

After An Over-Perfect Society, What To Do?

What comes after perfection? Why, over-perfection, which, it appears, is worse than slipshod.

"Over" is America's bugaboo. We over-produce, we over-mechanize, we over-organize, we over-everything. But what to do? Just quit?

Two recent news stories added to this dilemma. One had to do with beef, the other with traffic safety.

First, about the beef: Japan recently was added to the list of countries allowed to export beef to the U. S. The Jap meat will be used largely by connoisseurs of Japanese food in the preparation of a dish called sukiyaki. The special quality of this beef results from massaging the animals, giving them great quantities of beer and keeping them tightly penned to retard muscle development.

The reason for the popularity of beef from away off yonder is that Americans have become bored with the finest beef in the world, the kind they can buy here at home. The reason they have become bored is because we have such an abundance of top-grade beef.

We can produce all the prime beef we need because of the development of art-

ficial marbling techniques and because, through the development of artificial insemination, one "perfect" bull can service 10,000 cows a year. This arrangement naturally makes a great many less than perfect bulls available for slaughter.

Cattlemen are moaning because their know-how in producing "perfect" specimens is working a vicious cycle against them. Their reward for their achievement has been increasing amounts of beef imported in competition with them.

And the traffic safety business: The "unrealistic over-protection"—there's another "over"—of children going to and from school is making them sitting ducks for the traffic hazards they'll encounter later in life. So say traffic experts in the Illinois Municipal League. Rights-of-way, police-designed crosswalks, and all the other measures designed to protect our youngsters have served only to make the children think they lead charmed lives.

Kids have been seen strolling nonchalantly into streams of traffic, jumping recklessly out of and into cars, apparently assuming the world owes them protection under all circumstances.

So, what do you do when the more you win the more you lose?

Our Man Randall And The Old Dominion

(From The Greensboro Daily News)

Director George Randall of the North Carolina Prisons Department has marshaled figures which make Virginia's criticism and rejection of the Old North State's work release program ridiculous.

The Old Dominion's Gov. Albertis S. Harrison, acting on a study of the Tar Heel plan by Virginia's Prisons Director W. F. Smith, voiced double objection to the program which has worked with demonstrated success and won the plaudits of prison management in at least 30 other states. He called the plan a risk to society and charged that it results in competition between a prisoner and a free man for a given job.

N. C. Director Randall disposed of the competition criticism with a single sentence: "I'm a little surprised at this line of thinking; if you didn't allow possible competition, a prisoner would never be paroled."

Parole is dependent upon the prisoner to whom it is granted having a job. He was a free man, working in a free labor market, before he ran afoul of the law. It was his removal from society which left a job open in the first place. Patently if there is to be effective rehabilitation of prisoners through any kind of training program they will have to get jobs and make good at them whenever they are discharged or have paid their debt to society.

Governor Harrison also seems to have overlooked the realistic circumstance that under the work release program the working prisoner pays for his prison keep, earns money with which to keep his family off relief and retains his status as a taxpayer. And there are humane considerations as well as economic and social factors which weigh heavily in favor of the North Carolina program.

As for the risk which work release holds for society, Director Randall's figures offer factual rebuttal. Since the program went into effect in September, 1957, approximately 2,400 prisoners have taken part in it, with some 800 presently participating. Director Randall cites the record: "Other than a few escapes, the only crime under work release has been one case of auto theft in connection with an escape. And auto theft is not a crime of violence." And then came the real knockout punch: Whereas the national rate of recidivism is 87 per cent, the recidivism rate has turned sharply downward in North Carolina with an unbelievable 6 per cent among work release prisoners. It is this drop which has given the North Carolina prison system the enviable status of being the only system in the country with a decreasing population.

Yes, Virginia, there is prison progress; and you don't have to wait for Santa Claus to bring it to you.

Our Grain Shows Up Russian Weakness

Americans were incensed by reports of grain rotting in Midwestern streets for want of boxcars to move it to storage. The needed rail facilities were commandeered to haul wheat to ports for shipment to Russia.

All in all, a frustrating deal. But now it appears the Reds' faces are the color of their names because they will have one devil of a time taking care of the wheat once it gets to them.

If and when our wheat deal is consummated, it will only add a monumental headache to the problems the Russians already are having with the grain they bought from Canada. Reports already are coming in that merchant ships are backing up in the Black Sea ports with Canadian wheat.

rail transportation in Russia. In fact, this is so bad that 15,000 freight cars are idle every day in some railway sectors. Poor inspection and slow repair to rolling stock add to the confusion.

So selling wheat to the Reds may turn out to be more of a propaganda tool than we had hoped. It already has shown up a serious weakness in their ability to move material (be it food or rockets) by rail, it has added credence to the claim that the Russian farm program is in a mess generally, and, thirdly, while they're trying to untangle their railroad snafu they'll have to take their minds off hating us.

Safety's Two Bits

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the state officials in charge of vehicle registration and operation, recently recommended the use of "safety" license plates as an effective, inexpensive way to reduce rear-end collisions on our highways.

The safety tags, now being used by 13 states and the District of Columbia and by three more states in 1964, are covered with a reflective material that shines brilliantly at night in the headlights of approaching cars.

If a car could be equipped with a safety device that can be seen from as far as 1,500 feet at night, even if the car that was parked or disabled had no operating lights, it could prevent many accidents.

And the cost? At a quarter a car, it's worth it.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

Last Sunday was a happy occasion. You should have been here. We finally got old Grandpa Goosefeathers in the Church. We been working on that honkey cuss for the past 20 years but all we ever got was cussed out. He said he was having too big a time to get religion.

Well sir, 3 years ago he come down with the roamatism. Since that time he's been to all kinds doctors. He started out with ole Doc Charge Wright, and stuck with him 'til he was might nigh broke. Last I heard he was going to a cowpracter.

Grandpa finally lost everything he had but his roamatism. So when Goosefeathers saw that he was too broke for Hell-raising and too sick even if he had the money, he turned to religion.

He come to see me about joining the Church. I asked him if he'd had a change of heart. He said his heart hadn't bothered him none—it was mainly his roamatism. He allowed as how he'd tried every thing else to get well, so it wouldn't hurt to try a little religion. (Course, I reckon religion was about the only thing left that he could afford.)

Anyhow, Mr. Publisher, Grandpa Goosefeathers is now a bona-fide member of the church. Ain't it enlightening, sir, why some folks will turn to religion? A site a people use God like He was a tool of some kind!

You take ole Grandpa Goosefeathers for example—he's trying to use God as a real big axep, so's he can get rid of his roamatism. He figures he'll take 2 or 3 doses of God and when he gets well he can drop the whole matter.

Some folks try to use God as a fire escape. They have Him around—just in case they gotta make a quick get-away. These people don't use Him unless they get an emergency. You take Ellie McJester's brother, for instance. His boat turned over in the lake last summer, and he prayed so loud you could hear him on the shore. Its the first and the last time I ever heard him pray.

He hollered, "O Lord, if you get me outa this mess I won't bother you again. Well sir, both of 'em stuck by their bargain. The Lord spared him, and he ain't bothered the Lord since.

Rufe uses God as a big stick. When he can't get his kids to listen he threatens 'em with God. He scares the daylites outa his younguns by telling that God's gonna get 'em if they don't listen. He said that done a hole lot more good than a razor strap.

I'll tell you what, Mr. Publisher, I don't believe folk's is gonna get too far trying to use God... cause He's God. The Good book says that us humans is like clay. Most the clay I've seen is soft and floppy. It looks to me like the best thing we can do is lay right still like, and let God make something outa us.

Well, I gotta go now. I'm going over to Grandpa Goosefeathers and see if I can help the Lord beat a little a that air out of him.

Yours Truly,

Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

1918

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IN OTHER YEARS

One of our grocerymen caught up with a cheat and swindle about two weeks ago by making a discovery. He had made a "regular engagement" with a young farmer for butter, and the first lot brought the grocer was said to be of excellent quality. Sometime later, however, a batch of the golden-hued article was brought in and soon distributed to customers. One print of the butter was sent to the home of a lady who on cutting into it, found the inside filled with a white substance that was not butter. She fired it back to the merchant. On the following Saturday the young farmer brought in four more prints, the aggregate weight being three pounds and two ounces. After the young farmer had been paid for the butter, the merchant cut one print and found it full of this particular filling, and then the remaining three prints were cut in half, each being carefully stuffed with this substitute, whatever it was. The grocer proceeded at once to find his man, and told him face to face what he thought of a trick like that, and demanded his money back, but refused to prosecute. The farmer said he knew nothing about it. He was accused of putting some sort of compound in the butter. He wanted to get \$50 that what was in the butter was not that compound. The various merchants of the town are in the habit of trusting their customers and it is only occasionally that one finds a deception or dishonesty.

A called meeting of the town board of aldermen was held Tuesday night when matters of vital interest to the town were discussed.

On recommendation of the water and light committee, the board voted to make a slight increase in the rates for consumers for electricity on a scale something like this. The minimum rate will be fixed at \$1.00, an increase of 10 per cent was permitted on amounts used up to 50 kilowatt, and 4 per cent over that amount.

A petition was accepted asking for the permanent improved paving of the block between Broad and Academy streets on McEl-lan avenue.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting the maintenance of a slaughter house within the corporate limits of the town, and the use of the present house will be denied after the 15th of May. It is also a misdemeanor for any person to bury dead carcasses in the town limits.

There will be a public speaking at the graded school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock, when General Guy Preston, Commander at Camp Greene, will deliver an address on matters pertaining to the war and the winning of some. He will be accompanied by Hon. Frank R. Mc-Ninch, mayor of Charlotte, who will also submit a few remarks. This will be an interesting meeting and the entire public should turn out to hear these distinguished gentlemen.

The Mooresville Cotton Mills are offering special inducements to the operatives to buy thrift stamps. For instance, any employee who agrees to take out a thrift card will be given the first stamp free of charge and when fifteen stamps have been placed, the mill company will also put on the last one, the employee getting two out of sixteen stamps absolutely free. It is a splendid proposition and many of the hands are taking advantage of this unusual opportunity to help the government and themselves as well.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Mooresville graded schools, held last Friday night, matters pertaining to the welfare of the school were discussed. While the election for bonds and taxes went by default, the board has organized a plan whereby the schools will be continued and there will be no curtailment in the matter of efficiency in the high school department, or in the lower grades, the details of which will be worked out later.

The board unanimously re-elected W. C. Arliff superintendent for the next school year. His corps of assistants will be elected later. Miss Grace Rankin will leave Cameron, Texas, today for her home in this city, after spending sometime in the Loan Star State at the home of Mr. Espy Watts.

Your attention is called to the change of hours for opening the Library. Hereafter during the summer months the library will be open from 4 to 5 instead of from 3 to 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawthorne and daughter, Miss Telle, will leave tomorrow for Camp Sevier to visit Eugene Hawthorne of the Piedmont Herald.

Mr. Fred Morrow, of the engineering corps, came in from Camp Sevier Monday on a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morrow.

Lieut. Moses A. White, of Camp Jackson, spent several days here this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. White.

Summertime Is Gone

And, For Some, The Living Isn't Easy



You can harp about your pastoral aesthetics, you can sing to your heart's content about summertime living and ol' man river, the sad fact remains: Picking cotton just ain't fun, not day after day after day. The Charlie Reid family tended seven acres of cotton on the Shuford Duckworth farm near Mount Mourne, and seven acres of a good stand of cotton is a lot of picking. At the end of a day, Reid carefully weighs the fruits of the family's labors, using the ancient steelyard. The centuries-old harvesting operation was in sharp contrast to the modern tractor used to pull the trailer in background.

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Asheboro, Shelby In Title Tilt

Asheboro and Shelby will meet for the championship of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association tomorrow (Friday) night in Asheboro. Asheboro won the North-South Piedmont championship by defeating Monroe 28-0 in the first round of playoffs last Friday night. Shelby took the Northwest-Southwestern title in an overtime battle with Wilkes-Central at Shelby last week.

Monroe, going into the first round, had an unbeaten record of 10 straight wins during the regular season. However, the Rebels could never get their offense rolling against the stout Asheboro defenders. The charges of Coach Lee Stone had a good offensive night, scoring one in the first half and three times in the last two quarters to send Coach Danny Williams and his charges back to Union County with their first loss of the year.

Over at Shelby, more evenly matched teams battled to a 13-13 tie. Following the deadlock, Shelby booted a field goal from 13 yards out in earning the right to their chance at the association title.

Both teams will be out to capture the top honor of the year when they take to the field for the 8 p. m. kick-off at Asheboro Friday.

Cage Teams Strill Practicing Hard For NPC Season

The basketball teams of Senior High continue their hard work in preparation for the coming North Piedmont season. Coach Harlan Bowman of the Devil five and Roy Boyles, who directs the lassies, have been sending their charges through the paces at a fast clip.

Coach Bowman has 18 boys working out in quest of starting slots while Boyles has a gym full of girls (80) vying for the six first team slots on the sextet team. From all indications, Bowman should field the most experienced Devil team in many years. All five starters of last year are returning for duty.

Bowman reports some of the boys who came to the team last week at the completion of football practice still have a long way to go before their shooting eye will be what it should.

Tommy Deal and Mike Robinson are running the first guard slot with Johnny Barker and Tim Roach at forwards and Johnny Cane in the center position. If all goes according to plan, these boys will form the first five for the Blue Devils.

Boyles would not even talk about a starting team, what with his entire first team dropping off at graduation last year. To date, the coach has been working out the lassies in an attempt to get them in shape and to see who has the best shooting eye.

Experience-wise, Sandy Sharpe will get the most attention and guard slot at the forward slot with all the other positions wide open. First action for the local teams will be against Odell in a practice game Dec. 3.

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SPORTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1963 —THE MOORESVILLE (N.C.) TRIBUNE—3



Boosters Plan Big Promotion Of Cage, Wrestling Events

The Mooresville Boosters Club in session Monday night gave hearty approval to the task of stepping up local interest in and attendance at coming sports events.

The club will sponsor the first home basketball game against Odell December 6 and the opening wrestling match between the Blue Devils and South Mecklenburg December 13.

In order to make the affair a success the club will sell tickets to both events with the money going into the athletic fund of the local senior high school.

Tickets for both the basketball game and wrestling match will be on sale by Booster members the first of next week. Admission price is 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for students.

Chances are good that you will be contacted to buy a ticket to both. Should you fail to be approached, make plans now to take part in this worthy promotion. Get on the bandwagon and help the Boosters make this a banner year for fall and winter sports.

Six Blue Devils Listed On All-Conference Team

Mooreville's Blue Devils, second place finishers in the North Piedmont Conference, took big honors in the selection of players chosen on the all-conference team.

Coach Roy Boyles had six of his players selected for the honor team which lists the top players of the North Piedmont. Conference champion Monroe, unbeaten during the regular season, placed seven on the squad.

The complete roster for the North Piedmont is: Ends—Tim Roach, Mooreville; John Weaver, Children's Home; Mike Bernhardt, East Rowan; and Butch Terry, Monroe.

Tackles—Larry Craig, Children's Home; Gary Karriker, Mooreville; Gary Honeycutt, North Rowan; and Ed Dickerson, Monroe.

Guards—Spurgeon Goss, Davie County; Gary Noles, Monroe; Tommy Loflin, North Rowan; and Billy Watson, Mooreville.

Centers—Lee Reecer, Monroe; and Dewitt Hinson, Mooreville.

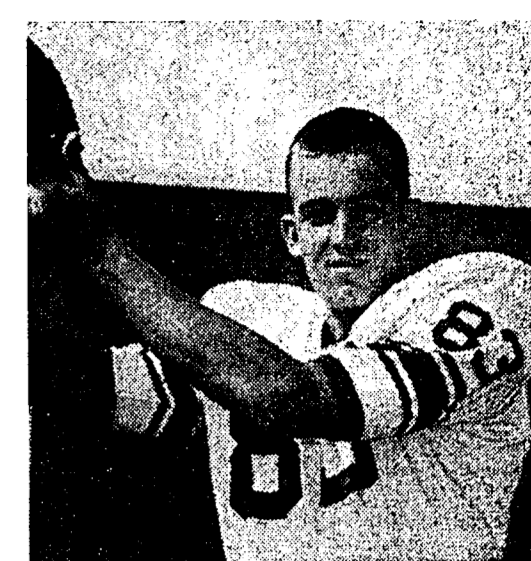
Backs—Grey Medinger, North Rowan; Brad Niven, Monroe; Roger Staley, Children's Home; Kent Lee, Monroe; Jimmy Mullis, Monroe; Tommy Deal, Mooreville; David Oliphant, Mooreville; J. C. Bernhardt, East Rowan and Richard Klutts, East Rowan.

Baber has asked team captains to gather at the War Memorial for the planning session. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. He called for spokesmen of both men and women teams.

"We hope to begin league play the first of December," Baber explained, "and we need to know quickly just where we stand so we can begin the tedious work of arranging a playing schedule."

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