

# Boy Scouts' Soar

Paradoxically, as concern for the environment increases, roadside litter and individual slovenliness seem to have become evermore prevalent. The current crop of adults is apparently destined to go down as the worst generation of litterbugs in history — unless the younger generation can shame them into changing their ways.

One important group among the younger generation, The Boy Scouts of America — all 6 million of them — will be out in force on June 5th in observation of "Scouting Keep America Beautiful Day." The 6 million Boy Scouts will engage in a gigantic litter clean-up operation to focus public attention on the tremendous proportions of the problem. Hundreds of thousands of people in other organizations — industrial, conservation, and govern-

mental agencies — have pledged their active support. They will make a point in their litter collection of separating from the trash such items as glass, aluminum, steel and newsprint that can be reused and thus reduce the drain on natural resources used in making manufactured products.

The June 5th litter clean-up campaign of the Scouts is called, "Save Our American Resources" — or SOAR. In making their project a success, the Scouts are asking everyone to join in their effort to further the cause of litter prevention, waste disposal and recycling of used products. It is a cheering thought to realize that what fines and laws are unable to force in the way of litter prevention, the Boy Scouts may help accomplish through example and education.

## Summertime

Only a very stodgy adult with a very short memory can fail to have a feeling of kinship with the young people of the nation now looking forward to the eminent closure of school for the Summer. There is something timeless about the joyous freedom of the first days of Summer Vacation.

American youngsters are doubly blessed. In spite of all the clamor and confusion over what is being done wrong in this country, we still have a great land. And millions of youngsters will see it this Summer as they travel with their parents — camping, fishing or just looking. Freedom from the discipline of the schoolroom will give millions of youngsters a chance to realize, along with their folks, that there are still wide open spaces, still plenty of blue sky and quite a few unpolluted streams and lakes, as well as

mountains and forests. And then in thousands of communities across the country, there is the tranquility of the family backyard, and perhaps even an old-fashioned hammock under a shade tree.

Incidentally, as we really begin to appreciate the good Earth of these United States in the early days of Summer, it is well to remember that June 14th is Flag Day. A little show of patriotism never hurt anyone. Displaying our Flag on appropriate occasions such as Flag Day is one way in which we can express our awareness of the many freedoms and privileges that we all enjoy in greater measure than most of us ever realize. Freedom from the schoolroom may be short-lived, but our other freedoms, as symbolized by our Flag, can be perpetual if we value them and guard them well.

## With A Grain Of Salt

Nearly everyone knows what it is like to pay interest on debt. Nearly every family makes interest-bearing payments on a car, on a home or some other item. No one escapes the necessity of paying interest when they borrow money. It is the wage that money earns for people who have savings to invest.

Even government pays interest on money it borrows from its citizens. At the close of the federal government's fiscal year last June 30, 1970, the federal government owed its citizens the incompre-

hensible sum of \$383,427,640,000. The interest on that debt last year cost the federal government over \$19 billion — more than the total expenses of the federal government for the first 117 years of our history. It was also more than the total federal budget for any single year until 1942. The next time someone tells you government debt means nothing because we owe it to ourselves, take it with a couple of grains of salt. Only the bankrupt fail to pay their obligations — including interest.

## Tell Your Congressman!

The federal government collects \$1,117 in taxes from the average family with a \$10,000 annual income. Under President Nixon's proposed budget for the 1972 fiscal year, this money would be spent as follows: \$371.80 for national defense, including the Indochina war;

social security, \$291.50; \$41.80 for education and man power training programs; \$77 for hospitals, medical research, Medicaid, Medicare, and public health services; veterans' benefits, \$50.60; pollution control, \$20.90; agriculture and rural development, \$27.50; commerce and

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brevard, N. C.  
May 29, 1971

Mr. John Anderson, Editor  
The Transylvania Times  
Brevard, N. C.

Dear Mr. Anderson:  
Considerable comment has been stirred up by the publication of our statistics on drug abuse among Brevard High School students. The statistics were compiled by one of our committee members from tabulated information supplied by students who were either using drugs or had been using drugs. We believe that the statistics are reasonably accurate and provide a more honest picture of the drug situation here in Brevard than any other information or opinions available.

Although we are satisfied that these statistics are more reliable than the various opinions of ministers, parents, teachers and others, the purpose of our committee is not to defend the accuracy of these figures, but rather to help our students have a more wholesome community to grow up in — one free of drug abuse and court politics.

Respectfully yours,  
Bill Leonard, Temporary Chairman  
Transylvania Committee for the  
Prevention of Drug Abuse

May 28, 1971

Dear Sir:  
ATTENTION: Young ladies of  
Rosman High

Concerning your letter of May 27th, we too resent the implication that we are all involved in the use of drugs. We also resent your implication that we are all involved. Just as the authors of the first article we're not familiar with the situation at Rosman High, you are not familiar with the situation at Brevard High. We also feel that you are in no position to judge our morals simply due to the fact that you are nine miles away physically.

Quote, "Please do not fall guilty to the old axiom of guilt by association" unquote.

Sincerely yours,  
Janie Whitaker  
Rosie Anderson  
Mark McGuire  
Lynn Baynard  
Beth Mooney  
Don Brookshire

## Pick of the Press

### 'Save The Boys From Drugs'

(Smithfield Herald)  
A new clamor for ending the war in Vietnam may soon be heard around the country. It could prod the Nixon administration into speeding up withdrawal of U. S. troops from the war zone, succeeding where rowdy anti-war demonstrations have failed.

The emerging anti-war slogan may be: "Bring the boys home and save them from drugs."

Congressman Robert Steele, a Connecticut Republican, went to Vietnam to study first hand the use of drugs among U. S. soldiers. The word he brought back to America is that marijuana is widely used in Vietnam and that 50 per cent of the marijuana users in Vietnam have moved on

(Editor's Note: Letters must be brief, signed, typed or written legibly on one side of paper. We reserve the right to reject, edit, or condense. Letters should be received by The Times by Monday mornings.)

Route 3,  
Brevard, N. C.  
May 24, 1971

Mr. John I. Anderson  
Editor, The Transylvania Times  
Brevard, N. C. 28712

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am a rising Senior at Brevard High School and am writing in regard to the article in the paper entitled "Drugs Are Used In Transylvania Schools". You said in the Editor's note that you made no verification as to the accuracy of the "shocking" information. I can not even begin to understand why such slanderous accusations were printed in our newspaper, which is supposed to represent the entire county. Therefore, I think it only fair to submit my feelings, as well as those of many students and faculty members of BHS, to the "Times" for publication.

The article made it seem as though the school, or rather, the educational system, were at fault for the use of drugs in Transylvania County. People tend to accept this idea rather than admit that many times the problem stems from the home. It is much easier for parents to place the blame on "the school" instead of coming to the realization that perhaps they were at fault, or at least that they must share in the blame. When people begin to feel this way, it gives our school (which we are, by the way, proud of) a bad name.

I wonder where the statistics came from? Surely not from the students. I doubt if any member of any class can name over 15 people, if that many, in this entire county who are on drugs. How can that add up to 28% of the 10th graders; 39% of 11th graders; and 41% of the Seniors who are supposedly continual users? I was both hurt and angered when I read these figures. It means that I could be "on file" as a drug user or as one of the 11 high school girls who "have been selling themselves for illegal drugs and/or narcotics, because of lack of money to purchase the same." I have a friend who uses drugs and I am not personally involved with drugs. According to the article, my parents can "bet their last dollar that this is a lie." Fortunately, my mother and father have more faith in me than they do in newspaper articles written about me. I say about —  
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NEW OFFENSIVE



SENATOR

## SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★

WASHINGTON — The dollar crisis which occurred in Europe earlier this month raises anew the problem of fiscal responsibility on the part of the Federal Government and what we ought to do about it.

No nation on earth needs to take a harder look at its financial obligations than this country. According to the best estimates available, there is a strong possibility that the Federal Government will incur deficits aggregating \$53 billion for the fiscal years 1971 and 1972 under a long-time budget concept that prevailed until recently. This concept excluded revenues and borrowings from trust accounts to arrive at the annual surplus or deficit. Moreover, the Treasury now owes nearly \$400 billion. Interest on the national debt alone now totals more than \$22 billion annually. Further complicating our monetary affairs, since World War II we as a nation have given away, loaned, and invested more dollars overseas than have returned to this country. These are the basic causes of the latest attack on the dollar.

During this era, we have often been told by our economic advisers that "there is nothing to worry about." Often, they have come up with figures that seemed to reveal that a deficit was really a surplus by excluding items like foreign aid payments, monies to support military forces, and appropriate

tions for surplus agricultural products given away overseas under Public Law 480.

On May 10th, the hard realities were with us again. The German mark was revalued. In swift order, the Dutch guilder, the Swiss franc, and the Austrian schilling also went up in value as compared with the dollar.

The consequences of these actions may curtail for a time the import of goods into this country and may revive some American exports overseas. But the fact is that the dollar continues to be in trouble because this nation simply refuses to put its financial house in order.

One of the focal points of this issue came up last week when Senator Mansfield offered an amendment to reduce the number of American troops stationed in Europe because our NAT Oallies are refusing to pay their equitable share of the costs involved. In the background of this amendment was the dollar crisis. For some years now, we have maintained about 300,000 U. S. troops and about 200,000 of their dependents. This has resulted in vast sums of American dollars being transferred to Europe without a consequent inflow of European currencies to this country. Senator Mansfield has been pleading with the Administration for years to reduce the number of American —  
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## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



"Let your words be tender and sweet, for some day you may have them to eat". This old copy book maxim brings to mind the Biblical admonition, "let everyman be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath (James 1:19). The re-reminder of a story which Charlotte News editor, Perry Morgan, quotes from Carolina Country of a truck driver who had stopped for refreshment at a roadside restaurant. "Three motorcycleists, bearded, leather-jacketed, filthy, with swastikas adorning chests and helmets" ganged-up to pick on him.

"For no reason at all they poured pepper over the truck driver's head, stole his apple pie, upset his cup of coffee. The truck driver never said a word — just rose, paid his check and exited."

"That palooka sure ain't much of a fighter", sneered one of the cyclist. The man behind the counter, peering out into the night added: "He ain't much of a driver either. He just ran his truck over three motorcycles."

In turn this brings to mind a personal experience, related to me by a friend of mine, an able businessman from Charlotte who received a peppery letter complaining with acidity and vehemence of the quality of some equipment they had just received from him saying it would be returned and pronto.

My friend was so infuriated that he grabbed his overnight bag, leaped into his automobile and set out for the office in Philadelphia of his infuriated customer. He reached Philadelphia after closing hours and had to put up in a hotel for the night. My friend who keeps a Bible on his desk at all times, picked up the motel Bible in the morning and let it fall open by chance. Staring at him from the printed page was an admonition from the Book of Proverbs, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge right: but the mouth of the fool pours out foolishness." (Proverb 15).

By the time he reached his customer's office the Biblical admonition so changed his attitude that he not only persuaded his customer to keep the equipment he had, but sold him another order.

A wise saying from an unknown writer reads, "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad"

When we get all steamed up by the actions or conversation of another, the better part of wisdom is to use that steam for something worthwhile and constructive than by saying things which you later wish you could take back and keep.

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## Guest Column

### Doughton Home Sold

By - ROB RIVERS  
(Watauga Democrat)  
Boone

The Robert L. Doughton home at Laurel Springs went under the auctioneer's hammer Saturday morning and a nephew bid off the three-story structure for \$12,500 . . . . Reba, the sole survivor of the immediate Doughton family, had lived at the old place most of the time until she moved to Charlotte three years ago . . . . During her ab-

sence the home of the former Congressman had been burglarized, sacked and pillaged . . . . Most of the antique furniture had been carted away, cherished pictures of colleagues of Doughton in Congress had been broken and scattered, a safe looted, windows smashed, draperies yanked off, locks broken, trunks and suitcases and scrapbooks rifled . . . . A completely furnished home was barren, except for the piles of scrap and debris . . . . A room in the old home had been made to resemble the veteran lawmaker's office in Washington with cherished autographed pictures of many leaders on the walls . . . . In the rubble someone noted the big black Stetson hat, familiar to so many — size 8 — and there was a size 15 shoe, grimly reminding of the big tracks he made in the national legislature . . . . Happily, his most valuable papers, including letters are preserved at the University of North Carolina . . . . There is a personal letter from General Robert E. Lee for whom Bob Doughton was named, addressed to his father, Captain Horton Doughton, who followed the Confederate General throughout the Civil War . . . . Those of us who had been close to Doughton in the years past, who had known him as a personal friend, a brilliant member of the house and who had enjoyed his hospitality are particularly saddened that the Doughton house had been so desecrated.

transportation programs, \$52.80; community development, urban renewal and housing programs, \$22; foreign aid and loans, \$19.80; space, research and technology, \$15.40; general government expenses, \$24.20; revenue sharing (if adopted) and related programs, \$23.60; interest on the national debt, \$94.60. Out of each 8-hour working day, the typical taxpayer, upon which these figures are based, toils for 2 hours and 43 minutes to pay his federal taxes. Maybe you can think of some better ways to spend your money. Tell your Congressman!