

The Publisher Speaks



An editor must wear many masks and don many outfits if he is to fulfill his role.

In this particular case, pardon me, while I don my cloak and get behind my pulpit—I have a sermon.

What is going to happen to the young people of our community? They do not have any examples to follow, or anyone to believe in, except maybe Superfly, which cannot be called a paragon of virtue.

But he does point out one sickness, which if not curtailed, will consume and destroy everything that a human being should treasure. It is called the love of money.

Superfly's philosophy, which has engulfed so many young and old alike, is to get all the money you can, no matter how.

Indeed money is important. It is not, however, a cure-all. It must be looked on as the tool it is. Tools make our lives so much easier in many cases, and they can be frustrating, as we find out so often when the power company's computer overcharge us.

This money-maniac has become dangerous—it is our religion, and we feel immoral, and less human if we do not have a lot of it.

We need to pause and re-evaluate our lives and determine just what is important.

This Superflyish attitude is not limited to our community. It seems to be the trend of the whole world—oil companies bribing political officials, our leaders giving favors in return for a pay-off.

Black people have always wanted to be accepted into the mainstream of the American society. Well, Superfly showed what it means to be a true American—one who will destroy his brothers and sisters to make his life easier.

That is no philosophy for a person to pattern his life after because in the end we will become wild animals, where the only law will be the survival of the fittest.

This is where parents, educators, newspapers, writers come into the picture. Parents must start giving their children strong ideals and patterns to live by. Educators must re-enforce them in schools. Newspapers must support them by fighting all that would erode them and writers must create characters to portray them.

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CLAYTON RILEY
LIBERATOR



Just the FACTS

Quick Tempers During Summer

Now that the hot weather is here, so is the restlessness, aggravation and "quick tempers" that seem to prevail in summer. Case in point: the number of recent shootings in our community.

Seems as though each week, the number of shootings increases. Is this the way to settle arguments or differences?

Let's stop and take a look at the situation for what it's worth. For starters, to shoot someone really doesn't settle or resolve anything. It compounds the problem. One person is injured or killed; the other person goes through the changes of being arrested, possibly jailed, court, etc. Now really, is it worth the time and changes to shoot someone? Shooting settles nothing.

Sure we all seem to be a little more irritable or edgy when it gets hot. When a situation gets "unbearable," why not walk away from it? To pursue a touchy situation leads to the inevitable: tempers flare and BANG!

Why a gun? If you know you are a quick-tempered person, why even carry a gun? That's like asking for trouble. And how many innocent by-standers have been injured or killed by someone carelessly using a gun? Think, too, about the number of children killed by guns. More times than not the "Saturday night special" has caused more grief and unnecessary changes come "Sunday morning."

To look at the subject of shootings from another perspective. So often we hear, or are quick to shout "police brutality." What about

"Black to Black brutality?" If shootings continue at their present rate, soon it won't be necessary to scream "police brutality," for there will be no one left to "brutalize..." Think about it. Just the Facts...

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Before the close of the next decade food and other necessities of life will be expressed in this country by the Science Metric System.

John Quincy Adams in a report to the Congress of the United States way back in 1821 wrote "Weights and measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society.

They enter into the economical arrangements and daily concerns of every family. They are necessary to every occupation of human industry; to the distribution and security of every species of property; to every transaction of trade and commerce...

The knowledge of them (weights and measures) as in established use, is among the first elements of education and is often learned by those who learn nothing else, not even to read and write." Black and poor people cannot afford to putter around with the dying English inches and pounds system no longer even used in the country of its birth.

King Henry I decreed that the yard should be the distance from the tip of his nose to the end of his thumb. But the King is dead. Thus will go the method of counting used currently in this country in a few short years.

The U.S. in the last major world power passing time on a ridiculous royal edict. It's centimeters an celsius for the 20th Century. In order to convert fahrenheit temperature to celsius, simply subtract 32 degrees from the fahrendeit temperature and multiply the balance by five ninths. Example, 70 degrees fahrenheit becomes 21 degrees celsius by 70 minus 32 equals 38 times five ninths.

The key is to think the modern metric system way. Without noticing it Americans have already "Gone metric" in many aspects. The shutters of 8, 16 and 35 millimeter cameras click across the U.S. countryside. Drug companies have been metic for 15 years.

These miracle makers will be joined by IBN, General Motors, Sears, Roebuck and Company and others in the very near future.

The State of Ohio has resounded to the respective systems by using both kilometers and miles on its road signs.

In at least 13 states, the state school board has adopted a "go metric resolution.