

EDITORIALS

Painting And Mowing The Fire - Safe Way

Paint brushes and power mowers usually go into action during Spring Clean-Up, and if either or both figure in your plans, Fire Chief Clayton Herring suggest you keep these fire safety pointers in mind:

(1) For paint removing and brush cleaning, solvents labelled "non-flammable" are safest. If you must work with flammable ones, better use them outdoors. Indoors be sure windows are open, stoves, pilot lights and other ignition sources are off, and no smoking in the room.

(2) In storing paint materials, keep them well away from furnaces and also away from exits or under stairways -- so you will not be blocked from escaping should these highly combustible materials catch fire.

(3) Get rid of old paint and solvent containers and those with small leftover amounts. Store paints and solvents only in capped metal containers--glass jars and bottles break easily, creating a definite fire hazard.

(4) Safest practice with rags used to wipe up paint or solvents is to dispose of them immediately outside the house. If you must store them, use a metal container with a tight cover. Another fire safety tip for homeowners is this:

When you fill the tank of the power lawnmower, be sure to treat gasoline with respect. Remember it gives off flammable vapors which need only a tiny flame or spark to turn into searing fire or dangerous explosive.

So do all refueling outdoors where the dangerous vapors can't accumulate. Keep away from all ignition sources, and observe a strict no smoking rule. Wipe up all spilled gasoline before starting the motor.

Finally keep your gasoline in a tight-closing metal can--never in an easily-broken glass jug or bottle.

From Our Readers

I received your May 1, 1969, edition of the DUPLIN TIMES today. And I must say that I was well pleased to see that Duplin County had progressed so much. But, then, when I started to read section five and saw the picture of the Kenansville ABC store I knew then that your definition and my definition of progress must be quite different.

With the ABC store as a sign of progress for Duplin County, then, that just canceled all the other areas of progress you have made. It appears to me that you have really entered a period of retrogression rather than progression, if Duplin continues to "progress" in this way, that is of building ABC stores, it will soon be able to catch up with the Bowery in New York.

People who can be duped into believing that the sale of liquor can be controlled by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board can be duped into believing what Chicken Little said about the sky falling. The ABC system only puts liquor in an attractive setting and makes it more readily available to contribute to the decay of our society.

Whether liquor is for the socially elite or the drunk on the street, it cannot be justified under any kind of principle, social, economic, or moral.

I do appreciate the efforts your newspaper has made in promoting the interests and informing the people of Duplin County, but cannot and do not approve of your picturing an ABC store as a sign of progress.

Sincerely,
Marion C. Herring

To The Editor,

Congratulations on the very fine edition of the Duplin Times covering Duplin Progress in five sections. A splendid job of reporting and editing was done. I enjoyed it very much and am proud of the County and its progress in which I was born and reared.

Sincerely yours,
Marselean Farrior

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SAM IRWIN SAYS

WASHINGTON -- The upcoming 1970 Census and its proposed array of personal questions is the subject of inquiry by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. The Subcommittee is conducting hearings concerning individual privacy, the census, and burdensome Federal questionnaires.

For several years, the Subcommittee has investigated unwarranted governmental intrusions into people's personal affairs. On April 14th, I introduced a measure, S. 1791, to further secure personal privacy and protect the constitutional right of people to ignore certain unwarranted governmental questionnaires. This measure is the subject of the present Subcommittee inquiry relating to statistical surveys by the government which would delve into personal and financial activities of individuals such as the 1970 Census.

In recent years, Congress has received serious complaints of wholesale governmental interrogation of citizens about their daily activities, how they spend their money, and why they behave as they do. Answers are recorded and analyzed, tabulated and computerized.

This search for information is often for a good cause and is sometimes conducted in a reasonable and limited fashion. Frequently, however, individuals are told to disclose information to the government simply because some agency is engaged in "people-studies", and the agency is substituting surveys for judgment and creative ingenuity in the administration of the laws.

Many of these questionnaires carry the full weight of Federal criminal and civil laws to back up the demand for statistical information. The decennial census forms, which must be answered on pain of \$100

fine or imprisonment for 60 days, grow longer and more complicated every ten years.

Millions of people, we are told, will be required to give 1970 Census takers mandatory answers about their household equipment, their marital history, their income, and a host of questions unrelated to the constitutional basis for the census.

The first census had six questions, and related to the counting of persons living in this country. The 1970 Census is a sociologist's dream compared to that first census. It will have upwards of 170 questions for millions who will answer its detailed questionnaire.

The measure which I have introduced, and other proposals in Congress, are designed to answer a question asked more and more: When, if at all, should the force of the Federal criminal or civil law be brought to bear when the government demands information about the personal lives and households of its citizens?

The decennial inquiries might be excused to some degree, if there were not thousands of Census Bureau inquiries underway all the time. The individuals receiving these inquiries from the Federal Government is seldom told that a particular questionnaire can be answered voluntarily. The inference is always that a response is required. If he fails to respond, the citizen is subjected to a round of follow-up letters, phone calls and personal interviews.

The Minister's Desk

There is a small town in Texas that has a large and unusual sign on the edge of town. It reads: "This is Milford, Texas--A happy town with 750 friendly people and 3 or 4 old grouches." Very unusual, wouldn't you say? And honest!

The people in this town have a keen sense of humor. They refuse to let a few unfriendly people spoil the whole town for themselves or others. Every city and town would be a better place in which to live if every citizen adopted the attitude that they have something to contribute to the good of the community--in spite of a few old grouches.

There are so many in our cities, towns, and villages that live only for themselves. They are not interested in promoting the good of the community. They are interested only in that which brings a personal return. How tragic!

And then there are those in every community who will overlook the 750 friendly people and see only the 3 or 4 grouches. Have you ever known such a person? They move to your community, and right away they decide they do not like it. They object even to the possibility of liking it. They ignore the 750 friendly people and follow the example of the 3 or 4 grouches.

To which of these two groups do you belong? Are you friendly? Or are you a grouch? Think about it carefully and honestly. If you are a grouch you probably do not enjoy life. You snap at those near you and blame them for your own fail-

ures and tensions. But if you are happy you should be more friendly, happier, easier to live with than before. Didn't Jesus say, "If you know these things happy are you if you do them?"

Some months ago a certain lady who was very proud of her husband for winning the "Man of the Year Award" in her community, was telling a friend about it. Her friend, the sarcastic grouchy type, said, "Well that just goes to show you what kind of a year it has been." That was not necessary--even if she thought it. But I have noticed that when the brain is not in gear and the heart is not full of love toward others there is always an accompanying loosening of the tongue and jaw muscles. It happens every time.

Our attitude toward life affects everyone around us--either positively or negatively. Why be a grouch when you can be friendly? Why use all those extra muscles to frown when it takes fewer muscles to smile?

Many homes are destroyed through the efforts of just one grouch. Have you heard about Marriage Anonymous for divorced men? It is for those who have tried to live with a grouch--and failed. Whenever you feel like getting married again, they send over a woman in an old housecoat and hair curlers. And women in this organization who have previously been married to a grouch do not require the constant guidance of others to chart their course. They're smarter than men.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE TIMES - SENTINEL

Warsaw Troop 20 Wins Five Blue Ribbons

The boy scouts of Warsaw Troop 20 attended the Tycar-

ora and Campers held at Goldsboro and won five (5) Blue

Ribbons.

Competition to the troops was time. Three thousand points are needed to win a blue ribbon and all patrols from Warsaw won.

To score points, they had to

carry a flag pole and of the first six flag poles to go up, five of them were from Warsaw Troop 20.

Campers Chief gave a citation of Excellence to the troop for their tower.

These ribbons and citations were won through team work and practice.

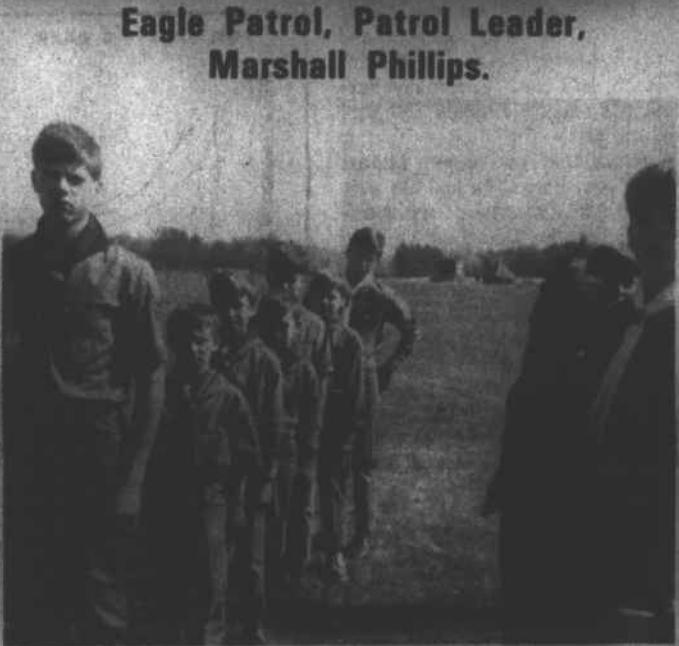


Panther Patrol, Patrol Leader, Paul Dixon



Bear Patrol, Patrol Leader, Barry Graham

Not Pictured, Bob White Patrol, Steve Draughan, Patrol Leader



Eagle Patrol, Patrol Leader, Marshall Phillips.

Flaming Arrow, Patrol Leader, George Evans.

Proclamation Firemen's Assn.

PROCLAMATION BY RALPH T. SKINNER

WHEREAS, the people of the State of North Carolina have united to protest themselves from uncontrolled fires, and uncontrolled fires, and WHEREAS, the public service has been given from the earliest days to the present time, and

WHEREAS, this continued service is needed for the protection of the lives and property of the States people, and WHEREAS, modern and progressive fire departments are needed to make this State more secure, and

WHEREAS, the NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION and other agen-

cies have approved and endorsed NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S WEEK. This observance is to honor all firefighting services, with special recognition for the Volunteer.

THEREFORE, let it be known that I, Ralph T. Skinner, President of the NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 1969 as the tenth observance of

NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S WEEK and urge all citizens to join in this expression of appreciation and gratitude for the services performed by the Volunteer Firemen of our State. Respectfully submitted, Ralph T. Skinner, President

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