

MORE LETTERS

Vote Or Keep Quiet About What Government Does To You

To the editor:
There is a published letter from Bill K. Brewster, a Democratic member of Congress, who wrote to President Clinton concerning his vote against the Crime Bill, of his resentment of being accused of selling his constituents out, that he had "run from his responsibilities" to his constituents.

He asks, "How is the representation by the members that voted the way you asked more principled than my representation of the beliefs and values of my constituents in rural Oklahoma?"

We writes that he voted for the Crime Bill in April but that is revised and "loaded up with social programs plus the ban on over 180 guns" and they "have curfews at 11 p.m. that work quite well without costing billions of dollars."

Further he criticizes that "for your staff to prepare a speech that labels Democratic members dupes or corrupt because we have a principled objection to the administration's position, is counterproductive and inexcusable."

His last paragraph reads, "I had hoped that you would rise above petty name-calling. Despite whatever label I am smeared with, rest as-

ured that I will continue to vote the values and beliefs of my district to the best of my ability."

Congressman Brewster voted as a representative of his district. In that, he was above political pressure. He voted against increasing social engineering and its high cost. How much of this do you think will come to Brunswick County?

America would be a different place is we had representative government. However, unless you get out and vote, don't complain about what your government is doing to you.

J.C. Fletcher
Calabash

Look Into Dirty Tricks

To the editor:

As an avid reader of the *Beacon*, our "Brunswick County Light of Understanding," I wish to applaud your call for a full and complete investigation into "dirty tricks" in the sheriff's race before the Nov. 8 election. Such action would surely allow the electorate to make a much more intelligent choice at the ballot box.

I would, however, not limit the investigation to just one side. There have been rumors of other "dirty tricks" than those reported in your

newspaper. I can confirm that apparent supporters of Ronald Hewett, as an example, are removing James Brown political signs.

Since I am new here, I just assumed it was an accepted practice to place such political signs on public roadways. They are everywhere—small roads, four-lane roads, corner, and private and public yards. So, in what I thought was fairness, I placed a Brown sign at the foot of the Holden Beach bridge, right next to a Hewett sign. I was careful not to disturb the Hewett sign. The Brown sign lasted less than a week. The Hewett sign is still there.

I replaced the Brown sign, again being careful not to disturb the Hewett sign. How long do you think this one will last?

Yes, let us have a full investigation before Nov. 8 of all the goings-on in this county.

Leonard H. Froehlich
Holden Beach

Moving To Gloryland

To the editor:

Charles Kettering in 1949 said, "We should always be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our days there."

Before we plunge into the future once again, perhaps it would be more productive to review where we have been and where we are now. If you are a current following of the news and television media, you know basically where we have been. The big question is how we get from here to there.



Will our politicians continue to "handcuff" our scientists, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and all others who contribute to the betterment of mankind?

There are three branches of our government. Unfortunately, all three—executive, legislative and indeed much of the judiciary—are writing and interpreting laws that discourage rather than encourage the pursuit of excellence and discovery.

Twenty-five hundred years ago Socrates said, "Man must rise above the earth to the top of the atmosphere and beyond, for only there will he understand the world in which he lives."

Yes, we have been to the moon,

harnessed satellites and developed communications here and throughout the world, all for the betterment of mankind. But we are earthlings and we are all (now the Third World countries) getting on the "fast track." This high-speed "express train" will be going into many dark tunnels, hairpin curves and rickety bridges before we reach the end of our journey. Do you want to call this journey "Moving Up to Gloryland"?

For those who join us and buy a ticket to the end of the line, this trip will be exciting and enjoyable!

Bob L. Johnson
Ocean Isle Beach

Mother Was Right

To the editor:

When I was a youngster during the Hoover/Roosevelt era, my mother, a true-blue Democrat, had a saying: "The only good Republican was a dead one." As I got older and returned from World War II, I disappointed my mother by becoming a Republican.

Now as I approach my 69th year, I am thinking that Mother may have been right today. Starting with the Nixon Watergate crimes and continuing with the Reagan/Bush crimes, the Republicans in Congress have lost sight of representing the poor and middle class and catering to organizations such as GOPAC; the Gingrich billionaire club that buys elections and would be happy with a

banana republic.

The 300 Republicans that gathered on the steps of the Capitol to swear by a contract of Reaganomics—making the rich much richer, the poor much poorer and the middle class extinct—would again turn our economy into a "Pentagon economy." When you have a turncoat such as Robert Dole reversing himself on a felon like Oliver North, Phil Gramm, Newt Gingrich, Alfonso D'Amato and others, we the people have a bunch of misfits and power-hungry partisans.

As in the Nixon and Reagan/Bush administrations, they all have short memories, starting with Agnew, Nixon, Reagan, Weinberger, North, Poindexter and others who either went to prison or, as Ford and Bush did, issue blanket pardons.

When I was young the big crooks were the city Democratic bosses, but the White House and Congress were respected.

Added to this Republican disgrace is the party's embracing of the radical "religious" right, the Falwells, Robertsons, Buchanans. They would open their arms to evangelist Jim Bakker, as long as he voted Republican. The party, today, is an absolute disgrace.

Why are the decent moderate Republicans so silent?

Raymond L. Ratigan
Calabash

Tired Of The Same Old Christmas Catalogs?

It's not even Halloween yet and already our mailbox is filling up with Christmas catalogs.

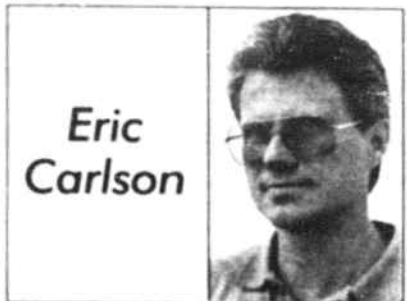
Most of them get tossed into a basket in the corner, where they'll remain until it's too late to order anything for the holiday. Then we'll haul them to the landfill. Happy new year.

Nowadays, through the magic of mailing lists, the number of catalogs we receive each fall seems to grow geometrically as L.L. Bean begs Gander Mountain, which begs other camping catalogs, which beg fishing catalogs, which beg fly-fishing catalogs, which beg surgical instrument catalogs, etc. etc.

Somehow one of those consumer genetic strains mutated and put our address on a mailing list that brought us one of the coolest catalogs ever: "The Edmund Scientific Company Annual Reference Catalog for Educators, Students and Inventors."

Anyone, like us, who dreads the idea of shopping for the same old stuff year after year will appreciate the Edmund catalog. Inside you'll find hundreds of gifts that will have your friends and relatives saying, "Where the heck did they find this thing? And why would they give it to me?"

We used to get four-inch-thick laboratory supply catalogs when I worked for the N.C. Marine Resources Center in Manteo. I would leaf through them for hours, imagining how much fun could be had with a real electron microscope or a giant



Eric Carlson

Van de Graaf generator or the body of some unusual animal preserved in formaldehyde.

Edmund puts out one of those big catalogs, too. But the 120-page public consumption version has enough otherwise unavailable gift ideas for even the most jaded Christmas shopper.

Where else are you going to find:

■ Hot-air balloons that will ascend to 200 feet on a string tether when inflated with the exhaust from a trash can fire!

■ Ten different models of handheld laser-emitting pens!

■ A spider robot that crawls across the floor, sends out an infrared beam to detect obstacles in its path, then turns to avoid them and moves on!

■ Full-sized human skeletons on rolling stands, just like the ones in the doctor's office!

■ A dry ice maker that uses a standard carbon dioxide cylinder (available from welding supply outlet) to make steaming chunks of dry ice. Use them to keep stuff cold, do

experiments or just make spooky smoke for Halloween!

■ Two-inch-square neodymium-iron-boron magnets capable of lifting 55 pounds! (These have energy densities of 27 to 35 gauss oersteds—whatever that means.)

■ A home planetarium that projects stars, planets and constellations on the walls and ceiling!

■ The amazing potato clock! This uses metal probes stuck into fruit, vegetables, plants, soft drinks, "even beer" to create enough low-voltage power to run a small clock. (Potatoes or beer not included.)

The Edmund catalog features more than just weird science stuff like "astronaut ice cream" and solar powered flying dragonflies. It's also the place to find useful items like magnifiers, measuring instruments, small electric motors, pumps, solar cells, telescopes and weather stations.

Everyone seems to agree that America is losing its edge in technological superiority and will soon face a shortage of scientists, engineers and researchers. As evidence, they point to the steady decline in student scores on science and mathematics achievement tests.

It's no wonder this is happening, with such a vast array of entertainment possibilities competing for a child's attention these days. It seems like the only way to get kids interested in the sciences is to make them as much fun as Saturday cartoons and MTV.

Which is where the Edmund cata-

log can offer parents a real alternative in Christmas gift ideas.

Knowing a young boy's fascination with all things yucky, why not get him a "Slime Chemistry Set" that allows him to make a mess while learning about colloids, polymers and solvents?

If your daughter is interested in jewelry and gems, how about introducing her to microcrystal chemistry with a set of 10 experiments in growing clear and colored crystals?

Children aren't likely to listen to you outline the principles of rotation, attraction, equilibrium, center of gravity and centrifugal force. But give them a gyroscope and they'll play with it for hours. Eventually, they'll ask how it works.

Kids enthralled by "Star Wars" movies and other outer-space adventures will find no end to the possibilities for exploration offered by a good-quality telescope and a book on astronomy. Who knows, you might inspire a future astronaut!

Like the man said, "Give someone a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to fish and he can feed himself for a lifetime."

You can get plenty to nourish and inspire a curious mind—whether young or old—from the folks at Edmund Scientific Company, 101 East Gloucester Pike, Barrington, N.J., 08007.

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