

Federal Aid to Fishermen?

Fishermen of eastern North Carolina suffered loss of more than a million dollars in the recent freeze. The estimate was made by officials of the North Carolina Fisheries Association.

When disaster hits the farmer in the same proportion as it has just hit the fisherman, immediate appeals are made to the federal government for funds, or other aid such as supplementary feed for livestock.

Both the fisherman and the farmer are food producers. Why, then, do the farmers get "the breaks" when it comes to emergency aid?

One's immediate reaction is to feel that the fisherman is simply getting an unfair deal. But there are other facts to be considered.

Most of the nation's food supply is produced by the farmer. While consumption of fishery products is increasing, the mainstay of the average person's diet is land-produced.

And look at the farmer today. He is hemmed in by regulations imposed by the federal government. The price for federal aid is federal control.

Before controls can be imposed, records must be kept. And the government has found that to keep records accurate, many agriculture agencies and offices have to be established. These agencies help the farmer keep those records. They recheck them.

It has taken years to train the farmers to keep records that will bear up under government inspection. Legions

of workers, over the years, have been paid to compile those figures that reveal an overall view of the farm business.

When the fisherman wants to follow in the steps of the farmer, it is possible that a program of federal aid to the fisherman can be devised.

It is well known that a fisherman is a fiercely independent individual. The working fisherman resents any kind of regulation. Perhaps it is because he has never seen tangible benefit from such regulation. An interesting question arises: If the oysterman would know that he could get government aid should his oyster production not meet a season's average, would he keep an accurate record of his oystering operations?

... On the face of it, this premise remains: if one food-producer is entitled to government aid, all should be entitled to such aid.

We have never heard of the fishing industry getting federal help except during hurricanes when the Small Business Administration gave fishermen loans, not outright payments.

Whether fishermen, a minority, can find an acceptable basis on which Congress would grant them continuing aid, such as subsidies, is debatable. First of all, fishermen have to decide whether they want such aid. And if they do want it, are they willing to submit to the control that goes with it?

Trap for the Motorist

The repeated number of accidents at the intersection of westbound Highway 70 and Highway 70A west of Morehead City, indicates that an additional warning signal is needed there.

At present there is a red and white stop sign on Highway 70. Officers suggest a red blinker light as an additional warning.

We have written editorials about the intersection before. It's good subject matter because the intersection is certainly unique. Strangers have trouble figuring out the flow of traffic in the daytime—and at night they're almost at a complete loss.

If a driver is drunk, a red light blinking at him will probably do no good. He's going to crack up anyway. But

accidents occur at that intersection even when the driver is sober.

The red blinker would, of course, be for the westbound traveler on Highway 70. He is the one who, at the intersection, suddenly becomes the fellow who does not have the right of way.

In addition to that, if he's going to continue on his westward course, he must make an angle turn to the left—or else end up in Willie Gray's junk yard—as many drivers do.

The responsibility for putting additional warning signals at the treacherous intersection lies with the state. We hope the situation is studied and action taken—either a red blinker light or some other warning put up—as soon as possible.

Not Good Enough

(Charlotte News)

Out in St. Louis lives a man named Alphonse J. Dulle.

Like most people, he has a mailbox. Like most mailboxes, his is just a plain box with black lettering.

That isn't good enough for 27 of his neighbors, who got together and decided they'd like their boxes to be black with white lettering. Mr. Dulle decided his is all right the way it is.

It isn't all right with his neighbors, however. Because he has refused to conform to their color scheme, they've asked a court action to make Mr. Dulle paint his box black and add white lettering.

That isn't all. They want him to get rid of his "unsightly, unfinished post" and put the box on a rack. Further, they want \$2,000 for the anguish he's caused them.

Out in our neighborhood there are all sorts, black with white letters, white with black letters. Some of the lettering has a professional touch, some of it is obviously amateur. Some boxes are blue, some yellow. Some posts are metal, some four-by-fours, some unstripped cedar posts. But nobody has

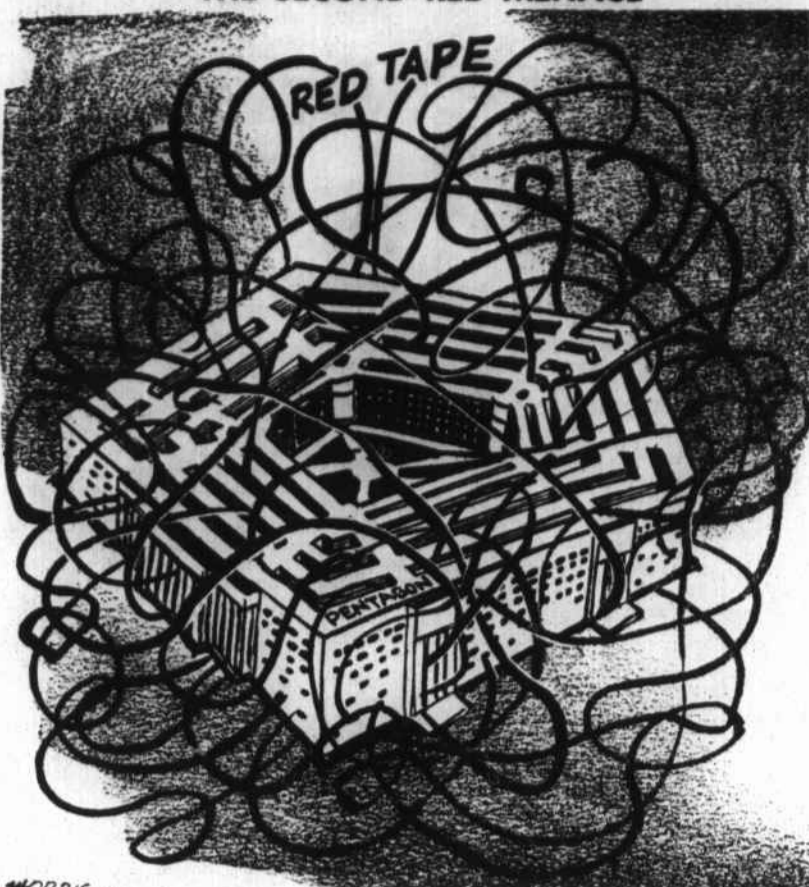
complained about this individual preference expression.

We hope the judge throws the case out of court. Then, we hope, Mr. Dulle will paint his box with wide, alternating stripes of green and purple, the whole spotted with red polka dots. We think puce, or maybe burnt amber, would be a nice color for the lettering.

And finally we hope Mr. Dulle takes time to thumb his nose at each and every one of the nice, neat, conforming black and white mailboxes sitting cozily on their racks.

The job of the United Nations' International Finance Corporation is to further economic development by encouraging the growth of private enterprise. It can invest in productive private enterprise in association with private investors where sufficient private capital is not available. The IFC also serves as clearing house to bring together investment opportunities, private capital and experienced management.

THE SECOND RED MENACE



MORRIS

Security for You...

By RAY HENRY

From C.B.B. of Phoenix, Ariz.: "My cousin who recently arrived from England plans to spend the next 18 months with me. He got a job about a week ago in a bank. Since the job is covered by Social Security, his employer is taking Social Security tax out of his pay. Is this right? He doesn't plan to live in the United States, so he'll never benefit from the tax he has to pay."

The law requires everyone in a job covered by Social Security to pay the tax. It makes no difference whether he's an alien or whether he'll ever benefit from Social Security.

From E.M.E. of Martinsville, Va.: "I have been drawing Social Security for almost a year now. My wife died in 1954. Should I re-marry, would my second wife be eligible for Social Security upon my death?"

Yes, if your second wife has been married to you at least a year before your death. She wouldn't be eligible for payments as a wife—that is, while you're alive—until you've been married for three years.

From W.S.J. of Rock Hill, S. C.: "I'm an employee of the federal government and am covered by the civil service retirement program. I put in four years of active duty in the Army in World War II. Is this military service recognized as credit under the civil service retirement program?"

Yes, if the service was ended under honorable conditions.

From F.W. of Woonsocket, R. I.: "I have been told that I qualify for Social Security disability payments. I'm now 61. Will my payments be more or less after I reach 65?"

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From S.E. of Toledo, Ohio: "I'm 68 and have never paid in Social Security. I'm desperately in need of money to live on. After reading your column, I believe you might be able to help me. What can I do?"

Chances are you're eligible for Public Assistance from your state. This aid will come in the form of cash if you are without enough money or resources to provide the essentials of living.

From B.S.T. of Albany, N. Y.: "Would you please tell me how much the operation of the Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance will cost in 1967 and the number of people working for the Bureau?"

The cost of its operation will be about 119 million dollars and it will employ nearly 21,000 people.

From Mrs. D.H.S. of Poplar Bluff, Mo.: "About three weeks ago, I was injured in an auto accident and will be away from my job for about three months. Am I eligible for Social Security disability payments?"

No. One of the requirements to be eligible for Social Security disability payments is that the disability is expected to continue indefinitely. However, you may be eligible for workmen's compensation. I would suggest you get in touch with the nearest unemployment compensation agency in your state.

(Editor's Note: You may contact the social security representative at the courthouse annex, Beaufort, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. He will help you with your own particular problem).

Washington Report

By SEN. W. KERR SCOTT

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Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Courier:

FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 1958

Ensign Stanly, who has been at the Naval Air Station for the past several months, left this week for New York.

Miss Sadie Willis, who is teaching at Grifton, spent the weekend in the city.

Miss Marie Jackson, who is teaching at Bethel, spent a few days here with her parents.

Miss Mary Loyd Hardy, after spending some time in LaGrange with relatives, returned to the city on Saturday.

Carlyle Willis returned to Vanceboro to resume his studies after spending the weekend in the city with relatives.

Born Saturday, Feb. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Piner, a son, Luther Woodland Piner.

Mayor Gurney P. Hood returned Saturday from Raleigh after presenting the proposed new charter to the senators and representatives of Carteret County for enactment.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bell entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening from eight to twelve in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Stallings. The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Bell and ladies were shown to their coat room by Miss Winona Nelson while Master D. G. Bell Jr., quite patriotic in red, white and blue, assisted the gentlemen in disposing of their wraps.

The Rev. R. H. Broom is in Durham attending a meeting of the representatives of the various classes of the Alumni Association for the purpose of formulating plans to erect a memorial to former students of Trinity College who died in France.

Morehead City now has a regular policeman, thank you. A better selection could not have been made than the election of Ira Willis, whose return to the city is as pleasing to his friends as it is joyous to him.

The members of Hose Company No. 2 wish to take this method of thanking Mayor Hood and the board of commissioners for appropriating the nice room over Fire House No. 2 to the use of our members and for the installation of a telephone as well as a fire bell. The Company will give a basket supper to-night at the Atlantic Hotel for the benefit of the new room. Dancing will follow.

Fill the Heart!

By Rube Goldberg



... Do Your Part to Fight Heart Disease

Louise Spivy

Words of Inspiration

PEOPLE ARE THE SAME

Some would have us believe that we have created a whole new way of life in this supersonic age of science and invention. Some writers tell us, therefore, that we are different from our ancestors, and thus the old truths and the old beliefs that girded our forebears must give way to new ones. But as the New Year swings into its course, Father Time can tell us different.

We may have changed the mechanics of life, the stage settings are different; we move faster and communicate with each other faster, but we have not changed. Our physical bodies still have to be fed the same as a thousand years ago, and the basic needs of man are the very same. Human beings still laugh at the same jest, and weep over the same sorrows. There are no new vices and no new virtues; the facts of life are the same. Men still must have friendship, love, faith, hope, and the Gospel of redemption from their sins.

We have much to make our lives more comfortable materially; we ought to use the future days as golden opportunities to make lives stronger in spirit and soul. The shining lamps of faith and hope must be kept bright, and the sights of every true soul pointed to God, or the very creature comforts that so possess us today may well bring us nearer to spiritual poverty and soul misery. Our Saviour said that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things that he possesseth. There are no new virtues and no new vices. We have the ancient Gospel for a modern world. It is desperately needed in all its glorious application today, at home and abroad. — Unknown

SEVEN DEADLY SINS OF MODERN SOCIETY

- Worship without sacrifice
 - Politics without principles
 - Wealth without work
 - Pleasure without conscience
 - Knowledge without character
 - Business without morality
 - Science without humanity.
- Unknown

EVERYTHING GOING UP?

"Everything is going up!" Well, the rain's still coming down; there's no war tax on sunshine, or the red and gold and brown of autumn leaves, or on the snow that makes a mountain's crown.

"Everything is going up!" But bird songs cost no more, no 10 per cent for luxury on the jasmine round the door; and moonlight in my garden's as inexpensive as before.

"Everything is going up!" But the price of joy is the same; it costs no more to work or sing, or fan the ancient flame of love; and to a comrade's smile we still may stake our claim.

"Everything is going up!" Come, come what is that you say? The things that really matter cost the same today. The broad, blue sea, the mountain-tops, the trees, the rain, the sky; they are tax-exempt forever — oh, lucky you and I! — The Speakers Library

Simple Heart-Saving Facts That Everyone Should Know

This is the last of a series of seven articles presented by your Heart Association to inform readers of this newspaper about the progress being made in the fight against heart disease.

What can the average person do to safeguard his own heart?

As has been noted in earlier installments, medical scientists have made dramatic progress in their fight against heart and blood vessel diseases.

Well-established is the fact that some forms of heart disease can be prevented, a few can be cured, and that almost all cases can be helped by proper treatment — especially after early diagnosis.

Tremendous forward strides have been made in the prevention of rheumatic fever, the successful treatment of bacterial infections of the heart, the use of new and improved drugs to control high blood pressure, and the surgical correction of congenital or acquired defects of the heart.

Dramatic progress also has been made in the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients suffering from "heart attack," as in numerous other phases of the cardiovascular problem.

But these are things largely, if not wholly, within the province of the physician. What, if anything, can the layman do?

The answer to this question can be set down in six broad and generalized rules. They are:

1. Don't worry needlessly about "symptoms". If in doubt, see your doctor.
2. Control your weight. Look better, feel better, work better, and live longer with normal weight.
3. Get enough rest. Regular rest relieves constant fatigue and lightens the work of your heart.
4. Keep physically fit. Exercise regularly and moderately. Have fun — "but act your age".
5. Ease up — and relax. Don't let tensions and anxieties wear you out.

So until the major "break-throughs" occur, Americans will be well advised to utilize not only the full resources of modern medicine to help ailing hearts, but also to follow the six simple rules set forth above to safeguard healthy hearts.

Sharing Uranium

At the recent General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Kingdom said it would contribute 44 pounds of "pure" uranium.

The United States offered 11,000 pounds and Portugal indicated she would make available materials from which 1,375 pounds of uranium could be produced if the enormous cost of refining it could be met. The Soviet delegate said his government would contribute 110 pounds to the pool.

Many other nations said they would supply materials and equipment. The Atomic Energy Agency was set up in 1956 under the auspices of the United Nations to share the peace-time nuclear materials and know-how.

Smile a While

A small boy asked the meaning of "guaranteed."

It means "very good, most reliable, the best," his mother replied—and forgot about it. When bedtime came he gave her his goodnight kiss and hugging her, said with deep feeling, "Good night, guaranteed mother."

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