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Kennedy Says 'Biggest Problem' is To Meet Challenges But Keep Freedom

How Americans can meet the challenges that confront us, around the world and at home, and not lose our individual freedom, is government's biggest problem today, John P. Kennedy of Charlotte told the Southern Pines Rotary Club at the club's luncheon meeting Friday, in the Country Club.

"We must keep our society healthy and strong, to be in a position to lead the free world," he said.

Introduced by Tom Ruggles, program chairman, Mr. Kennedy—who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as 8th District Congressman in the May 26 primary—announced at the outset that he would speak on government, citing a regulation of the Rotary Club and other civic clubs, prohibiting partisan political speeches.

There are two risks in trying to meet domestic and foreign challenges, the speaker said—going bankrupt and losing individual freedom. "First things must be put first" in federal spending, he stated, saying we need to have the courage to cut out programs that are no longer desperately needed. He said he favors trying to solve problems first by private initiative, then by municipal and county action, then by state action and finally, if states can't deal with a problem, by federal action.

Three problems discussed by the speaker were: 1—urban and rural decay; 2—education; and 3—foreign aid programs that help fight communism. Mr. Kennedy says that in the 8th Congressional District there are large areas of "economic de-

cay" from which young people are moving away. He said that rural and small-town life has many virtues and that ways must be found to attract industry and otherwise "build a diversified economy" so that rural people can find employment and still live on farms. Good living conditions and prosperity, urban or rural, requires planning, he said.

In the field of education, he said he does not favor "the kind of federal aid that would lead to a national school system" but noted that the U. S. "must produce overnight a whole generation of people who know about and understand the nation's worldwide problems." The poor states, least able to improve their educational systems, are producing children fastest he pointed out, making federal help necessary, so that money from wealthier states can be used to raise the level of education of the nation as a whole.

As to foreign aid, Mr. Kennedy said that though there has been tremendous waste in the Mutual Security program, "we must have some kind of program abroad because we cannot afford to turn our backs on the tremendous challenge of communism."

Mr. Kennedy said he has enough faith in the American people to believe they solve the problem of maintaining fiscal soundness and individual liberty.

"Every generation must work out its own salvation," he concluded.

The export market is especially important to North Carolina for tobacco, cotton, soybeans and poultry products.

Garden Time

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Prune the early flowering shrubs, if they need attention, as soon as they have finished blooming; i. e., spirea and golden bell. Hardy chrysanthemums provide as much color and satisfaction as any plants I know for enjoyment around the home. It is now time to divide the clumps.

If you have a green thumb, and the necessary equipment to do a good job of rooting, you may wish to root cuttings for later planting. Plant gladiolus corms every two weeks until July for continuous blooming during the summer. Tuberoses and Rubrum lilies may also be planted now.

I hope that you have already planted your cool season vegetables. For warm season crops such as snap and lima beans and

sweet corn, wait until the soil temperature rises to about 70 degrees F. The warm season crops will not tolerate cold, wet soils, and, if planted in such, the germination will be poor or the seed may rot in the ground.

Fertilize daffodils, crocus and other early-flowering bulbs. This is important to store reserve food in the bulbs for flowering in 1963. Be careful when mowing so you will not cut the leaves from the plants, because they are essential for food manufacture.

If you are planning to lift and divide any of your early bulbs, be sure to wait until the leaves have turned brown. It is desirable to lift and divide daffodils and others at least once in every three years.

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Keep the roses protected against black spot, aphids and red spiders at all times. All-purpose sprays, or dusts, are satisfactory because they contain insecticidal and fungicidal properties in their formulations.

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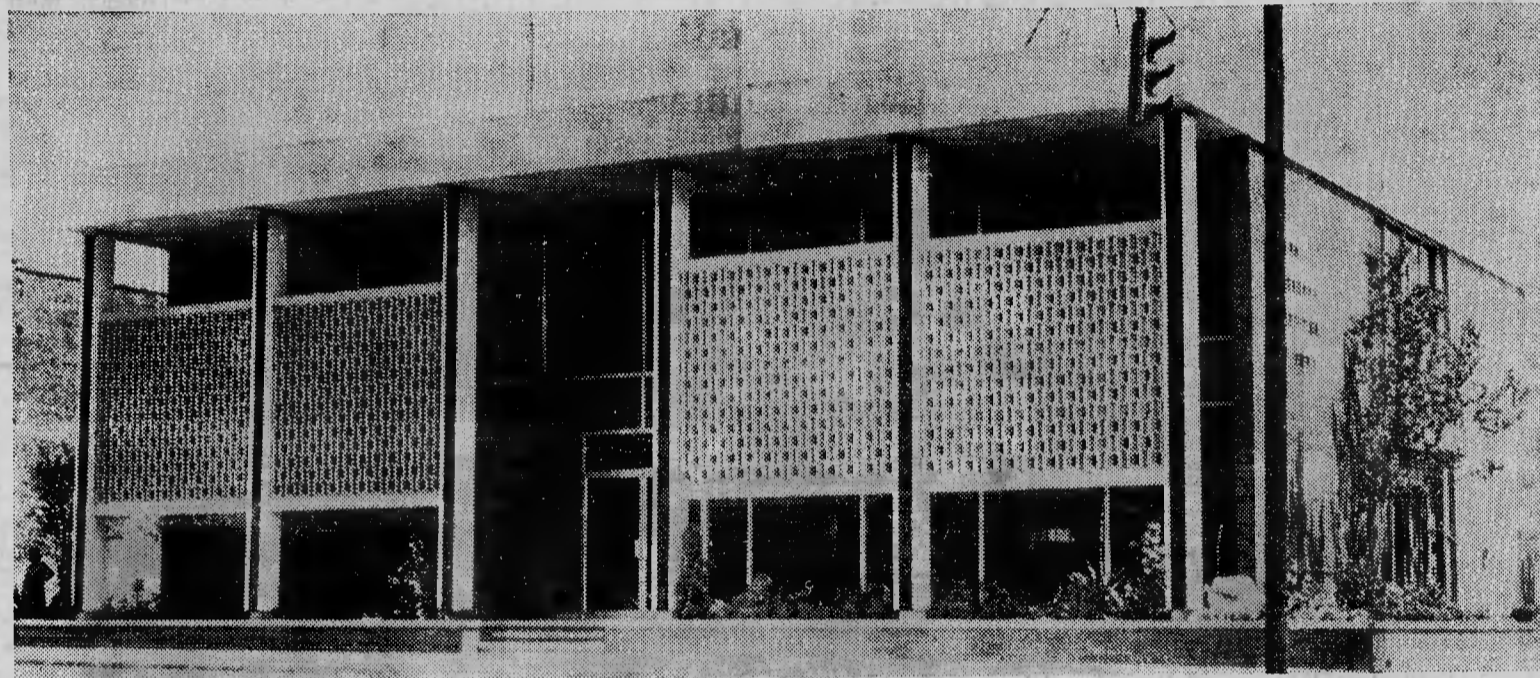
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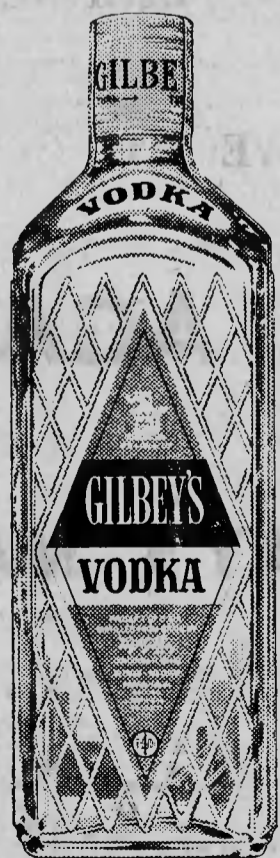
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