

The Forgotten Ones... The Police

This week the Mirror begins a series of articles about the problems facing the police in their attempt to keep order in today's society. The articles are contributed by Dick Shaney of Kings Mountain, a former Highway Patrolman, and strong advocate of better law enforcement - Editor.

First In A Series

This is the first in a series of articles about "The Forgotten Ones"-the police-who protect a society plagued by crime and violence. It is written with the hope of gaining public support for policemen at a time when support is so vitally needed. We are a nation filled with crime. Crimes so hideous we shudder to think

about them. The only defense we have left lies with our policemen throughout the country and with those of us who care enough to back them in so great a task. Our courts have become so lenient that the criminal element has little or no deterrent to commit even greater crimes. People are afraid to walk the streets of our free nation. Political figures are not able to express their views without being shot or murdered in broad daylight. Crime continues to in-

crease in almost every city while we, the silent majority, sit passively by, being swallowed up by crime and violence. How many more policemen or political figures must be killed or injured before something is done? Thousands of men and women throughout our nation have given their lives on foreign battlefields to protect this country and insure its freedom. This freedom is now being threatened at home by ele-

ments even more powerful than those abroad. The only organized force to combat these elements are our police. If we fail to give them our support and respect then they will fall and the nation will fall with them.

In coming weeks additional articles will bring you up to date on what our modern day police officer is confronted with. You will learn of his frustrations, his long hours and low pay, the abuse his family takes because he is an officer, the dangers he faces with little protection for himself--these articles are true accounts of events police officers throughout our state have had and are continuing to express. Don't miss them.



Three persons were injured Wednesday night about 8 o'clock when this car driven by Berdie Ellen Alley of 506 E. Graham St., Shelby, skidded on wet pavement on the bridge railing at Buffalo Creek. The car was left hanging over the edge of the water but was in no danger of slipping off "unless the railing had broken off," according to rescue workers. Two passengers were injured besides Mrs. Alley. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

JOHN KILGO

Pat Taylor has now divorced himself of Gov. Bob Scott and the Raleigh News & Observer and is ready to pounce on leader Skipper Bowles as the runoff is underway for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. No question about it, Taylor feels his association with Gov. Scott hurt him in the first primary, as the people of North Carolina want new faces. Taylor's own poll, for much of the campaign, at least, indicated that Gov. Scott was still well thought of by the voters. But Taylor apparently doesn't feel that today. He's gone out of his way since the primary to break away from the sitting Governor.

Taylor's runoff campaign will be considerably different from the one he's run heretofore. He feels, right or wrong, that Bowles gained the momentum with his stand not to raise taxes. Taylor has a TV commercial already cut for the runoff which says Gov. Scott promised no new taxes in 1968 and slapped the voters with a gasoline tax, a tobacco tax and a soft-drink tax.

"We need no more of that nonsense," the Taylor commercial says. Furthermore, Taylor will come out in favor of cutting some taxes which he will deem an unnecessary burden on the people of North Carolina.

Taylor had a meeting in Raleigh on Sunday. A large group of his supporters viewed the TV commercials for the runoff and had their say about the way the runoff campaign should run.

All agreed that Taylor had to get tough, which will be a new kind of campaign for the Lieutenant governor. Taylor has made it a practice to avoid controversy when possible. No way he'll be able to avoid it now that he finds himself in the position of running behind Bowles with less than three weeks left before the runoff vote.

The campaign is going to get rough and some Democratic Party leaders are concerned about the consequences. It's hard to kiss and make up after a blood-letting.

As for Bowles, he has been planning since the night of May 6 to go into a runoff campaign. Many of Bowles' workers have tried to discourage that kind of talk when speaking to the press.

One told me last weekend: "I really believe Pat will get out."

But while that was the public word, Bowles kept right on working and planning for the inevitable.

He came out with his own TV spot, thanking the people of North Carolina for his fine vote. Bowles promised to represent all colors and parties. It was a way of keeping his name before the public and of also trying to create a bandwagon effect for his candidacy.

A spokesman in the Bowles camp told me that many Taylor defectors had come over since the primary. The Taylor camp rejects this and Alben Bailey, one of Taylor's chief campaign aides, says: "The money's there for us to run a good campaign."

Bowles already has his schedule made for the rest of the week. The closed door sessions are over and both Taylor and Bowles will go public again.

Democrats not wanting this kind of a fight take some heart in the fact that the Republicans, with Jim Gardner and Jim Holshouser flailing away at each other, will have their own fences to mend after the runoff.

Bowles came from out of sight to win the first leg of the race. Now he finds himself in the position of having to protect his position as front-runner. Taylor didn't do it very well and whether Bowles can or not will be answered during the next two and a half weeks.

Why worry about war, or disease, if you don't worry about automobile accidents.

10th District Profile

The median income for families in North Carolina's 10th Congressional District in 1969 was \$8,449. While 80.1 percent of the 10th District households had telephones, 95.7 percent had television sets. These are some of the interesting facts provided in a statistical profile of my Congressional District which was compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. Based on the 1970 census returns, the profile presents an interesting picture of the 10th District and compares the district to the state as a whole. The study includes Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Watauga counties, which will comprise the 10th District beginning in 1973.

Population: As of April 1970, there were 471,777 persons living in the 10th District. This figure represents 9.3 percent of the total population of North Carolina. This breaks down to: urban population - 41.7 percent, rural farm population - 2.8 percent, and rural non-farm population - 55.5 percent.

Looking at age distribution, 40.3 percent were under age 21. This compares to 41.0 percent under age 21 for the state as a whole. 7.7 percent were age 65 and older, compared to 8.2 percent for the entire state.

Veteran Status: Of civilian males 18 and over, 40.6 percent were veterans, compared to 39.7 percent for the state. The 40.6 percent breaks down as follows for periods of service: Vietnam - 6.7 percent, Korean War - 8.0 percent, World War II - 18.5 percent, World War I - 1.5 percent, other - 5.8 percent.

Education: Among the population 25 years old and over in the 10th District, 41.4 percent had a grade school education or less. 32.7 percent were high school graduates, including 13.6 percent who had completed some years of college. The statewide figures were 37.2 percent who had completed eight or fewer years of school, 38.5 percent who were high school graduates, and 16.8 percent who had completed some college years. 6.4 percent of 10th District residents had completed four or more years of college, com-

reflections

by Rodney Dodson



Bon Voyage To Sylvia!

On behalf of the Mirror I'd like to wish Sylvia Holmes and Ray and Lindsay and Chris a great trip to their homeland across the Atlantic.

The Holmes family is leaving Thursday for England. It's a trip most of us would like to take, but it must take on even more importance and excitement when it's your home, and so far away.

As an added treat for Mirror readers, Sylvia will keep her Mirror Images column coming from England for the duration of her stay. She will also be making pictures while she's traveling about in Europe, and will be sharing some of them with us after she returns. Of course she will not be here for the next few weeks to contribute to the women's news, and it would be appreciated if those having news to report would call the Mirror.

We all wish her a fantastic trip, and look forward to her return to Kings Mountain.

I'm convinced that our local Post Office has the best service of any in Kings Mountain... at least that's what Bud Medlin assures me. Our newspapers are carried to the PO in cardboard boxes. I didn't pick one of the empties up last week, but when I picked up the mail Friday morning, there was a little pink card to pick up a package at the window. When I presented it to Bud, he came back with my empty box, lugging it as if it weighed 100 lbs. He says the PO department is one that has maintained friendly, courteous service, not like some other places that are cold and impersonal. I'm inclined to agree with him.

I've always been partial to honeysuckle as a fragrance around this time of the year. At night I like to ride with the

windows down in the car to get an occasional whiff of it. Well this year I've got it all over my backyard fence, and can smell it day and night.

Morning-glories are usually growing wild in fields, blooming out in the early-morning dew, but very scarce in town, so we planted our own. They should soon be running on top of the house.

Instinct is untought ability.
-Alexander Bain.

Instinct preceded wisdom.
-George Lillo.

Many instincts ripen at a certain age and then fade away.
-William Jones.

Instinct is intelligence incapable of self-consciousness.
-John Sterling.

Sunday School Lesson

Need For Renewal

As has been pointed out before, the Christian Church (albeit a Divine institution) is made up of human beings, and is therefore subject to not only their cowardliness. But the Church's goal of spiritual maturity in all things and in all people must be wrought through individuals, despite all their foibles.

And as has also been pointed out before, the strength of an individual's faith (or the lack of it) has a direct bearing on the strength of the Church.

Small wonder, then, that we are faced with a need for continuous renewal in our religious lives! Therefore this Lesson is dedicated to helping us recognize the shortcomings of the church and in ourselves, as the congregation of that church...and outlining the ways in which these shortcomings may be overcome.

In the writings of Paul we can be inspired to truly "put off the old" and "put on the new"...as signified by the act of baptism. Eloquent and idealistic, Paul is one of the most quoted writers of the Bible today.

Paul abhorred the sins of the flesh, and the sins of the spirit. A sinner himself, but eventually won over to Christ, he was well versed in the struggles which wage in the soul of every man. As one who had passed through the fire, he was well qualified to preach and to teach...so his words should be especially meaningful for us as we struggle with our own personal demons!

In his writings Paul outlines very clearly the negatives

which we should put from us; and he outlines, equally clearly, the positives which we should assume.

The fact is that the use of the phrase "one body" (v. 15) is a reminder that Paul's words were addressed to members of a church; they therefore furnish a standard by which all church members must measure themselves and their accomplishments in Christ's Name. It cannot be argued that the age of television is upon us; what benefits we derive from it (or negatives) is largely up to the individual, and to individual tastes. However, when coverage was given to the first astronauts who trod where no man had set foot before, surely there were few among us who were not greatly moved by the Biblical passages which they spoke for all the world to hear!

To the discerning student of the Bible, should not Paul be termed a "spiritual astronaut"? Christians must ever be conscious of the idealistic. They need to examine their personal lives and -- where they fall short of the Christian ideal -- they need to "repair their fences." We need to put off the world, substituting, instead, the virtues as exemplified in Christ.

Emotional immorality (covetousness, greed, selfishness, etc.), must be overcome as surely as must physical immorality; the temptation to gossip must be put behind us as unworthy of our time and of our interest; anger towards our fellow men and malice towards them must be discounted if we are to renew ourselves in Christ.

God expects those who don the mantle of Christianity to be truly "new persons." He demands that we be gentle in our thoughts and in our actions towards others, as Christ was gentle. He expects us to be forgiving and forbearing towards one another...as Christ was.

Truly, our need for renewal is great...but this we will surely achieve if we relinquish ourselves to His direction. For He has never led us astray--nor will He!

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June 6th

Though Senator Edmund Muskie was not right on much in his ill-fated campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, he is obviously astute in his observation that the California primary June 6th is the crucial test between Senator George McGovern and Hubert Humphrey.

Muskie believes a solid McGovern victory in California could possibly result in a first-ballot nomination for the South Dakotan at Miami. This prediction takes into account an almost-certain McGovern victory in New York, the other key state primary, June 20th, which all political observers are forecasting. (Humphrey only recently went to work in New York.)

Though Muskie and others feel such a first-ballot victory is unlikely, they admit the gathering momentum of McGovern's campaign has both surprised and impressed them. In other words, there seems little doubt that for both McGovern and Humphrey California is the key test. Both candidates are spending time and money heavily in that state and if either should win a pronounced victory there that might well mean the nomination.

Richard Nixon, President, deploring the assassination attempt on Governor Wallace:
"We must all stand together to eliminate its vicious threat (intrusion of violence) to our public life."

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