

Senator Sam Ervin Says: Around Chowan County Farms

WASHINGTON—One of the major legislative battles of this Congress has been over federal funding of the development of the supersonic transport plane.

I am opposed to the funding of this plane by our government for the following reasons:

The ultimate objective of the development of the SST is to make supersonic planes available for the use of private airlines. This being true, the job of financing the development of such a plane should be borne by private enterprise and not by the taxpayers of the United States.

The reasons given for using taxpayers' funds to develop the SST are threefold in nature: (1) That the development and use of such planes carrying such a large number of passengers will enable Americans to fly to other countries quicker in American planes rather than in foreign planes, and thus reduce the deficit in our balance of payments; (2) that the use of such planes will result in the making of huge profits by private airlines and thus result in the payment of vast amounts of income taxes into the federal treasury; and (3) that the

development of the SST is necessary to promote the prestige of the United States. The first of these arguments is, in my judgment, unsound. The development of the plane will result in American tourists carrying American dollars abroad, and thus exceed any revenues derived from the use of this plane in comparison with sums that they would otherwise expend for travel in foreign planes. The second argument is of dubious force. The history of the federal government in respect to air travel has been that the federal government subsidizes airlines rather than derives profits from them. I do not think the third argument is valid because I do not believe that taxpayers' money should be used to advance the interests of private airlines merely to promote American prestige.

One of the greatest problems of our nation and of the world in general is the pollution of the atmosphere, the rivers and the ocean. Before we proceed with the development of the SST, we should make it certain that it is not going to make a hazardous contribution to the further pollution of our earth. There has been no adequate study of this problem up to the present, and the only provision of such a study contemplates a commission composed of men who are more or less crusaders for the SST. We need a study made by impartial scientists.

There are proposals now pending in Congress that we bar the use of our airports to supersonic planes to guard this nation against further pollution of the atmosphere and the hazardous noise of the sonic boom. If legislation of this nature is adopted, this would render the SST entirely useless.

The federal debt is rapidly nearing \$400 billion. At the present time, the federal government is spending more than \$21 billion for the current fiscal year just to pay interest on the national debt. Furthermore, prospects are that the federal government is going to run a deficit of billions of dollars this fiscal year. Congress ought not to authorize outlays for the SST unless it has the courage to cut other appropriations accordingly or to levy new taxes sufficient to defray its cost. It should quit mortgaging the future of our children and our children's children.

After all, the SST would transport passengers from America to Europe only two hours ahead of the time of travel made possible by existing commercial airplanes.



"The way you should fold a road map is usually again."

By R. M. THOMPSON, County Extension Chairman

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Pete Gladys
Harry Dean
Randy Wayford
Mable Betty

CHRIST BACK IN CHRISTMAS

By MARY LIZZIE LANE

Don't let Santa Claus over power you, Just think our years are just a few. We've give Santa the stores and the streets, Let's try to keep God's house clean and neat.

The world is the place for Santa, you see, Don't bring him in God's house it won't intended to be. He's a jolly old fellow I'll admit, I am not mad at him, not one bit.

We've give him the school houses, community houses, too, Be honest with me, don't you think that ought to do? You have your homes and families, too, That's the place for Santa Claus to visit with you.

I love the giving spirit, I want you to know, It's all dressed up in ribbon, tinsel and bows. I like the tree and the gifts you see, And the children every one are dear to me.

When I think of God's house, how sacred it should be, When Santa walks in it takes the thrill away from me. Let me talk to you, my dear friends, There was no Santa Claus when time began.

Things should be done in order in God's house, you know, You shouldn't have the manger scene and Santa in a row. Let Santa have his place out in the world, you see, I think he'd be more happy and so would we.

Let's give God what He really deserves, And give it to Him by our boys and girls. Let's bring Christ where He belongs, Then our programs will have so much more charm.

The Christmas carols sound so sweet, Our boys and girls looked so very neat. Their voices sound so keen and clear, They knew Christmas Day was drawing near.

I am just a weak woman you must understand, Yes, I pray you'll agree with my plan. I know that God will smile up in heaven above, Because He wants His children to be gentle as doves.

It's Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER
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The fall of the year is planning time in the fruit, vegetable and flower gardens. If you plan well now, you can avoid costly mistakes later. You can also have the varieties you like best and those best suited to your environment.

If you are not subscribing to one or more good gardening magazines, you might give yourself a Christmas present. If you are well supplied, you may wish to remember a friend who is horticulturally minded.

If you have house plants with large leaves and smooth foliage—philodendrons, dracaenas, palms, fatshedera, rubber and other similar plants, you can improve the appearance by washing the leaves with a sponge dipped in soapy water and squeezed out. Examine your coleus, geranium and other pot

plants. If they have become root bound, they should be repotted.

Remove old corn stalks, bean, tomato and other refuse from the vegetable garden and have the soil tested. If the test indicates a need for lime and phosphate, apply the recommended amounts and plow under. Plowing now will accomplish many things. In the first place, leaving the ground in rough fallow during the winter will flocculate the soil particles and give you a better seed bed in the spring; and secondly, the hibernating quarters of many insects will be destroyed and the lime and phosphate will be placed in the root zone.

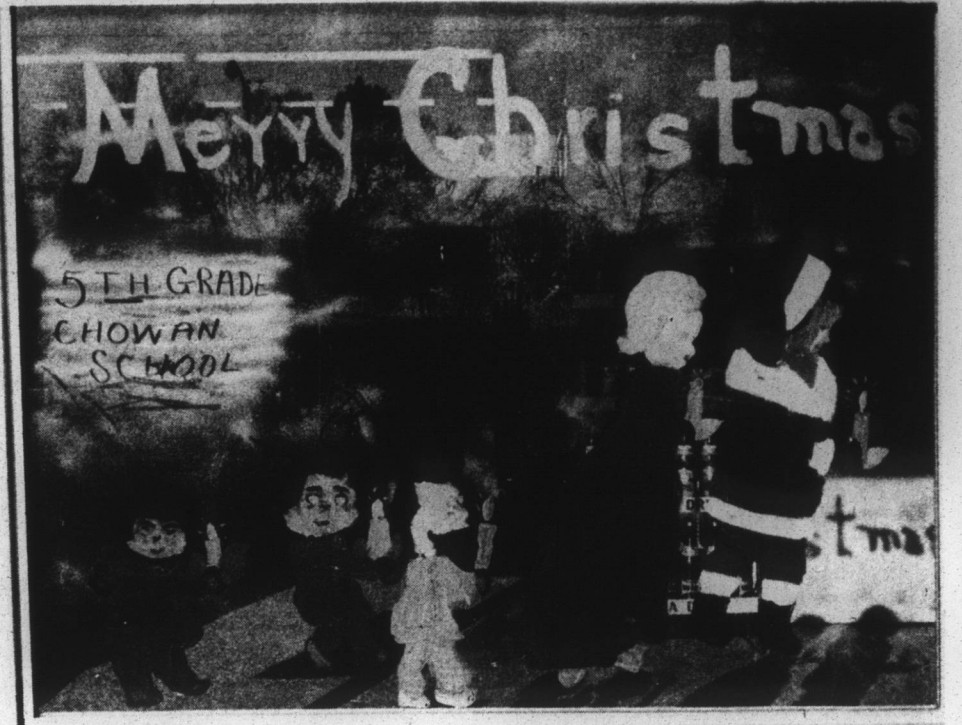
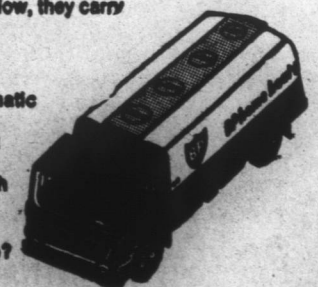
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STUDENTS DECORATE — Mrs. Ruby Jernigan's fifth grade class at Chowan High School, was asked to decorate the windows at the Zip Mart for Christmas. Those students decorating the windows were Merinda Harrell, Bill Jordan, Kenneth Blanchard, Kenneth Leigh and Janet Chappell; altogether, Mrs. Jernigan has 23 pupils.

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NEW PATROLMAN—Edenton Police Department returned to full strength this week with the employment of Joe T. Norman, 22, Route 1, Roper, as a new patrolman. Norman, right, is shown being greeted by Chief J. D. Parrish. The new officer was recently discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps after a tour of duty in Vietnam. He has had Military Police training. Norman is married to the former Linda Sawyer and they plan to move to Edenton soon.

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