

Letters To The Editor

Ecology Awareness

Dear Editor;

The statement "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" applies very strongly to ecology. I would like to share some of the things we housewives can do to improve our environment. Re-use all papers, and paper bag. If they cannot be picked up by a local paper drive, we can use them for garbage and other general uses in and around the home.

Cut down on the amount of detergents used. Nine out of ten of us use too much for actual cleanliness.

Refinish, and paint any old furniture that is in any way salvageable. You will be surprised how good it will look.

Never throw away broken toys, small household appliances, personal articles. Take them to an organization such as the Goodwill Industries, where they will be restored and re-sold to the needy.

Do not purchase anything plastic that you can substitute of paper, metal, glass, or cloth. Plastic is forever, it does not deteriorate and return to a natural state. A few ways to cut down on plastic buying are in children's toys, household appliances and necessities, furniture, and personal items. Buy articles that have a minimum boxing or wrapping. If you will notice small articles sometimes scarcely 2" in length are sold in a 10" X 5" container. This waste of our natural resources, and creates more use of plastics.

Has anyone, besides myself, noticed that there are at least 15 million different types of cereals, and they all taste alike. This is one example of competitive enterprise going too far. My children want each and every type of cereal; thanks to the good old advertising media. This is a very subtle form of pollution, but pollution it is.

Plant trees, shrubs, flowers, and grass. They will help clean our air, stop erosion, and beautify the land.

Even if we live in town, we may have a small compost heap from garbage and leaves. This can be used to grow some fresh vegetables. Tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, squash, okra, potatoes, etc. taste marvelous during the summer, and the plants take up very little space on the ground.

In my opinion, our most immediate concern in this area will be the lack of electrical power. Cut off lights when you leave a room. Running the T.V. and radio, etc. at the same time causes noise pollution also. Do not consider the number of electrical appliances you have a status symbol. Before you make a purchase, be sure you will use the item enough to justify the purchase.

Through Civic and Church groups, try to encourage people to become more conservative. Try to start organizations for recycling metal, paper, used toys, and glass. Get everyone in your community interested in a general clean-up campaign. Write your congressman your concern about pollution. Through Congressional Action only will there be any control over big business pollutants.

Last and most important of all, our children are our greatest resource. Teach our children the importance of conservation, the value of his environment, and respect for every living thing.

This writer does not claim to have a fraction of the answers to our environmental problem, but putting it on paper will help me (and I hope others) to become aware of my duty as a member of the human race.

Sincerely,
Janice D. Williams

Vote of Thanks

Dear Sir;

It is indeed with humility and appreciation that I take this opportunity, along with the members of the patrol, District 6, Cleveland and Lincoln Counties, to thank you and your personnel for the efforts and news reports during 1971. They surely helped our efforts to keep the motoring public aware of the traffic problems and keeping our roadways safe for travel.

The efforts have paid off in North Carolina during 1971, we realized the lowest death rate per miles traveled in the states history.

District 6 realized a reduction from 40 to 31 in the number of deaths in the rural area of the two counties, injuries were about the same and an increase of 137 accidents. We realize that 1764 accidents and 858 injuries in this 2 county area should be reduced and can be with all persons sharing their part toward safer travel.

The drinking driver continued to be a tremendous problem on the roadway. Over 50% of the fatal accidents involved alcohol. The patrol arrested some 1500 persons during the year in this District for driving under the influence. The average breathalyzer reading was (.14).

We pledge to you and the citizenry of North Carolina a continued effort to make 1972 a safer year to travel. Thanks again

for your efforts toward safety.
Sincerely,
First Sergeant E.T. Vanhoy
Sergeant H.A. Lane
Sergeant A.S. Butler

Open Stock Exchanges

The Securities and Exchange Commission has been studying the stock market and broker firm dealings for many months and has recommended the need for several reforms. Other groups are also seeking reforms and the future seems certain to produce change—depending on which reform proposals are sold Congress.

Congress must eventually enact legislation guaranteeing every American citizen the right to buy stocks in corporations by mail at the prevailing price of the stock—avoiding middle-man brokers and fixed fees. Brokers must gradually be oriented toward payment for advice, handling investments and money for other services. One can buy practically anything else by mail or personally; there is little justification for the present privileged special status of stocks, and brokers.

Brown Or White?

An English writer recently stirred a storm of protest in claiming Britains liked brown eggs better than white eggs because Englishmen were closer to nature than Americans. Letters of protest quickly informed the writer he was full of beans.

Brown eggs, it turns out, are preferred in New England. But white eggs are preferred in other parts of America. What is the difference, and who cares?

There is no scientifically proved difference. And few seem to care. It's simply a matter of personal whim or preference. Of course, the egg should be laid by a hen from a nice family, dealing with a responsible rooster.

Child Cost

A recent study ordered by the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future indicates it takes about \$40,000 to rear a college-educated child. In addition, if the mother worked rather than have a family she might have earned an average of \$60,000.

The study indicates the present-day cost of having a baby at \$1534. The cost of rearing a child who doesn't attend college is estimated at \$20,010 to \$32,830. The cost of a public university education is put at \$5,560, a private university education at \$11,972.

In short, our darlings are expensive. But most mothers, and fathers, would agree they're worth it. Carried far enough, people could save all child expenses, having no children following a cost analysis philosophy completely. What an empty, meaningless life it would be!

Good Car News

The year 1971 was a record one for American car manufacturers. A tentative estimate is that over 10.3 million U. S. automobiles were sold, breaking the 1968 record.

Of more interest is the current prospect for another record in 1972, as the economy recovers from a generally stagnant year. Helping U.S. makers' prospects are recent increases in the price of foreign cars.

Because of changes in exchange rates (devaluation of the dollar and upward valuations of Japanese and German currencies), foreign cars are now, in most cases, a few dollars higher than their American counterparts.

While this difference is usually small, perhaps twenty or thirty dollars only, in recent years the foreign car has been as much as a hundred or more dollars cheaper. Buyers motivated primarily by price are therefore likely to return to American-built small cars.

The Opposition

A number of Democratic presidential aspirants recently seized the occasion to attack President Nixon for ordering a five-day bombing of southern North Vietnam. The President ordered the attacks after North Vietnam's air forces began to intervene seriously in Laos, an escalation, and build up forces in Cambodia.

The President has warned on numerous occasions he will use U.S. air power to counter any enemy buildup he feels endangers American troops left in South Vietnam, or which violates the understanding which led to termination of the U. S. bombing of North Vietnam. The enemy's air escalation and ground buildup both could have effected U. S. troop withdrawals; they directly threatened Cambodia and Laos, and indirectly, South Vietnam.

With the killing of American soldiers practically ended in Vietnam, and withdrawals continuing this year, the Vietnam war is no longer the emotional issue of 1968. Historically, the vast majority of Americans have supported Presidents acting to support U. S. troops abroad. And it seems unlikely today that any Democrat can beat President Nixon because he used U. S. air power in an effort to maintain the improved status quo in Vietnam.



Heaping Insult Upon Injury

Senator Sam May Or May Not Call It Quits After This Term

U.S. Senator Sam Ervin - 75 years old and picking up steam knows everybody says he's about to retire and he knows that everytime a political poll is taken here, his name tops the popularity list among North Carolina voters.

Walk among Tar Heels politicians and you hear the whispers over and over: "Sen. Sam is sending all of his furniture and belongings back to North Carolina. He's calling it quits after this term."

Gov. William B. Umstead appointed Ervin to the Senate in 1954 and he's been a fixture there ever since. The Hugh Morton poll shows Ervin as the most popular politician in North Carolina. Skipper Bowles' poll indicated the same thing. A kind word from the Senator wouldn't hurt a politician's chances these days.

Ervin's term expires in two years. The Senator and I had this conversation:

Q. Everybody down here says you're going to quit after this term. True or false?
Ervin: I've heard all that talk. I'm a day to day man myself. I never decide anything like that early in advance. I haven't made up my mind what I will do when this term expires and I won't for a long while yet. But I understand everyone else has retired me.

Ervin: People tell me that I've shown up very well in the polls taken in North Carolina and that certainly makes me feel good. I don't know what to read into all of that. I've never taken a poll myself. Q. Do you believe in political polls?
Ervin: I don't know if I do or not. Politicians don't seem to take a bad poll, do they? A couple of people who were

in the North Carolina primary.

Q. Can President Nixon be beaten in North Carolina?
Ervin: I think it depends upon the Democratic candidate and the party platform. Politics is in a very fluid state right

now and things are uncertain I think it's too early to start predicting.

Q. These are strange times, Senator. How do you feel about the future of the country?
Ervin: Well, if I wasn't an optimist I guess I'd be very pessimistic right now. You don't, in my opinion, build a great country by giving people federal handouts for a living. You don't build a great free enterprise system when the government takes most of a man's profits in the form of taxes. You have problems when you heavily tax the working people to give money to those who won't work. But like I said, I'm an optimist by nature. I stay encouraged that we'll work out our problems.

Sen Ervin will be 77 years old when his term expires in 1975. People supposedly close to the Senator says this will be his last time in Washington. He wants to go home.

Says Ervin: "I'll let everybody know when I decide."

Pat Taylor's camp is happy over an Oliver Quayle poll taken in December, which reportedly shows the Lieutenant governor with a nice lead over his gubernatorial opponents.

According to reliable sources, the poll showed Taylor with 52 per cent of the vote, Skipper Bowles 29 per cent, Hugh Morton, 8 per cent, Reginald Hawkins 7 per cent and Leo Jenkins 4 per cent.

That's the Taylor poll. I'm sure others show other things. Take it for what it's worth.



John Kilgo

Q. The political polls in North Carolina show you to be Top Dog. Does that give you a boost?

thinking about running against me took polls to measure their chances and said they came out very well. But shortly afterwards, they announced they wouldn't run against me.

Q. Are you going to pitch in and help some of the North Carolina candidates this year?
Ervin: I sort of doubt it. I think I'll probably just vote and keep my choices to myself.

Q. What do you think about North Carolina's presidential primary?
Ervin: I think it's foolish,

the way it's set up. We're going to divide the vote and it appears that all we will accomplish is to divide the Democratic Party on just about every score.

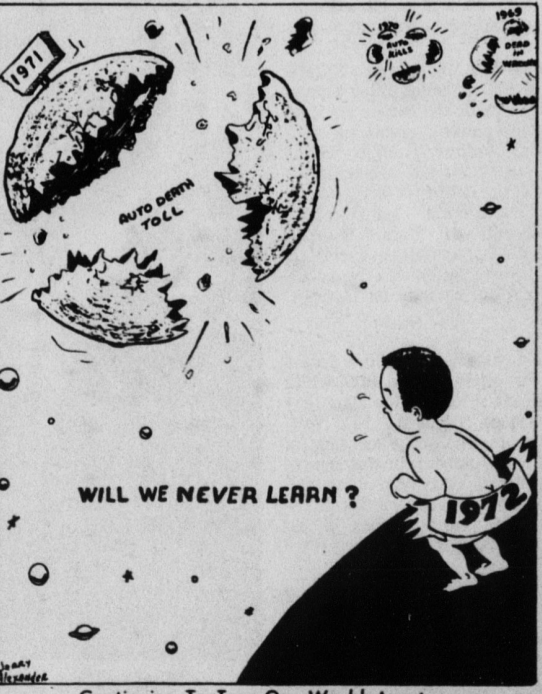
Q. Do you still favor Sen. Henry Jackson as the Democratic candidate for President?
Ervin: I think he's the best man, but I don't know if his campaign is getting off the ground or not. I haven't heard whether or not he plans to run

Frontier FOOD NOTES
By Gene Cox - Historian, Kings Mtn, Military Park

Thumbing The Notch!

Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, one of the heroes of Kings Mountain, was many things to many people. "Old Round About" as he was often called, hated the Tories immensely. Punishment for crimes during the war for American Independence was swift and often severe. One method of punishment was called "Thumbing the notch." When an ordinary pilferer was taken to Colonel Cleveland by William Lenoir, he was ordered to have his two thumbs placed in a notch of a tree, and thus made fast, while he received fifteen lashes. This was "Thumbing the notch." "Old Round About" did not always resort to the severest measures with the Tory thieves brought before him. Once he had what we would call a hardened criminal before him, Cleveland said, "waste no time, swing him off quick." The condemned man coolly replied, "you needn't be in such a hurry." Cleveland was pleased with the nonchalance of the fellow and ordered his men to let him go. The Tory, touched with such unexpected generosity, turned to Cleveland and said, "I'll ever after fight on your side" and proved himself to be one of the best of Cleveland's followers.

There was a man who lived near Wilkesboro named Bishop and Cleveland thought he had been shirking his responsibilities. Passing his corn field one day, Cleveland notes his corn, from neglect, presented a sorry appearance. He asked Bishop if he had been sick? He asked him if he had been fighting for his country? Bishop answered in the negative to both questions. "In times like these," remarked Cleveland, "men who are not fighting, and are not able to work, must not be allowed to have their crops as fourl as yours." The consequence of this episode was that this indolent man had "to thumb the notch."



Continuing To Tear Our World Apart

GOLDEN GLEAMS

A flattering mouth worketh ruin.

-Proverbs 26:28.

Let those flatter who fear; it is not an American art. -Thomas Jefferson.

A flatterer is a friend who is your inferior, or pretends to be so. -Aristotle.

Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver. -Edmund Burke.

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering. -George Bernard Shaw.

When he who everybody else flatters, flatters me, I then am truly happy. -Samuel Johnson.



The Humphrey Surprise

One of the recent public opinion poll surprises is a Gallup revelation that if Senator Edward Kennedy stays out of the 1972 presidential race, Senator Hubert Humphrey is now the choice of more Democrats than any other candidate of the majority party.

Of course, weekly and monthly polls are of limited significance. A new poll a month later often shows a switch in public opinion, or the samplings prove to have been too few. (In the December poll Gallup interviewed only 560 people; while poll officials claim they utilize a scientific selection, producing a representative response for the entire country, this obviously isn't a foolproof method.)

Nevertheless, the latest poll does lend encouragement to supporters of the 1968 Democratic nominee, since it has been generally agreed in recent months that Senator Edmund Muskie is the leading Democratic contender. Muskie still has the edge in committed delegates to the national convention.

Humphrey's chance—since he's not entering any primary fights—is, to some degree, as a standard bearer around whom the party can unite, if other candidates don't appear potential winners, or win nomination in early ballots.

Congressman Nick Galifianakis, making a bid to unseat U.S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan, had a break-away run and a fumble in his effort to grab a little of the Gator Bowl spotlight last week.

Before the Georgia-North Carolina kickoff, a blue and white airplane circled the packed Gator Bowl, carrying this message: Go Tar Heels -- Nick Galifianakis. The move brought a roar from the thousands of Tar Heel faithful. Give Nick a plus for being clever. But after the game, Carolina coach Bill Dooley was distressed after seeing his team lose a 7-3 heartbreaker. Galifianakis hurried to the Tar Heel room, walked up to Dooley and said, "Congratulations." Dooley looked at the Congressman like he was crazy. Give Nick a minus for a bad choice of words.

As we reported last week, Jim Beatty of Charlotte has officially announced for Congress from the 9th District. How's this for a complete break-down in tradition? Charlotte fire chief John Lee is thinking about painting his fire engines yellow.

Gerald Arnold of Harnett County, who was to be big in Bob Morgan's now - defunct gubernatorial plans, has been asked to join the Skipper Bowles camp in a high campaign position and I understand Arnold is giving it serious consideration.

"What have you heard about Jesse?" people keep asking me. They're talking about Jesse Helms, the Raleigh TV exec. Some folks are saying Helms might run for the U.S. Senate on the Republican ticket. I called friend Jesse to ask him about it but his secretary told me he was typing.



Christ's Love And Man's Brokenness

International Sunday School Lesson for January 16, 1972. LESSON TEXT: Luke 4:31-40; 5:12-26; 8:1-3, 26-56.

Continuing our studies of the writings of Luke, today we discuss the miracles of healing wrought by Christ as they relate to His person, His mission, and mankind.

Luke, the writer of the Book in which our studies lie, was himself a physician, so his interest in Christ's miracles is easily understood. Christ's demonstrated authority over every kind of disease was eloquent witness to the complete salvation He offered, and His impartiality, exhibited in His ever-ready response to need, spoke decisively for its universality.

Two touching stories command our attention this week, and it will be noted that a basic faith was the cornerstone for both miracles.

Jairus was an influential man residing in the area of Capernaum, whose only daughter, a child of twelve, lay dying. Jairus had eagerly awaited the arrival of Jesus to beseech Him to lay His hands on the child and bring her back to health. Touched by this voluntary display of faith and the father's acute distress, Christ assured Jairus that all would be well.

Also in the multitude that had come to meet the little party was a woman with a sickness of long duration that had made her an outcast, according to the superstitions and beliefs of that day. While Christ was walking among the people, she crept to His side and humbly and

fearfully touched His garments. She was instantly healed. Christ, ever instinctively in tune with those souls in agony, demanded to know who had so touched Him. The woman fearfully poured out her story, and Christ bade her go -- her faith had made her whole.

While this was taking place, word was brought to Jairus that his beloved child had died. But Jairus' faith remained unshaken. The Master had given him assurance his child would live, and he was content! And Christ did raise her from the dead, in front of her parents, and Peter, James and John, His faithful disciples, and to the amazement of those who scoffed; these scoffers, however, must not be condemned for their ridicule... they were merely accepting death as an end of life, whereas it must be remembered that to Christ death was but a deep sleep, from which the soul was released to a newer, richer, and fuller life.

From these miracles, we are made aware of the authority of Christ's teachings, of His deity, His sympathy and His power. Today, we, too, can claim rebirth when our faith is as strong as Jairus' and that of the unhappy woman in our story.

Death comes to us all; the face that we claim Christianity will not save us from the grave, but our faith will help us face this inevitable transition of the spirit with greater courage. This is one of Christ's continuing miracles... and we are thankful for it! (These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

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