

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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This, Everyone Can Give

Last month it was the March of Dimes. This month it is the Heart Fund. Next month it will be Easter Seals. It seems that every day there is some worthwhile cause to which Franklin County citizens are asked to give. For most of us, living on budgets, or hoping that we are, giving takes some convincing. These are all very worthwhile projects. They do a tremendous amount toward relieving pain and suffering in the world. They and many more should have our blessings and support. The organizers of these drives

usually select local people to head their contribution drives. It's harder to turn down a friend than a stranger. That's our point. These local people are performing a service to us all. Give them money if you feel so inclined; but money or not, give them courtesy. They may be trying to separate you from your money, that's true, but they are doing so in an effort to serve the community. Treat them kindly. They are doing a good job and we praise them for it.

"Nicest Folks I've Ever Seen"

Two strangers literally fell from the heavens near New Hope last Tuesday. One was from Tampa, Florida and the other from East Liverpool, Ohio. They were Navy flyers. When their engine began to lose power, they looked a place to land. They decided on using highway 1708 in Franklin County, mostly because it was handy. They report that they were greeted by the folks in the community with open arms. Everything was done for them that they could ask. As one of the men put it, "They were the

nicest folks I've ever seen." What an advertisement for Franklin County. Of course, those of us living here, already know the goodness in our people. But it is ever so nice to have others notice. These flyers will not soon forget this day in Franklin County. They will remember, too; the people. We're thankful they had a safe landing. We're glad they were treated well. May they come again and may they have many more safe landings.

Campaign Debates?

The Republican Party's National Chairman has called on President Lyndon B. Johnson to debate the Republican Presidential nominee on television in the campaign later this year. As this is written, there has been no firm reply, one way or the other, from the President. It will be recalled that the 1960 Presidential campaign featured five television debates between the two candidates, John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. This was a first in the politics of the United States and no other major democracy in the world has provided the voter this advantage. Thus it was a spectacle Americans were justly proud

of--because it was carrying out the democratic process in our country to the Nth degree. It was staging a political debate between two candidates for the nation's highest office in a manner that matched idealistic practices of high school and college elections. One hopes there will be debates in 1964, as there were in 1960. In this way every voter who is interested enough can see and hear the candidates and weigh the logic of their arguments. This is a great democratic spectacle and custom, and it should be a standard feature in Presidential elections in the years to come.

Dropping Out Of High School

The year or two that it takes to finish high school may seem like a lifetime to a teenager but a little self-discipline during this period will, in most cases, pay off in future happiness and earning ability. Learning self-discipline, learning to give up immediate pleasures for long range happiness, is probably a lot more important to ones future success than is the additional education that one gets by remaining in school. It has been estimated that almost half of the young people in high school will never graduate. During these times of relatively high employment, it is shocking that nearly half of the young people in high school will give up their opportunity to get a high school diploma.

Why is it that many young people are merely marking time in school until they are old enough to go to work? Why are so many young people so anxious to take the first job that comes along although it may be entirely unsuited to their abilities and personality? The parents, school teacher, and church leaders must intensify their efforts in guiding children who fail to sense the need for a high school education. It is important that pupils are given the opportunity to take courses for which they are best suited. It should also be brought to their attention that employers generally are not going to put quitters in responsible positions.

MacArthur Memorial

There are many other communities which could establish memorial libraries in honor of a great American, utilizing old courthouse buildings or other suitable structures which are about to be either torn down or replaced. Few of the countless heroes of World War II have thus far been suitably honored. It is good to see MacArthur, controversial though many of his years were, honored for his great qualities and talents, and service to his country, which--despite the controversy--are unquestioned. In Norfolk, Va., city fathers have converted a courthouse into a splendid memorial to General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur. There is little doubt this is appropriate, for MacArthur, 84 this month, has served his country in at least three wars and also as chief of staff and in high United Nations--United States commands. We in America would do well to remember and memorialize

more of our great men. What could be better than to utilize a courthouse building which was no longer large enough to handle the work to be done?

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THE GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND!



Special Report From Washington

By Drew Pearson

Washington, D. C. -- Jackie Kennedy's first date since her husband's assassination came quite by accident. Marlon Brando was in Washington to discuss Indian affairs with various government officials. He's become the number one unofficial champion of the American Indian. He and his manager, George Englund, have been asked to participate in a theatrical benefit to raise money for the Kennedy Foundation, and they dropped over to Mrs. Kennedy's home to discuss the project with her and her sister, Princess Lee Radziwill. At the end of the discussion, they invited Princess Radziwill out to dinner. Knowing Mrs. Kennedy was in mourning, they

did not include her. But she remarked: "Oh, can't I come too? I'm tired of staying home alone."

The Jockey Club where they dined is dimly lit, and the manager, Jacques Vivien, who immediately recognized the celebrities, turned the lights even lower. Few of the guests recognized them. But a photographer had trailed Jackie from her home in Georgetown to the Jockey Club and manager Vivien spotted him outside. When it came time for Jackie and Brando to leave, Vivien escorted them through the kitchen past the garbage pails to the rear entrance. However, the alert photographer was waiting. A hasty retreat followed, and the two girls, Jackie and Lee, finally left for the front entrance, unescorted. Brando was escorted out alone, via the garbage pails. The photographer failed to get a picture of the full group, but later he broke the story.

ANTI-CIGARETTES

Next move in the campaign against cigarette smoking will be to demand strict enforcement of smoking regulations on railroad trains and special seats reserved in buses and airplanes for smokers. Some buses such as D. C. Transit prohibit smoking altogether. Others, especially bus transportation to airports, even condone smoking by bus drivers. Airplane companies prohibit only pipe and cigar smoking. But public reaction by non-smokers to being forced to inhale fumes now branded as cancer-producing is certain to develop into a move which airplane and bus companies cannot ignore. General Eisenhower did a favor to the Johnson Administration

last week in Detroit when he expounded on the subject of gift-receiving by high officials. It looks as if the Johnson Administration would do a favor to Ike in return.

When the former President was questioned about the propriety of receiving gifts, he took a much more tolerant view than the Republican Congressmen who had announced they would keep reminding LBJ of his \$542 stereo set until next November 3. Ike replied that it was a "matter of judgment, of self restraint and confidence that you have in someone's integrity," and went on to tell about some of the gifts he had received.

"If someone sent you a set of woods for your own golf," said the former President, "well, now, are you going to send them back and say 'you so-and-so' and that kind of thing? Are you going to take a holier-than-thou attitude? I just don't believe they should be too ready to throw stones in this whole affair."

Ike, of course, had received many gifts in the form of Black Angus heifers and a \$4,000 tractor, ponies, quarter horses, landscaping, trees, and shrubbery for his Gettysburg farm.

But the favor that the Johnson Administration can do for Ike in return is to keep mum on the really big financial transaction involving the Gettysburg farm--namely the fact that farm salaries, the building of barns, and various other expenses, totaling around \$508,000, were paid by three of Ike's friends, the late W. Alton Jones of Cities Service, Billy Byars of Tyler, Tex., and George E. Allen of Washington--all oilmen.

They were forced by Internal Revenue to pay gift taxes on these farm expenses. (To be Continued Tuesday)

ASCS NEWS

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Each year many farmers throughout the nation participate in a Government-sponsored program known as the Agricultural Conservation Program.

The objective of the program is to help conserve soil and water resources on farms in this country through government cost sharing. There are a number of practices that producers may receive government assistance to help establish such as permanent pasture, pasture improvement, lime on farmland, forestry planting and improvement, winter cover crops, farm ponds and others.

Following is a summary showing the number of farms and the practices established on these farms in 1963 for Franklin County:

Practice Name	No. farms
Permanent Cover & other	142
Increase Acreage	
Rotation Cover	179
Liming Materials	105
Contour Stripcropping	1
Field Stripcropping	2
Tree Planting-Forest	21
Timber Stand Improvement	3
Sod Waterways	32
Terracing	4
Irrigation Reservoirs	47
Winter Cover	577
Summer Cover	7

Franklin County farmers received a total of \$69,313.00 to help establish the above practices in 1963.

Rare Coins Saved

Houston--Six policemen picked up, to the last cent, what amounted to \$10,000 in coins. The money was a collection of rare coins owned by E. J. Cole. He was taking his collection to a rare coin show, when they were accidentally dropped on the street.

Senator Sam Says

Washington--The President's annual Budget Message has been submitted to Congress as the blueprint for government spending beginning July 1. Individuals who categorize their personal income and expenditures usually do so on a weekly or monthly basis, but the Federal Government must do this on an annual basis with its predictions based on calculations made six months prior to the anticipated spending or the collection of taxes. Overall the consideration of the Budget, a voluminous document which embraces hundreds of pages of listings of requested spending and explanations therefore, constitutes the single most time consuming duty of Congress.

Subject to Congressional approval, the proposed 1965 Budget calls for expenditures of \$97.9 billion with anticipated revenues of \$93 billion leaving a deficit to be financed by government borrowing of \$4.9 billion. Due to the long range target date seventeen months away when the Treasury will add up spending and revenues, this Budget is subject to considerable revision that could come from world conditions, from the state of business, or from Congressional modification. Still the Budget is, as one newspaper has put it, "the nation's shopping list" and it does exert a great influence on Congress.

In such a context, the Budget is refreshing in the respect that it is much reduced from proposed estimates of Federal spending only a few months ago. In another respect, it is of concern to me that again with this Budget the nation will be depending on government borrowing to meet expenditures in a time of relative peace and prosperity. Nonetheless, I am pleased with the President's economy effort. I am hopeful that he continues to encourage this governmental trend that is much needed. Up to now Congress could only expect to see a Budget whose prescription for the nation's ills rested principally on greater and greater overall expenditures without undue concern about financing them. As a result of this philosophy, it is to be recalled that last year alone Congress had to consider how to finance the national debt on three separate occasions.

Notwithstanding the laudable effort already made toward economy, I am hopeful that Congress will continue to exercise its best judgment in an effort to make other savings. Foreign aid and space exploration programs are areas that

Congress ought to study closely in an effort to effect reductions in the Budget. The problem of how to balance the Budget embraces many facets. Basically, however, I think it stems from the philosophy which has grown since World War II that the Federal Government must undertake to finance a multitude of grants, loans, and financial assistance programs for almost everybody in this country and in the world. At the same time that this philosophy has mustered majority votes in the Congress, it is also evident that a majority of the American taxpayers are unwilling to pay through taxation for all of these programs. In this situation the nation must realistically face its responsibilities to remain economically strong.

The Right Sign

Churchill, England--When his patience was tried to the limit by thieves stealing apples from his orchard, Claude Bache put up a sign saying: "Keep out. Trespassers will be prosecuted." Apples continued to disappear and Bache replaced the sign with one which read: "Thou shalt not Steal." No more apples were stolen.



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