

Letters To The Editor

Guns Off Duty!

Dear Editor:

Having read The Mirror's edition of March 15, 1972, caption "Mirror Asks". Having worked with a number of police agencies within the United States and abroad, I do not feel that this would be a wise decision for any police department to take such action. Knowing the humane tendency of man, there are too many aspects involved in such an action. 1- It would largely depend upon the person. His day-to-day habits. 2- Perhaps one's drinking habits. 3- That a side arm doesn't make a good policeman, nor an acceptable one. 4- The public welfare is to also be considered. 5- It doesn't give a policeman the right to bare sidearms off duty. 6- What would prevent the average citizen to so demand the same?

As outside and inside threats to one's own self-protection, it would seem that the essence of the matter is that some one is trying to build and create fear within the department as well as the public.

One of the greatest problems which confronts a policeman, is in regards to his day to day habits and he's accountable to the public in general. That no policeman should have access to any alcoholic beverage prior to at least eight hours reporting to his assigned duties. A lot would depend upon the mental aspect, as well as the functioning of the policeman in so performing his assigned duties under such conditions, as to function properly. The policeman must in all respects; first consider the public welfare first. Asking to go back to the Old Western days? That would be foolish. In the times in which we live, I don't doubt but what some one doesn't have some manner of ill will towards some one.

It's human nature. Which one shouldn't really act it out is another problem. But for any police department to even suggest such as bare-sidearms off duty, is out of question. I know it becomes a part of a policeman's gear.

Fear is fear within it's self. Common horse sense has for many years proven most effectively. Treat your fellow man as you would like to be treated. It's worked since time began.

Sincerely,

Everette H. Pearson



One Body In Christ

International Sunday School Lesson for March 26, 1972. LESSON TEXT: Romans 12: 1-5; I Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:4-8.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH? Paul--one of the greatest writers and teachers of Biblical times--was the author of the thought that the Church was "the body of Christ."

The aim of this lesson will be to help us understand the meaning of this concept, and impress upon us the importance of patterning ourselves in a Christian mold in the light of Paul's teaching.

The worst enemy of any church at any time had reared its ugly head in the little church at Corinth. The members became divided, and the true attributes of Christianity became blurred as each put their own interpretation on the importance of each teaching concept. Some felt, because they "spoke in tongues" they were better than others who did not have that gift, while others claimed that the power to heal was the true evidence of Christian superiority. No doubt these were merely evidences of the "growing pains" of the young church, but Paul saw all the dissent as a threat to the ideal of Christian unity in Christ.

Paul therefore went to great lengths to promote the concept that all churches and all men were members of one body--the body of Christ. Christ, Himself was the head--and just as a person's head functioned in conjunction with eyes, ears, feet and hands, so He functioned with the Church as His members.

Paul saw all men--Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free men, brought together in unity in Christ, bound by their common faith in God, made one entity through the Holy Spirit. Paul felt strongly that, just as the physical body of man has need of all its organs, so the church had need of the contri-

butions of all its members, if its destiny was to be fulfilled. If we will only bear in mind that the church is the visible representative of the invisible Christ, dedicated to carrying out the commission which He so gloriously began, and think of it as an extension of Him, we cannot go far wrong in our approach to Christianity. How we serve our church is reflected in how we serve our fellow men--and, through them--serve God.

True, the roles we are called upon to play in service vary greatly. Pastors, Deacons, organizers--these are specialized services. Countless other roles, while maybe not so prominent in the public eye, are just as important. The contribution of Sunday School teachers, choir members, and those who keep God's House as it should be kept... immaculate... none of these services can be discounted.

We must always bear in mind that no Christian is unneeded, or is saved without the expectation of service. For it is through us, motivated by the Holy Spirit, that God equips His church for service to mankind, and it is through us, through our sense of discipline and devotion, that His end will be attained.

It is an unending circle... the church supports the work of Christ; Christians support the church, and, in so doing, support Christ Himself.

A nation is made up of its citizens; the church is made up of its congregation; a religion consists of believers... and the quality of all depends on the quality of its people, as does the strength of all. Let us therefore strive for Christian unity in Christian service... in His name!

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).



Nick Galifianakis pauses for a photo with his Kings Mountain campaign coordinator George Thomasson.



The candidate visited in several downtown stores. Here he chats with Bill Fulton in Fulton's.

Galifianakis Greets Kings Mtn. Folks Friday

Photos By Rodney Dodson



At City Hall, Galifianakis visited briefly with the Mayor, and greeted city hall employees, never forgetting the ladies.



Nick drops in on Josh Hinnant at work. Hinnant is a candidate for County Commissioner.

Washington Report

By Congressman James T. Broyhill

Educational Benefits For Veterans

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives passed legislation to increase allowances under the various programs for veterans' education. This legislation is made necessary by the increase in the cost of living since the last increase was provided two years ago. In addition, the cost of a higher education has risen dramatically since that time.

The original "GI Bill", as educational benefits have been called, was enacted for those veterans who had served their country in World War II. A second GI Bill was passed to assist Korean War veterans in continuing their education. The current law was passed in 1966 and extended educational benefits to Vietnam War veterans and to all those who had served on active duty after January 31, 1955. Under this present program, almost three million eligible veterans have received some type of higher education. More than one million beneficiaries were in training at the end of December 1971.

Many types of advanced education are available to our nation's veterans through the Veterans Administration. They may receive an allowance to attend any accredited institution of higher education, vocational training, professional or technical instruction, or junior college. Veterans who have not completed secondary school may use their educational benefits to complete their high school diplomas. Under a change in the law approved two years ago, special provision was made for educationally disadvantaged veterans to receive elementary school training and special supplementary tutorial assistance.

In addition, veterans may apply their educational eligibility to a program of apprenticeship or on-the-job training, farm training, or a cooperative program combining formal education with business experience. Veterans who have been injured on active duty or incurred a disability which is service-connected are eligible for a special program of vocational rehabilitation. This program enables such veterans to participate in any program available to non-disabled veterans. However, their period of eligibility is longer and they re-

ceive tuition, books, and fees in addition to the subsistence allowance.

Educational benefits are also provided for some widows, wives, and children of veterans. For example, a veteran who is killed or dies during military service confers his eligibility for educational benefits upon his widow and children. Likewise, the wife and children of a veteran who is 100 percent disabled as a result of military service may receive educational assistance through the Veterans Administration. Recently, wives and children of prisoners of war or those missing in action were included in this program.

The bill which passed the House would increase all these educational allowances by an average of fourteen percent. An exception is the apprenticeship and on-the-job training program, where benefits are increased by 48 percent. This means that a veteran with no dependents attending college full-time would receive \$200 per month, an increase from the present \$175 per month. Veterans attending school part-time receive proportionately reduced benefits, and additional money is provided for veterans with dependents.

The bill would also provide an important change in existing law by authorizing the advance payment of educational assistance allowances. Ex-

perience under the present law has shown that there is usually a delay in the veteran's receipt of his allowance at the beginning of the school term.

This has caused many financial hardships for veterans who have just been discharged from military service and may not have a large amount of savings to carry them over until their educational allowance is received. This provision will give the veteran an initial advance payment for the first two months of his educational career.

I was pleased that this important measure was passed by the House unanimously. Later this week, hearings begin in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on the bill. Hopefully, final action will take place in the near future so that our veterans can begin receiving this needed increase in benefits.

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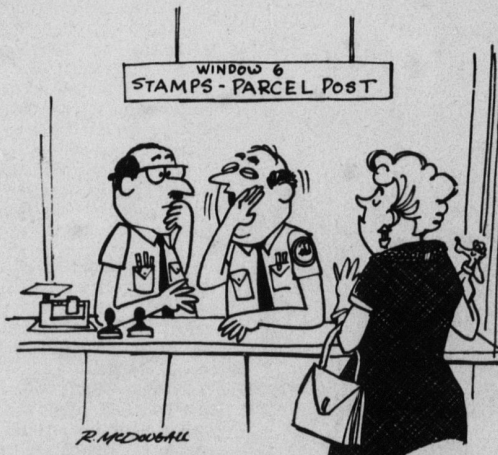
Mr. Newly Wed
Darling, this cake is delicious. Did you buy it yourself?

-Gosport.

Defined

Marriage: A committee of two on ways and means. One has her way, the other provides the means.

-Free Press, Detroit.



"SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF SHE CAN GET AN UNLISTED ZIP CODE!"

Hawkins Going To Get Tough With Hobby and Pat

By JOHN KILGO

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dr. Reginald Hawkins tells me he is going to get tough with opponents Pat Taylor and Wilbur Hobby.

"Pat Taylor is using the State Highway Patrol to cart him around the state with the blue light beaming," Hawkins said. "He lands at the airport and the patrol is there to transport him. The rest of us get speeding tickets. Taylor is using the courthouse gang all over North Carolina."

A campaign spokesman in Taylor's office said Hawkins' blast was a "fake issue." "Pat has used the highway patrol once during this campaign," the spokesman said, "and that was a mistake. He flew into a town late at night that had no cab service at the airport. Someone called ahead and had the patrol there to drive him into town. That was a mistake. It happened one time and it won't happen again. Taylor has made that clear."

Hawkins says Hobby, president of the State AFL-CIO, is violating union bylaws by running for public office while holding his union office.

I asked Hawkins if Hobby's entry into the race had hurt him financially.

"It's hard to count money you never received," Hawkins said, "but some blacks in unions have been afraid to give money to my campaign because of Hobby. But Hobby's candidacy has done one thing. It has completely united the black vote behind me. I'm getting unanimous endorsements this year and I never got unanimous endorsements from anyone in 1968."

Hawkins says his campaign is doing very well, being run "quietly and effectively, as well as could be hoped without money."

Hawkins said Hobby had hoped to split the black voting

strength in North Carolina. "But that has backfired," Hawkins said. "The blacks realize how we have been treated by old-line politicians. They are solidly in my corner."

Tuesday was a politician's day in Charlotte. In the afternoon, Skipper Bowles opened his campaign office, and in the evening, Jim Gardner opened his. Both men said they were

pleased with the way things were going and said they are confident of victory.

Bowles, a big basketball fan, took time out to watch part of the ACC tournament last week. The City Council of Foster City, California, has fired the city manager for missing too many council meetings. The manager was absent when he was fired.

Pat Spangler To Be Nominated To Carolina Freight Board

R. Patrick (Pat) Spangler, civic leader and well known business executive of Shelby, will be nominated to the stockholders of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation to serve on that company's Board of Directors. The nomination will be made at the annual stockholders meeting to be held May 3, 1972.

Spangler, a Shelby native, replaces F. Eugene Gray, Carolina Vice President who resigned his position on the Board effective on the expiration date of his current term. Carolina Freight is headquartered in Cherryville, North Carolina with terminals in 42 other cities throughout the East, Southeast and Midwest.

C. Grier Beam, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer at Carolina, said, "We are pleased to have a man of Pat's calibre on the Board. He has proven his ability as a businessman and is a capable and dynamic individual."

Spangler is now and has been for many years involved in various civic, governmental, and educational projects. He has served twice as National General Chairman of Gardner-Webb College fund raising campaigns and on each occasion he raised more than \$2.5 million. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb and on the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is treasurer of Spangler and Sons, Inc. of Shelby, President of Spangler's Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. of Kings Mountain; Concrete Investments, Inc. of

Shelby, Spangler Brothers Company of Shelby and Beep Company, Inc., and is also serving as treasurer of As-



phalt Paving of Shelby, Inc. Spangler is Director of First National Bank of Shelby and has served as a director of the Cleveland County Fair Association since 1965.

In 1963 he was elected Shelby's "Man of the Year". In 1965 he was awarded the Marts and Lundy Medal for Philanthropy. He has also served on a number of governmental committees and in official capacities on civic clubs.

He is married to the former Eloise Young and the Spanglers have five children: Lynn, 22, Jane, 20, Jean, 18, and twins, Penny and Pat, Jr., 14.

They reside at 926 Elizabeth Road, Shelby, and are members of The First Baptist Church of Shelby where he serves as Chairman of the Church Planning Committee and is a former Deacon.

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Election year is when the nearest thing to the jawbone of an ass may be a microphone.

-Wall Street Journal.