

Today, we have expanded into almost all reasonable available space, tapped a large part of our natural resources, and have had our isolation removed by the development of the airplane, telephone, television, and other modern technological advances.

If we are to continue to develop and grow stronger, we must direct most of our efforts at strengthening our remaining advantages which include our people energy, our regard for the rights of the individual and our willingness to sacrifice now for the future good. This requires of each of us that we base our decisions and actions on what is best for the common good and not our own immediate or selfish needs. Our ability to do this successfully will determine if we can continue to be different from and better than other forms of government.

I. H. HENDRICKS
Covington

As we begin America's third century my hopes are that we can learn to live together in harmony in this country and at peace with the world. There are material things that I would hope we can accomplish: eliminating poverty, cleaning the environment, finding economical and plentiful sources of energy without reliance on off-shore facilities, discovering a cure for cancer and other dreaded diseases. These are material things; we really need them



and I hope we get them. But what I want most for America is a rebirth of the moral and spiritual values that have made our country great. A real key to this is the revival of the family as the basic unit in society responsible for the welfare of its members. Above all we need a renewed faith in God.

HELEN MERRELL
Pisgah Forest

As we come to the close of our Bicentennial and enter upon the threshold of the third century in the history of the United States, we can look back with thanks in our hearts that we have been able to enjoy the fruits of a bountiful land, and a form of government that in spite of certain flaws, is still the best that had been devised by mortal men.

When the white man first came to these shores, our forests were boundless, teeming with fowl and game and fish and myriad forms of life and vegetation. We were blinded with the seemingly endless stores of natural wealth. And in our eagerness to conquer nature and bend it to our desires, we lost sight of the responsibilities that were ours as guardians to pass these gifts on to future generations.



Along with the losing of this sense of responsibility, we began to lose the moral precepts upon which the nation was founded until today, we have taken the attitude for the most part, that anything goes. And here lies the danger that we are faced with, if we are to pass on to others, the ability to celebrate a third century of freedom and plenty.

Those of us alive today will not be here but our grandchildren will be. And what will be their verdict of our stewardship? Will they honor and respect us or will they curse us?

We are at a cross roads in the well being of our nation — Ethically, morally, socially, economically and in our belief of a Divine Being. We are at a critical point in our history in which only we, as individuals, can shape the future of our nation.

ALEX DURIS
Retired, Pisgah Forest

As we enter the third century of our nation's life, I believe we have certainly progressed a long way, but I imagine that the next 200 years

will see as many or more changes than the past. In my lifetime, I have seen progress from horses to tractors in farming, kerosene lamps to electricity in our homes, and many other modern conveniences that probably our forefathers never even imagined. I am sure they never dreamed that a man would walk on the moon.



Our life span has increased



CREDIT UNION OFF TO HEALTHY START

In operation only half a year, the Pisgah Forest credit union declared a 5-1/4 per cent dividend for their first semi-annual dividend period ending December 31.

William D. Cline of Accounting, president, said that the dividends were credited to members' accounts effective January 1. However, anyone wishing cash payment, rather than crediting their account, could request that of the credit union office.



CLINE

The first annual meeting was scheduled for January 27 at which time three new directors were to be selected to three-year terms succeeding William H. Hall, Sr., of Quality Control, Carrie Smathers of Ecusta Finishing and Landell Whitmire of Power and Water. The nominating committee selected as nominees Parker Pace of Ecusta Maintenance, Patricia Silvers of Ecusta Finishing, and D. C. Winchester of Film Coating.

Board members serving two and three-year terms include Cline, Fred Kilstrom of Technical, J. Edgar Loftis of Endless Belt, and Harry Joe Moore of Ecusta Machine Room.

Cline also announced that, due to its outstanding acceptance, the credit union has been able to raise its loan maximum to \$1,000.