

# Transylvania Wins Again

Again, Transylvania rural communities were in the limelight at the annual Western North Carolina Awards luncheon in Asheville in the Rural Development contest last Saturday.

The Cedar Mountain community won second place in Division 3, communities with 75 to 100 families.

The community leaders at Cedar Mountain were awarded a check for \$300.

With this winnings, Transylvania has a record of being a top winner in a 20-year period.

This record is unparalleled in Western North Carolina, and it speaks

mightily well for this county which is recognized as the "Land of Waterfalls", the summer music capital of the South, and a center for agriculture, industry, tourists and education.

Through the Rural Development program, Transylvanians are being brought closer together in their work, in their religion and in their play. They are indeed building a finer community, one that is exciting the envy of North Carolinians from Murphy to Manteo.

May our continued winnings serve as a challenge for even greater progress tomorrow!

## Winter Comes

Most of the U. S. is blessed with four distinct seasons determined by the rhythmic movement of celestial bodies. As the sun moves North in the spring, it crosses an imaginary line, and lo, it is summer. In the fall, it works its way South until it again, crosses this imaginary line and we have entered winter.

The metabolism of nature is so finely balanced that not a living creature escapes the influence of the seasons. As winter approaches, the sap recedes from the trees, small creatures burrow into the ground and store up stocks of food, animals put on their winter coats and man surrounds himself with a thousand and one wonderful contrivances of

technology that make winter one of the most enjoyable periods of the year.

Yes, winter is nearly here. It arrives December 22nd — just one jump ahead of Santa Claus. Whatever man's accomplishments, it is doubtful if he can ever change the march of the seasons. Those who wish to beat old man winter have but one recourse. They can follow the sun, as it moves South. For those who live in the North, the time has come to get out the Christmas tree trimmings, sleighs and popcorn poppers, as well as the more high-powered devices of winter sports and settle down to enjoy the days of the new season.

## Unanswered Question

The latest score on the Social Security, inflation, taxation merry-go-round, as reported in U. S. News & World Report, shows the following: Effective January 1st, Social Security "will be sweetened again" — probably by about seven and one half percent. It is said that minimum pensions may be raised to as high as \$100 a month; all of which sounds fine. On the debit side of the ledger, however, the increase will mean something like this. The average employee earning \$9,000 will pay \$468 a year in Social Security

tax in 1971, compared with \$374 now. By 1980, his contribution will go up to \$585. A person earning \$12,000 a year as an employee will be taxed \$624 next year in the name of Social Security, and \$780 in 1980.

The question that remains unanswered is how far we can abandon the principle of self-reliance and still expect to retain the privilege of self-government and the liberties granted under it. Admittedly, this is an old and shopworn question. But, it remains, nonetheless, more pertinent today than ever before.

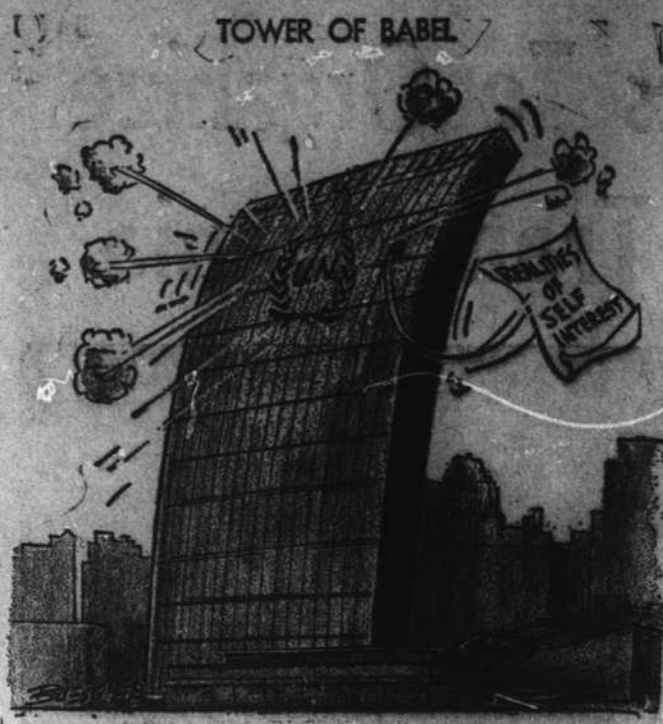
## Crime Costs Are High

Permissiveness costs money.

That fact is made brutally clear in figures released by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hoover reports, "We complain about high taxes, but last year crime cost every man, woman and child in the United States \$122, or a staggering estimated total of \$20 billion. Perhaps this figure could become more meaning-

ful if we realize that for every \$1 spent on education, crime costs, \$1.45; and for every \$1 which went to churches of the nation, \$13 went to crime."

Violent acts against persons and property are an offense against every citizen. Whether he is a victim or merely a taxpayer, he must help foot the bill. He has a direct stake in the law and order issue.



### SENATOR

#### SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★

WASHINGTON — For more than a year now, a bill has been pending in the Senate to make an unfair labor practice for labor unions to levy a fine against a person for refusing to engage in a concerted activity, such as a strike.

While this bill, which was introduced by me and Senator Paul Fannin of Arizona, has been languishing in the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, some unions have continued to impose such fines and other economic sanctions against their members, which is contrary to principle of individual freedom in this nation.

To my mind, these fines constitute a direct abridgement of the individual right not to engage in concerted activities which is guaranteed by the Taft-Hartley Act.

However, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled a few years ago in a decision involving the Allis-Chalmers Company that labor unions could go into state courts in order to collect these outrageous fines.

That ruling by the highest court in the land has had the effect of making legal the worst kind of coercion by labor unions over the individual

members. In a case involving television performers, such compulsion took the form of fines amounting to \$18,000 per person.

During a recent case decided by the National Labor Relations Board, which has more or less been on the side of big unions for the past decade, a worker was fined \$500 for crossing a picket line during a four-week strike.

The Union sued in a California court to collect the fine and was awarded a judgment of \$528 including costs against the worker. During the time he crossed the picket line, the member earned a net of \$511.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, a union member clearly is given the right not to engage in concerted activities such as strikes. To my mind, the Supreme Court should have read the Taft-Hartley Act exactly as it is written and outlawed the use of union fines.

However, the Supreme Court ruled in the Allis-Chalmers case that fines are internal union affairs and thus are not governed by the provisions of Taft-Hartley.

Under this interpretation, — Turn To Page Three

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

1. Thou shalt not leave Christ out of Christmas, making it "Xmas" for this is the sign that thou art lax minded and spiritually listless. To most minds "X" stands not for Christ, but for the algebraic unknown.
2. Thou shalt not value thy gifts by their cost for verily many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.
3. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gifts. Thy love, thy personality and thy service shall increase the value of thy gift an hundred fold and he that receiveth it shall treasure it forever.
4. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ. In many homes Santa Claus supersedes the Christ Child and Christmas becomes a fairy tale rather than a sublime reality in the spiritual realm.
5. Thou shalt not burden thy servant. The shop girl and mail carrier and the merchant should have thy consideration.
6. Thou shalt not neglect thy church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualize the Christmas season for thee, thy child and thy household. REMEMBER THE CHURCH IS A SYMBOL OF WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR IN THIS WAR.
7. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and shiver with cold unless thou art generous in their time of want.
8. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child; not until thou hast become in spirit even as a little child art thou ready to enter into the kingdom of Heaven.
9. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. For verily most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready but few seconds in preparing our souls.
10. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let thy Christmas list have Christ at the top and thy heart as the gift. For in so doing thou art as the Wise Men of old, and verily thou shalt find thyself born again on Christmas Day.

Each year we publish the above at the beginning of the Christmas season as an assist in preparation for this great festival. We found them a number of years ago in the Gleaner Magazine.

Dr. Spough's biography, "The Boy, the Man, the Bishop" will be out about Dec. 15th.

Contact your local bookstore.

## EDITORIAL PAGE

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 1, 1970

Mr. Ralph Moyle, Supervisor  
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Subject: Jackson County - Whitewater Falls-Visitor Development.  
Dear Mr. Moyle:

When I was a young boy I helped my Father drive sheep on the "Old Road" that passed by Whitewater Falls. I would peep through the rhododendron and take a quick look at the water rushing down the mountain side. I was not aware at that time that I was looking at the highest water falls in EASTERN AMERICA. Forty years later and after many "world renown picnics" to promote a new road and after contracts totaling \$1,743,575.00 have been let for the road, Whitewater Falls can not safely be visited. So called road progress has made it virtually impossible to view the Falls. In fact, a person would need a "seeing eye dog", a pair of high top, steel toed boots and two walking sticks in order to be half way safe in trying to see one of NATURE'S WONDERS.

I am aware that some road construction is still under way and more is planned, but construction in and around the Falls has been completed for two years. Also, I am aware that since this is Forest Service land that you people have plans to develop the parking and visiting areas. People from all over are becoming very critical and rightly so, about the poor walking and viewing conditions. Lets give Whitewater Falls back to the people. One of our prominent T.V. stations "signs off" every night showing Whitewater Falls and I am grateful to them because this is the only safe way now.

Your interest will be appreciated by our State, our Conservation and Development Department, our Highway Commission and the tourist industry in both North and South Carolina.

Sincerely yours,  
E. J. Whitmire  
Commissioner, 14th Division  
State Highway Commission

### Pick of the Press

## Out Of Fashion Today

(From The National Observer) . . .

George Blanda and J. C. Penney have something important in common. They have long since passed the normal retirement ages for their respective trades and yet both remain active indeed.

Mr. Blanda is the backup quarterback of the Oakland Raiders who, at age 43, is having his greatest season passing for touchdowns and kicking winning field goals in the final seconds. He is an inspiration not only to his team but to the millions of 40-ish males who have secretly believed they could perform the same heroics.

Mr. Penney is the founder of the variety chain that bears his name, and, at 85, he still goes to the office five days a week. His career would seem to refute the notion that people are automatically ready for the pasture at a particular age.

Nevertheless we must face the truth. Messrs. Blanda and Penney are extraordinary individuals. Precious few souls of their

ages could handle their respective schedules.

And yet it is unlikely that such men remain in the middle of things because of happy chance. In fact both quarterback and retailer have endured setbacks that would have discouraged other men. Mr. Penney attributes his prolonged success to pluck, not luck. And Mr. Blanda last week told our Mr. Peterson the same thing in different words.

"I love the game," he said. "I love playing and winning."

Pluck. Playing and winning. Such thoughts are out of fashion today; they have been replaced by convoluted attitudes stressing less individual responsibility and more reliance on paternal institutions. The old virtues have been stomped on by a new enlightenment that, in the end, is indistinguishable from a simple surrender of spirit.

The old virtues have an unctuous ring and so are rarely recited. Yet how well they work.

### Guest Column

## Worth Re-Peating

By W. Lee Prince  
(Seneca Journal)

Dr. Russell McIntire of Clinton, Mississippi, tells the following story:

My old college dean used to start every school year off with a chapel talk entitled: "Attitude Depends on Altitude." He illustrated his point with a personal experience.

As a younger man he had gone on a tour of the western states with a group of school teachers. On the return trip they came to Colorado and visited Pike's Peak. Part of the way to the top could be driven, but the last few hundred feet had to be walked. Two women in the tour complained all of the time about having to walk so far. The others encouraged them as best they could, saying that the sunset and view from that high peak were well worth the climb. The two women remained unconvinced, however, and finally stopped and sat down at a little resting place, and the others went on to the top without them. When the group returned from the peak, filled at what they had seen, the women were still complaining. When they heard how beautiful it was at the top, and what they had missed, they then went the rest of

the trip bemoaning the fact that they had not gone on to the top. Dean Pike would then lean over the speaker's stand and say, "Young people, your attitude determines your altitude in life!"

Think for a moment. Your attitude toward all of life is exceedingly important. Your attitude about your potential, your health, your family, your job, and your future will determine much of your success and happiness in life. And your attitude toward the setbacks, the rough times in life are so important. So many things can and do happen to change your plans and alter all of our life. What then? Your attitude is the difference between bitterness and victory.

An attractive girl stopped beside the bed of a stonedeaf war victim. The youngster talked, and the visitor scribbled answers on the pad. Before the interview was over the young man, who was terribly discouraged, said, "Won't you come again to see me? It's awful not knowing what people around you are saying."

"Oh," wrote the girl on the pad. "I don't know that it is so awful, I'm as deaf as you. Why don't you learn to read lips as I have been reading yours?"

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