

OF COURSE WE HAVE OUR OWN PLAN TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT COULD YOU SPEED IT UP?

# Serious crime is declining

According to reports there is some good news these days--we should stress and appreciate it. Serious crime-a U.S. scandal for many years-declined 7% in 1983, the FBI reports.

Not only is the decline good news, but added to that fact, this is the biggest decline in serious crime ever, the only time serious crime has ever declined for two successive years since records have been kept.

JORDAN BROTHERS ... The North Carolina State University annual report for 1983-84 has just been published. In it is a doublepage article on "Forest Products." We quote from the article:



Jack Jordan was one of the first noticed from the double-page arti-

Jack Jordon says: "When my brother and I started out here in Mt. Gilead in the early 1960's, we had a small planning mill and chip-ping operation. Today, the

business had evolved into the largest sawmill in North Carolina. For the sake of our egos, I'd like to say that we did it all alone. But North Carolina State's School of Forest Resources has been with us every step of the way ....

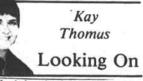
Jack's brother, Bob, is State Senator from his district, and is now the Democratic nominee for ieutenant Governor of North Carolina. TRAINS...For those who think

trains have lost their appeal, it might come as a surprise to learn that Pan American's 1985 Club Universe tours include three new tours--all partly by rail, by a news report.

#### The North Carolina Symphony came to town Thursday night. The delight that the performance created was everywhere. There were thrills in anticipation, in recognition, in the music and in the

feelings of accomplishment. The local Symphony Chapter worked so hard in organizing the drive and in the details of the performance evening. Individuals, families, businesses, and industries helped raise the money. Hospitality -- food, drink, and smiles -- were readied to welcome the musicians.

Then, there they were. How nice to recognize some violinists, a trumpeter, two percussionists! How wonderful to have these



friends (who don't know me) to come to play.

In strides the conductor and the plain stage is transformed. Rossini, Mozart, Bizet -- the music is wonderful. The conductor raises his arms, rises to his toes. When his tailcoat spreads, it's as if his legs are nine feet long. He lifts the musicians and the audience.

Raeford's reputation as a com-

munity of fine music and love of the arts is enhanced each year when members of the Symphony visit her. These musicians are cordially welcomed, fed and applauded. They then brag all year on Raeford's excellent Symphony Chapter, excellent food and excellent taste.

As the encore swelled with "Climb Every Mountain" in a medley of Sound of Music melodies, I realized how thankful I am that people in Raeford do follow their dreams.

I appreciate every effort that was necessary to bring Strauss, Kreisler and Fibich to our town.

# **Steffens had right idea** about reading the Bible

Lincoln Steffens, the famous muckraking American journalist of the early 1900's, was not exactly what you would call a religious man. But, at one point in his career, he became curious about the Bible.

"What did the Christians believe, exactly?", he worte in his autobiography. "I decided . . . to read the New Testament the next time I was at home and had time, not myself to believe, but to see what the good church-going Christians believed.

"The experience was an adventure so startling that I wanted everybody else to have it; I still recommend people to read the New Testament as I read it, without reverence, with feet prop-ped up on a desk and a pipe in the mouth, as news.

"It is news. It made the stuff I

Lucien Coleman

### Things That Matter

was writing in the magazine old stuff. All my stories of all the cities and states were one story . . . and these were all in that old story of Christ in the New Testament.

The Bible was, indeed, written to be read with feet propped up on a desk. It is a book to be lived, not a sacred artifact to be revered. It was intended for the common man, ,not just the well schooled theologian.

One clue to this is the fact that the New Testment was not written

in the classical Greek of philosophers and scholars. The language of the New Testament writers was "Koine" Greek, the lingo of the market-place.

Those who really take time to read the Bible will find its words remarkably up-to-date. What could be more in touch with contemporary human nature, for example, than this advice from the book of Proverbs:

"Better is a man of humble standing who works for himself than one who plays the great man but lacks bread."

Or, consider this:

"Wealth hastily gotton will dwindle, but he who gathers' little by drie will increase it." (How did ncient writer know about income taxes?)



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