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Three. Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In the event of the expected trouble with England, the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

As you may well know, Mr. President, "railroad" carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of fifteen miles per hour by "engines" which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Martin Van Buren  
Governor of New York

Change is inevitable. Wire recorders became tape recorders. Tape recorders became CD's. CD's became MP3's and while I'm not sure what the initials will be for the next innovation, I'm sure it is coming.

So what about church? Small country churches gave way to ur-

ban worship centers. "Old Blue" (*Christian Hymns #2*) gave way to PowerPoint slides. Black boards are now white boards. Filmstrips became video clips and today two hour sermons barely touch twenty-minutes. But is that so bad? Only when we mistake the packaging for the product does it become a problem.

I was told recently about a little old lady who saw a young man apparently texting in church. She leaned over the pew and told him to be more respectful. "Stop that!" she whispered in her best mommy voice.

The young man blushed and held up his iPhone to show her the screen. "This is my Bible," he protested.

She threw her nose in the air, "Well!" she quipped, "Get a real Bible!"

The Gospel is unchanging. God loved us so much, He sent His Son to save us. It doesn't matter whether you write that using a pencil or an iPad, it's the message we need to be concerned about.



### **Ladies' Day Tea, July 31st**

The ladies of the Lyons church of Christ invite you and your friends to join us Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for a day of fellowship. Details are posted in the foyer.

### **Leisure Homestead**

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 for prayers, songs, and a devotional with the residents at the assisted living center

