

A Good Idea

Dr. Clarence Cook Little, writing an Annual Report of the Council For Tobacco Research, has asked why not check on the susceptibility of the individual to cigarette smoking.

This observation is so simple, it is a wonder someone else hadn't thought of it before now. The Surgeon General's Office in Washington, has denounced cigarettes as cancer producing because of certain statistical data.

Certainly, it defies explanation why tobacco is bad for some and apparently perfectly harmless to others. The physical condition of the individual,

It's Your Life, How Many Do You Have?

Franklin County has recorded five highway fatalities thus far this year. Some may take pride in the fact that these five are less than the seven killed to the same date last year.

With the dreaded Labor Day Weekend right around the corner, and predictions are there will be 22 killed on North Carolina highways, the time to think about what you're going to do is now. Think safety. Drive accordingly and insist that those you may influence do the same.

Those who visited the accident scenes or those who have seen serious accidents before cannot forget the terrible tragedy. Yet, these tragedies continue; and with all the effort being made to reduce them, they con-

tinue to grow. Nineteen were killed last Labor Day Weekend in the state and three more are predicted this year.

Experts have attempted for years to figure this out, and, for the most part, they have failed. Certainly, those of us who know very little about statistics and safety motivation can hardly be expected to find the answer.

There is, however, one thing we all can do. We can drive as carefully as we know how. We can supervise the driving of our children. And even though most parents don't think so, these youngsters who account for so many accidents can be kept at home. True, it might raise a ruckus; but at least they'd be alive, and so would that other fellow. This might be drastic, but then so is death.

Let one of them be yours. Washington--The Senate got a warning about higher military costs and potential military equipment shortages during consideration of the defense appropriation bill last week. The warning came when Senator Stennis, floor manager of the \$46.8 billion defense money bill, said that amounts appropriated now would have to be supplemented in January 1966 to meet "the mounting tempo of our operations" around the world.

Smoke Rings



Senator Sam says--

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Advocating a realistic approach to military needs and costs, Senator Stennis said that unless the military situation changes rapidly that "sooner or later we are going to have to provide the funds to replace equipment and material diverted to Vietnam, to reconstitute our strategic reserve, to supply existing shortages of forest and weapons, and to forestall even more serious problems and deficiencies."

Foreign aid got another one year extension with the Senate-House approval of the \$3.3 billion authorization bill for the program. The subject has been a Senate controversy since March with action yet to be taken on the appropriations bill to provide funds for the extension of the program.

Both its merits and its costs are constantly debated and challenged. I think foreign aid continues to be a most expensive means for achieving limited results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior Citizen



Dear Sirs:

Raymond Hobgood, an old resident of your town, will be 70 years old tomorrow, Sept. first. He is the happiest man we know to be 70 years old. We thought you might want to know as he has relatives and friends in and around Louisburg. Enclosed is the latest picture we have of him used in the promotion of Senior Citizens Club.

Yours very truly, Mrs. Sarah Sayre Senior Citizens Club Huntington, W. Va. 826 Second Street 8/31/65

Editor's Note: Mr. Hobgood is half brother of Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg.



Here in this newspaper office there is an old cigar box....It is in this box that everything gets thrown which is to be used in this column...which usually are the things which nobody else wants to write up....Now...this is alright...but since this column is widely known for its truthfulness and its factual reporting of all that's fit to tell...some of the things coming out of this cigar box can cause your eyebrows to raise a bit....

Take for instance a juicy little report found stuck to the bottom of the box by a cigar band this week....It says here that two Louisburg sports went fishing the other day at Moore's Pond...this shows they didn't catch no fish; otherwise you'd never heard of the place...but this is getting ahead of the story....

This most reliable report says...and we quote...While cruising along in their boat they heard dogs on the nearby bank jump a rabbit...now this should get you suspicious.... Low and behold...the report continues...about fifteen minutes later they saw a small head bobbing about in the water. On closer inspection they found it to be a rabbit...naturally... swimming for dear life (happens every day). This most reliable report goes on, "Since they weren't catching many fish that afternoon they decided to 'catch' the rabbit and brought him in along with their three small fish."

Now...you see...we know who these two sports are...and if you think we're going to make any comment whatsoever on the above...you just ain't been paying attention....But, Come to think of it, we are going to throw this cigar box away.

not hold an antiunion attitude. We feel that unions have brought the American worker wages and working conditions he could not otherwise obtain. We believe there must be a check against overbearing management situations, and unions can combat this effectively. However, we believe that unions also need a check. Without some sort of safety valve, they can become as overbearing as certain industries were before unionism."

heard of incidents have caused much soul-searching among the second-generation Japanese, the Nisei. 'Somewhere along the way we feel we are failing,' said one elder.

Why is it that tomorrow is so full of good working hours?

GRASSROOTS OPINION

JOHN DAY, ORE., BLUE MT. EAGLE: "Really, we hate to be a bug about this and speak so often of section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act in our editorial column, but it seems that not enough of this issue is getting to the grass roots. We at the Blue Mt. Eagle do

sive means for achieving limited results. For this and many other policy reasons, I voted against the authorization of the program.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Who Writes Your Ticket?

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Those who have chosen the newspaper profession for a career would find it difficult to change for something else, because, although newspapering presents some discouraging road-blocks occasionally, it also brings a great deal of satisfaction for those who go about their work in an honest and straightforward manner.

Yes, newspapering is a wonderful profession, but it has some disadvantages too. Unfortunately, a newspaper cannot please everyone with its news coverage. Generally, in a small community, a newspaper is not large enough to have as many employees as it would like to do a better job.

Some newspapers do not even bother to voice their opinions, and in not doing so they are shirking a duty and responsibility to their readers and their community.

Probably, one of the foremost reasons for not voicing an opinion is dislike of criticism and a fear of losing some revenue.

Such an attitude lacks all sense of responsibility and places a big zero under the heading of courage. It also checks up another plus for those who would prefer to see freedom of speech and freedom of the press suppressed.

But the newspaper which speaks out for what it considers the best interests of its community is to be admired. If it tries to assist in worthwhile improvements and honestly strives to make its community a better place in which to live and work, then it has a conscience.

If it offers its readers an opportunity to voice opposing opinions and criticism, then it is rendering a service to its community.

A professional newspaper man has to bear some behind-the-back criticism and a great deal of face slapping. But in the end, the satisfaction of feeling he has done just a tiny bit in furthering the betterment of his community and the well being for his friends and neighbors is ample reward.

Maintaining one's integrity and being able to face the world with a clear conscience gives a newspaper man, or anyone for that matter, a feeling of contentment, free of any guilt complexes.

This, in our estimation, is a far better pattern of behavior than that of "Oh, why bother, I don't want anybody mad at me."

This is the attitude cherished by those who want no opposition to their own opinions and who want everything to remain status quo.

Perhaps this is the attitude of the majority, but, to say the least, it is a poor attitude and can only lead to domination by the few. After all, what is to be will be, but our destiny can be guided by the will of those who will exercise their rights of freedom, justice and fair play.

In other words "write your own ticket or someone else will write it for you."

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