures! Anyone who does so is at one and the same time denying the meaning of Christ's death on the cross, and His ministry on earth.

God cared so much for humanity that He sent His Son to go among men, teaching and healing, and eventually Christ laid down His life for man. But, even before He did this, He was so concerned with the ills of the world that He prepared the disciples to carry on His work. The gospel He preached was an active gospel!

Christians need to be aroused to the meaning of Christ's atoning death, because reconciliation with God, through His Son, means reconciliation between men -- His most precious creation. We need to be totally committed, and if we are, and we do our part to further His ministry, then the unlightened

will never need to ask: "Does God really care?" They will see just how much He cares, in the ministry of His followers unto the unfortunate, the grief-stricken, the heavy-laden. Made in the image of God, we should emulate His ways.

The skeptics rarely stop to think about evangelism at work. Evangelism, today, is a specialized service unto God, for it not only concerns itself with the spiritual needs of those to whom ministry is given, it often extends into practical aspects of medical service and education; the whole person is being cared for through the dedicated servants of the Lord who risk untold hardships to alleviate the spiritual darkness and suffering bodies in far-flung reaches of the world.

These willing servants are inspired by Christ's display of compassion and courage on Calvary, and God welcomes their willing hands, and minds, and bodies. He can use every tool at His command to bring spiritual calm and the cessation of pain and anguish to those who are in need. And every witness, every human servant going about His work, is a physical extension of the Almighty. Thus it is that God works FOR people, THROUGH people. For the more a person loves Christ, the more he loves the world. He is therefore compelled to get involved with the bruised and the bleeding, giving of himself as Christ gave. Has anyone found comfort today through your involvement in Christ? (These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

## REFLECTIONS by Rodney Dodson



### A Bad Night For Football...

Friday night was to be the game of the year for Kings Mountain, the biggie, against old rival Shelby.

Who would win? Would the favored Golden Lions of Shelby take our Mountaineers down the road to defeat? These were the questions on everyone's mind as pre-game fever reached a high pitch Friday.

It was ironic the way things worked out. How the game's result was determined not by the best efforts of either team, but by outside interference.

Just as the Rotary Club finished serving the last few plates of pancakes and sausage in the cafeteria, and the Kings Mountain and Shelby fans filed into the stands, a few drops of rain were beginning to fall. Some fans were prepared, carrying umbrellas and raincoats in hand.

The combined bands of SHS and KM lined up for the invocation and National Anthem, looking like tiny military men, standing erectly, playing against the steady pitter of rain.

By the time both teams trampled onto the grid, the applause was subdued, most hands were holding on to raised umbrellas.

Cheerleaders, hair dripping wet, tried to stir the huddles of wet, shivering fans.

A group of kids chimed, "I'd rather be a rain drop than a drip drop - Shelby High!"

Could those shiny-faced, smiling, clean cut kids be the same "long-haired" musicians who shocked the Nation in the early 60's.

Many of the group's early critics now wear their hair as long as the Beatles did then.

It was hard to believe, as I watched that film of the Beatles singing "All My Lovin'", and "I Want To Hold Your Hand," that these were

the same musicians who would later compose and record "Let It Be", "Hey Jude" and the mystical "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds" of Sgt. Peppers fame.

The evolution of the Beatles is a social and musical phenomenon, taking them from the pinnacle of stardom as a group, through a period of intense introspection and creativity, and now to new heights of success as individual performers. \*\*\*

## Looking at WASHINGTON

### New Labor Legislation

The sacred cow of sacred cows in Congress has long been labor legislation. Ever since the hot fight of two decades ago, which produced the Taft-Hartley law, Congress has dodged every request and need for legislation outlawing strikes which damage the national welfare, threaten national security or cause the innocent majority serious injury or loss.

Two years ago President Nixon requested such legislation in the field of transportation. A few weeks ago he warned again that new labor legislation is needed. Commenting on the dock strike, he said: "This indicates the urgency for consideration of that legislation, because the country cannot continue to afford stoppages in these key areas."

But, of course, organized labor is the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill and with its active national political organization and many millions of dollars, it can and does elect and defeat Senators and Congressmen in many states. Senators and Congressmen know this well. They remember a number of purges successfully carried out by organized labor involving those who voted for the Taft-Hartley law. They see the potent political power of organized labor demonstrated in Washington almost every day. It is such that Supreme Court nominees can be rejected primarily with organized labor's votes in the Senate.

To enact a new labor law, therefore, will probably be impossible before 1973. It's late for action in 1971; 1972 is an election year. If President Nixon, however, returns to the White House and if Republicans gain seats in the Senate and House in 1972's elections, there's a chance for a new law in 1973. Even under these circumstances passage of a new law will require more intestinal fortitude than members of Congress have exhibited in recent years. The national interest, however, is crying out for legislation barring disastrous and costly strikes in the key industries, strikes which adversely affect the national welfare, the fight against inflation, and often national security.

## John Kilgo



### Pat And Skipper Surprise Hugh

Tar Heel businessman Hugh Morton says he is surprised that Skipper Bowles and Pat Taylor have announced for Governor so early.

"It looks to me like both men could peak too soon," Morton said. "I want to peak on May 2."

Morton is running a campaign, even though unannounced, so the entire question seems academic. Last week he showed up at the Mullet Festival in Swansboro and the Poultry Jamboree in Rose Hill.

"I'm spending a little money now, Morton said, "but not nearly as much as candidates who are already buying radio and TV time." \*\*\*

9th District Democrats, sensing a chance at victory for the first time in 20 years, held a private meeting at Charlotte's plush City Club earlier in the week. Now that Republican Charles Jonas is retiring, the Democrats hope to win. But they fear a costly, divisive primary and are trying to head it off before it happens.

Rep. Jim Beatty of Charlotte is absolutely certain to run for Congress as a Democrat. Another likely candidate is Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board chairman William Poe, one of the most popular political figures in Mecklenburg. And a third who is expressing interest again is broadcast executive Cy Bahakel, who was clobbered by Jonas in 1970.

The most likely Republican candidate is Davidson College chemistry professor James Martin, who is also chairman of the Mecklenburg County Commission. Martin is young, intelligent, and handsome...and he'll be extremely hard to beat. \*\*\*

Skipper Bowles and Hugh Morton turned up at the National 500 stock car race in Charlotte last Sunday...Robert Morton has just completed a series of meetings with Charlotte businessmen and politicians. He appears to have strong support in the Queen City. \*\*\*

Overheard at Hardee's in Wadesboro after Pat Taylor announced for Governor and then fed the town barbecue: "Pat's giving away all that barbecue didn't help business none today." \*\*\*

Former State Sen. Elton Edwards of Greensboro is thinking of running for attorney general...Raleigh talk. Some people are trying to find House Speaker Phil Godwin an exceptional position, which would discourage him from running for lieutenant governor...Some people are writing that Charlotte mayor John Belk still might run for governor. That is absolutely ridiculous talk and there's no way it could happen. \*\*\*

The Greensboro Jaycees held their big session on the ecology Tuesday--and Hugh Morton didn't appreciate the ground rules. The Greensboro group invited as speakers only "those candidates for Governor who had officially announced by Oct. 8th." The only person meeting that requirement was Skipper Bowles of Greensboro. \*\*\*

Joe Epley, a PR and advertising man from Charlotte, has been hired on by the Pat Taylor forces.

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