

Mainstay Of Progress

A surefire political formula for getting votes has been for a candidate or an office-holder to demonstrate an ability to attract large government spending programs to his community or to his state. Obscured in the glittering prospect of "free money" from Washington was one hard fact. Taxpayers would eventually be called upon to pay the bill.

With the passage of years, cost of government at all levels has reached crushing proportions — forcing curtailment of many spending programs. By the same token, communities are once again inclined to welcome old-fashioned, self-supporting, taxpaying industrial development. Typical of what may be a new trend is the comment of a local editor of a California community in urging support of a proposal by a local power company to build a \$300 mil-

lion generating facility. In the words of the editor: "As long-time residents of this area, we have become more and more concerned with the economics, as we have watched our property taxes go up and up, and with a continuing spiral that we see no relief from unless a major industry steps into take on a share of the burden. . . . We are convinced that the . . . steam plant will be a boon to the economy of this area and will offer no health or esthetic hazard to the population."

The investor-owned, taxpaying electric industry has been one of the most substantial community builders in the United States. The billions of dollars that it has poured into plant facilities, all of which are heavily taxed, have been and will continue to be one of the mainstays of community progress.

A Fuel-Burning Animal

Space exploration may be "out of this world", but man is still an ordinary mortal and wherever he travels he must carry his earthly environment with him. The essential functions of breathing, sleeping and eating must continue. Man is a fuel-burning animal. Thus menus will always be a part of the machines of space and the longer trips become, the more important becomes the menu — the food the astronauts must carry with them. Space cookery is an exacting science as space flight itself.

A news release from a major food processing concern* tells a little about space foods and the requirements they must meet. They must be light, compact, simple, pa-

latable and have the highest possible caloric content per unit volume. They must be easy to use in a weightless environment. They must withstand a space vacuum and be reliable under the millions of pounds of thrust during acceleration and cannot require cooking or refrigeration.

On Appollo 12 the crew enjoyed scrambled eggs in "spoon-bowl" form, salads, puddings, soups and stews. Recent space eating innovations include wet-pack items such as beef and gravy, frankfurters and turkey. Food for eating in space requires the same exhaustive scientific effort that has gone into all other phases of the moon program. *General Foods Corporation

Flight Checked By The Boss

All kinds of statistics and analyses, coupled with dramatic promotional releases, have described the safety and comfort of the new Boeing 747 jet. The 362-passenger jet, in truth, promises to revolutionize air travel to a greater extent than any aircraft heretofore introduced into airline service. But, its great potential hinges upon sharing with the public the facts that make the 747 more than just another airplane.

A human interest touch was added to the 747 story when the president of Pan American World Airways, Mr. Najeeb Halaby, a pilot of 36-years experience, went to Boeing's factory near Seattle, Washington, and flew the 747 himself. The event, which attracted no particular fanfare, served to illustrate both the youthful vitality of the airline industry and the confidence of an airline president in the product

which his company is soon to offer to the public. Mr. Halaby, who is as much at home in a cockpit as in an airline president's office, commented that the 747 jetliner is "a pilot's airplane and a passenger's airplane." From the standpoint of the passengers, he indicated, the 747 will seem like an ocean liner—big, roomy and stable.

One reason the 747 has been termed more than just another plane is the impact it will have on the overall technology of air transportation. It may help ease congestion in the skies, at terminals and on airport runways. As Mr. Halaby puts it, "It is generating thought and mobility. It is preventing us from drifting into the next decade." Whatever else it may do, the 747 is also destined to play a large role in strengthening the idea of all nations as a single community.

"Cheer Up! We're Bound to Find Something Wrong"



SENATOR

SAM ERVIN

* SAYS *

WASHINGTON — The President has signed the Tax Reform Act of 1969 which Congress approved on December 22nd. The Act provides for about \$8.1 billion in tax cuts which will be offset by about \$6.6 billion in new revenues when it reforms are fully operational in 1973, according to some budget authorities.

The anticipated long-term shortfall in Federal revenues is not expected to take effect until 1972. The Act's immediate impact will be to produce about \$1.9 billion more in revenues in fiscal 1970 due to the fact that the measure terminates the investment credit which permits a business to deduct 7 percent of the cost of new machinery or equipment from income taxes otherwise owed and continues the surtax on incomes until June 30th. The revenue surplus, according to fiscal experts, is expected to begin a decline in 1971 until it produces a net revenue loss of \$2 to \$3 billion annually in the mid-1970's. Thus a balanced budget then would call for some curtailment in governmental spending.

Major beneficiaries under the Act are low-income taxpayers, those with five or more per-

sonal exemptions, and Social Security recipients. The personal exemption will rise from the present \$600 to \$750 in four tax years. The first step occurs on July 1st when it rises to \$650. Thus for full calendar 1970 the exemption will be \$625. In 1971 it will be \$650, in 1972 it will be \$700, and in 1973 it will reach \$750.

The Act also provides for an increase in the standard deduction which individuals may use in lieu of itemizing contributions, interest expense, taxes, and miscellaneous tax-allowable expenses. The old law authorized a 10 percent of adjusted gross income standard deduction with \$1,000 as the ceiling. Under the new tax provisions, the standard deduction will increase to 13 percent with a ceiling of \$1,500 for calendar 1971, to 14 percent with a ceiling of \$2,000 for calendar 1972, and to 15 percent with the same \$2,000 ceiling for 1973 and thereafter.

Another major change in the Act is designed to reduce and in some cases eliminate Federal income taxes for low-income taxpayers. In lieu of the old law's minimum standard deduction of \$200 for the first ex-

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THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

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"What about unanswered prayer? You frequently refer in the Everyday Counselor column to cases of answered prayer, but say nothing about unanswered prayer. I've known many good people to become ill, some cancer, for whom much prayer was made, but they died. This is not intended to be carping criticism, but a plea for you to write something about unanswered prayer." A correspondent poses this question.

According to Jesus, there is no unanswered prayer. He said: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." He did point out in the Parable of the Pharisees and the Publican two types of prayers. You will recall that the Pharisee's prayer (Luke 18) was one of self-admiration. The prayer of the Publican was a plea for mercy: "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

Sometimes the Lord's answer to our petition is "No," sometimes, "Not now, but later." At other times the answer is a positive "Yes" — immediate or gradual. We are all subject to human limitation and sometimes our petitions are not acceptable to God. Sometimes we ask wrongly. As James puts it, "You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." (James 4:2 RSV)

Jesus gave us the ideal prayer when He prayed at Gethsemane, "Not My will, but Thine be done." Luke 22:42) Before we pass judgment upon God for the answers He gives or does not give in response to our prayers, we need to be sure that we know all the facts. For example, we may pray for the recovery of a friend who is ill, but he dies. We never know the facts. Some very good people die prematurely, often of a broken heart, but never permitting anyone to share their burdens. They go to the grave with their closely guarded secrets.

Man's stubborn will often stand in the way of answered prayer. For example, thousands of prayers are offered daily for husbands, wives, sons, daughters suffering from alcoholism. Until they are willing to seek and accept help, prayer comes up against a stone wall of self-will. In such cases prayer should be offered that the victim will yield his life to the salvation and healing power of Almighty God. In such cases, those who are concerned about them praying for them, should persist in their prayers, maybe for years, until the power of God breaks through.

We must pray in the will and love of God that His will be done. Then the answer comes.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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29 December, 1969

Editor, Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I understand that your newspaper printed my name among a list of servicemen from Transylvania County who would be overseas at Christmas. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the many people, some of whom I am sure do not even know me, who responded to this gesture by sending Christmas greetings and wishes for my safe return.

To a serviceman assigned to an isolated location such as this there are few things so encouraging as the knowledge that the people back home appreciate what he is doing and that they have not forgotten him. Those of you who took the time to send cards to members of your country's armed

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forces have done much more than you probably realize to improve morale and lift the spirits of all of us, because not only those of us who received the messages but also all of our comrades realize that in preparing for your own holiday celebrations you remembered us. We all feel a little closer to home and a little less lonely because of your thoughtfulness.

America's fighting men have always been citizen-soldiers, not paid mercenaries but ordinary men defending things they believe in. We are in places like this because there is a job to be done here, and nothing is more important to us than the feeling that you acknowledge our efforts and stand behind us.

On behalf of all of us here my sincerest thanks for your good wishes; may the coming year bring prosperity to all of you and peace to our world.

Very truly yours,
Steven Kropelinicki, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, USAF

Pick of the Press

A Good Reporter Leaves The Scene

(Asheville Citizen)

Bill Sharpe, editor and publisher of The State magazine for the last 18 years, was a man of great enthusiasm for everything he undertook, full of bubbling good humor, an informed student of North Carolina's history and a recorder of its geography and its people.

His sudden death this week in Raleigh, at 66, removes from our midst a talented newsmen and publicist.

After working on newspapers in Winston-Salem, Bill was named head of the State's Advertising Division in 1937 and later directed the State News Bureau before as-

suming operation of the magazine in 1951.

He knew as many people, perhaps, as a candidate for governor, and he liked most of them. The regard was mutual, because Bill Sharpe was a likeable, fun-loving fellow with an active sense of humor.

To be sure, he was a man of strong convictions but, if his opinions seemed too strong on some topics and on some occasions, he expressed them persuasively.

He was, in the true sense of the terms, a good reporter and a good companion.

There is no surplus of such men in our society. With Bill Sharpe's death, the number is diminished.

Guest Column

Worth Repeating

By W. LEE PRINCE
Seneca Journal
Seneca S. C.

As we start a new year it will be helpful for us to take another look at what we might be able to do — "If."

"If" by Rudyard Kipling has long been a challenge to young and old.

IF—

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream — and not make dreams your master;
If you can think — and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings

And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you

Except the Will which says to them: "Hold On!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings — nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can

hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And — which is more — you'll be a Man, my son!"

From Our Files

GLANCING BACKWARD

At "The Good Old Days"

(From the file of December 31, 1964)
As a special year-end feature, WPNE radio will carry an Associated Press roundup of events in the past year.

"Student Night at Christmas" which was designated throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, was observed at the Mt. Moriah Calvert Baptist church and Mt. Moriah Cherryfield Baptist church Sunday.

First Union National Bank today announced a new 4 1/4% Savings Bond to be available to the public beginning January 1st. In releasing details of the program W. H. Keith, executive officer of the Brevard office, also stated that this will be the highest interest rate paid by any bank in this entire area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tinsley returned Sunday to Ocala, Florida after visiting relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

(From the file of January 7, 1965)
William L. Wilson, Jr. has been promoted from associate agricultural extension agent to agricultural extension agent, according to James E. Davis, county extension chairman.

With an outbreak of rabies in nearby areas, the Board of Commissioners of Transylvania is making every effort to have all stray dogs picked up in this county.

Dr. and Mrs. James Opie Wells, of Atlanta, Ga., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wells, during the New Year's holidays.

The Transylvania Times

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