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FLOYD DOVER



CHARLES WRIGHT



JOEY MORROW



C. C. HOLMES



GENE HOLMES



M. L. WILLIAMS



BILL MCDANIEL

KM Citizens See Russian Agreements As Promising

"Mirror Asks" took to the streets again this week to ask some local people their opinion of the recent agreements between President Nixon and Russian leaders made during the historic summit talks just completed in Moscow.

The general overall opinion of the people asked is that the talks and resulting treaties between the two world powers is definitely in the interest of world peace.

Jack White, attorney, had this to say: "I really think it's a good move on the President's part. Whatever we can do to improve relations with Russia is a real step toward world peace. The disarmament talks are advantageous to all concerned—Especially the disarmament talks are a step in the right direction."

Floyd Dover, barber, said: "I think it's kind of a beginning. I hope so anyway, and Charles Wright, his co-worker, agreed:

"I'm of the same opinion. It's a first beginning anyway. Joey Morrow, a student, said: "I think he did right. I think there's a better chance for peace now."

C. C. Holmes, a retired minister, looks at the agreements favorably but with some reservation. He thinks "It would be good if both countries would keep the agreements."

Gene Holmes, merchant, had his own solution to the situation. He said: "If they'd put George Wallace in he'd straighten this mess out."

M. L. Williams, jeweler, said: "I think it will help matters of understanding between the two countries."

Bill McDaniel paused from removing the flags from the sidewalk to say: "Anything to keep peace...but I don't want to give them anything—and I don't want them to give us anything."

The questions in this feature are asked strictly at random, and no attempt is made to solicit pro or con answers. The answers are unedited.—Editor

reflections

by Rodney Dodson



It Made My Day...

It was a busy Saturday afternoon, town was crowded and I had spent most of the day in the office—not enjoying the nice May weather. I was aware that I was supposed to cover something for Tommy King later in the day, but it took a phone call to remind me. At 4 p.m. the Junior Police boys were to ride the minibikes down off York Road beside I-85.

It was getting late in the afternoon and I was in a hurry. When I got there about 8 boys were already mounted on the brightly painted little machines. They immediately all wanted their pictures made, but I patiently insisted on waiting for Tommy and the other boys. Suddenly his old green truck came leading a cloud of dust down the secondary road, followed by a station wagon. Both were loaded down with boys, and the truck was carrying additional mini bikes. When everything was unloaded, the boys began to pester Tommy to ride first. It soon became quite clear that he was in charge of the show, and the boys settled down, but they all had trouble keeping

their hands off the bikes. When they began to ride, I was suddenly lost from all the cares of the day. It looked every bit the fun it was, and after I remarked that a couple of times, Tommy offered to let me take a few laps on his personal bike—a Honda Trail-70.

I fastened on a helmet and took off. I was amazed at the power of the little machine, and was delighted to discover that it could be ridden on the street as well.

I really felt fearless tearing into the dirt turns... I must have been going 25 m.p.h. The bike was capable of more speed, but I wasn't sure I was. I can really understand now how much riding the mini bikes means to these boys, and how much it means to Tommy King for the program to be a success. I hope he gets his 24 bikes for the Kings Mountain Police Program, and surely if Honda can donate the bikes, enough people in KM can show their financial support to keep the bikes maintained, which is the only requirement.

County Fair To Run 9 Days

There's good news for fairgoers this year. The Cleveland County Fair has been extended to 9 days this year, from October 6-14, according to fair manager E. L. Weathers. The fair has previously been a 5 day event.

Weathers said the fair was extended for two reasons, first because "We're building and need every dollar we can

get, and secondly for rain insurance."

The fair is scheduled to begin on Friday and end the following Saturday night, will open each day at noon except for one Sunday afternoon when the fair will be open from 1 p.m. till 6:30 p.m.

The new 120X150 ft. steel barn on the fairground is scheduled for completion by August 1.

Broyhill To Speak At GOP Rally

Congressman James T. Broyhill will be the principal speaker at the Republican Convention of the Tenth Congressional District to be held Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Western Piedmont Community College, west of Morganton.

This announcement was made by the district chairman, Dr. W. W. Dickson of Gastonia. In making this announcement Dr.

HOT, HOT PANTS

New Orleans—U.S. customs agents had to turn back a shipment of 10,000 pairs of "ladies disposable paper panties" seeking entry at a Gulf Coast port because they didn't pass the Flammable Products Act requirements.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

New York—The New York Stock Exchange, the oldest of the nation's stock ex-

Dickson pointed out the change of date from June 2, as was originally planned to June 9. This change was made for the convenience of those who will be working toward the gubernatorial primary run-off of June 3.

Dr. Dickson emphasized the importance of each of the seven counties being well represented at this convention to dispose of the important business before them.

changes, recently celebrated its 180th birthday. Beginning in 1972 with 24 merchants and brokers, it now has some 1,400 companies listed.

LOVES TO RIDE BIKE

Oshkosh, Wis.—Carl Martin, 81, has become a problem to his family due to his love of riding a bike. Police find him 20 to 40 miles away from his home and say there is no legal way to take his bike away.

What Is The Devotional Life?

This Sunday, starting a new series of studies, we will hopefully discover the ways and means available to the Christian, through the auspices of the greatest Book ever written, to supplement and enrich the most important facet of this complex thing called LIFE that man possesses—his spiritual existence.

Endowed with this wonderment from birth, the infant is unaware of its existence. As he matures, however, his perception and knowledge, ever growing, eventually confronts him, and great avenues of comprehension and feelings are opened up, and he gradually attains the fullness of spirituality which God has ordained for mankind.

Analysis of this unique circumstance is what we are concerned with today.

Perhaps it is the tempo of the times in which we live that detracts from our ready awareness of God. We work hard during the week, scratching out a living for our loved ones against ever-increasing competition; come the weekend (and Sunday) we are ready to relax...on a lake, at the beach—in summer—visiting friends or entertaining, in the winter. Church attendance, in either case, comes out second-best! The appetite for fellowship with God is, in too many cases, dulled.

We can learn much from the story of the Centurion, as revealed in Acts 10. In an age when paganism was on the wane, the Jewish faith attracted the spiritual side of man by its spiritual principles

and ethical overtones. Through a close association with Jews, the Roman Centurion, although not fully subscribing to Judaism, was nevertheless led to practice a personal devotion...in the form of kindness and good deeds.

A thinking man, he became aware of deep, inner longings—longings that were unsatisfied. How these longings were answered make up the outcome of his story...and impressive testimony to God's awareness to the plight of man.

Those who fulfill the spiritual requirements of the devotional life are bound to share their faith with others. (Witness Paul's spiritual redemption and ultimate inspired teaching; Christ's close communion with the Father and His unremitting work in bringing His message into the lives of all with whom He came in contact).

Christ, Paul and the Centurion taught by example. What, we must pause to ask, will be the net result of our lives upon others?

In prayer—in communion with God on a daily basis—we find the strength to withstand the personal tragedies which befall us. We find an inner strength to beat the unbeatable, to "fight the good fight".

How many of us, in the Spring of the year just passed, have not stepped out and smelled the freshness in the air, witnessed the beauty of a renewed flowering, who have not been moved to say, from our hearts: "God, what a beautiful world You have created... thank You for giving me life!" Even such a fleeting awareness must surely indicate to us a Being greater and more mysterious than anything else on earth! For it is as the mustard seed! We are on talking terms with God!

The devotional life is characterized by many things...a deep and reverent commitment to God, and a life shared with others; an ear acutely attuned to God's message—love one another; an obedient heart, and an inquiring mind—the prerequisite of man's supremacy over the beasts of the field—created in God's own image as he is!

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The Forgotten Ones . . . The Police

2nd In A Series

You may be thinking by now, why the title? "The Forgotten Ones," because nobody forgets the cop that gave them their first traffic ticket. You may be right but unfortunately this is the only remembrance many people have of the police and, in most cases, an unpleasant one. With the invention and mass production of the automobile police inherited the unpleasant task of enforcing laws pertaining to them. These laws, when broken, result in countless deaths and injuries to thousands of people. Last year alone, 55,000 people were killed on our streets and highways by an invention solely designed for their transportation and pleasure. We have no way of determining what this number would have been if laws were not enforced pertaining to the motor vehicle. Most police officers, by choice would rather face the danger of apprehending a hardened crim-

inal than having to issue a traffic citation to a respectable citizen, but experience has taught us that respectable people die just as easily as do others in traffic accidents.

Only recently has the public begun to realize what a tragic loss we as a nation experience each year as 50,000 or more die in senseless accidents. Since the invention of the automobile more people have been killed to date in traffic accidents than in all the wars this nation has fought. How many of our people are protesting this slaughter?

Most police agencies responsible for enforcing traffic laws are grossly handicapped by the lack of manpower, equipment and effective action by the courts of our land. We have become so engrossed

with the protection of human rights that we have forgotten about human lives. All this plus the lack of public support contributed greatly to the low moral factor generated among many officers interviewed. The initiation of the new uniform court system in North Carolina was thought to

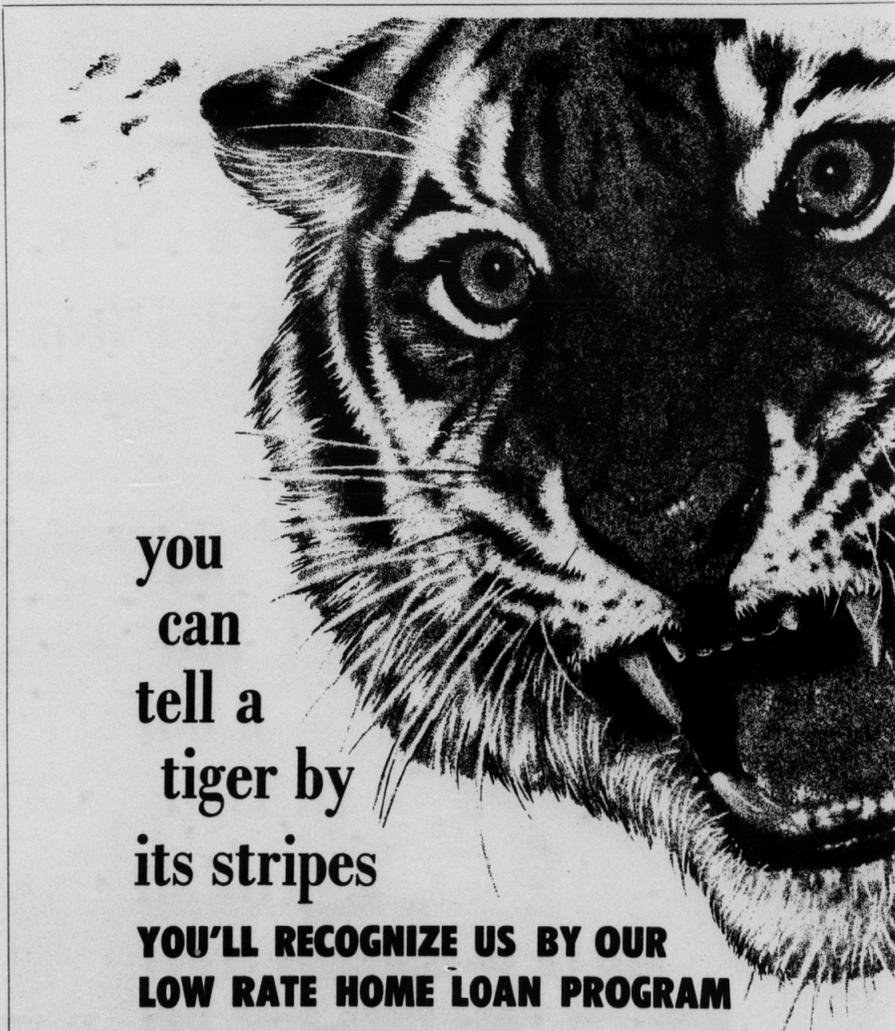
be one answer to the many problems police officers faced as they attempted to enforce the traffic laws; however, few expressed any improvements over the old system. Police officers in general feel they are butting the heads against a stone wall as they try to free society of its many ills. These are but some of the reasons policemen are referred to as "The Forgotten Ones."

Phillips Sworn As Judge

Former 27th Judicial District Solicitor Ralph Phillips of Gastonia was sworn in as judge of the district court Wednesday at the Gaston County Courthouse. Chief District Judge Lewis Bulwinkle, also of Gastonia, administered the oath of office.

Phillips defeated Judge John Mahoney of Shelby by some

1,300 votes in the May 6th primary. Mahoney had resigned in April following an SBI investigation into charges that the judge had illegally disposed of confiscated liquor and beer. Mahoney still ran for reelection in the May primary and carried Cleveland County, but trailed Phillips in Gaston and Lincoln Counties.



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