

Labor Day 1971

We are about to observe another three-day weekend. On the last one, Independence Day, 636 persons were killed on the highways. By comparison, during the same week, 29 U. S. soldiers were killed in battle in Vietnam.

The war is coming to an end, but there seems to be no end in sight for senseless highway slaughter.

Many lives could be saved if motorists took the simple precaution of being certain their automobiles were

functioning properly before leaving home. Others could be saved by using the safety belts provided by all manufacturers. And still more could be saved if that "one for the road" was made from a recipe of three parts of caution mixed with one part of common sense.

If you are driving over the Labor Day weekend, we want you to have a pleasant holiday and to see you and your family back home safely. Drive defensively and, if in doubt about safety, don't drive.

We Don't Have To Be Convinced

Our attention has been called, by several people, to a full-page feature in THE GREENVILLE NEWS of Sunday, August 8th. The subject is the controversial one of the Upper French Broad Economic Development Commission's (UFBEDC) and the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) plans for 14 dams in Transylvania, Henderson and Buncombe counties.

The writer, with, it seems to us, somewhat heavy-handed humor, characterized the opposition to the TVA plans as "Angry Carolina Farmers," and the force in favor as "Washington." Neither, as we in Western North Carolina know, is correct. There are farmers in favor of the dams and officials against them. He repeats a "half-serious joke" about moving Rosman, "lock, stock and barrel," that falls pretty flat with people when you're talking about their home.

But it does not appear to us that John McLean of THE GREENVILLE NEWS had any malice aforethought when he wrote his — we think — well-written feature. He is guilty of over simplification and perhaps a little misguided humor, but nothing more. His writeup is interest-

ing and probably sufficient for unconcerned, casual readers; but it is totally meatless for the people most concerned.

As for the basic argument between TVA and the organized opposition to the dams, the Upper French Broad Defense Association (UFBDA), we have tried to tell both sides of the story in this newspaper. Although we have been and intend to continue to be basically in support of the legal activities of elected and duly constituted authority, we recognize the fact that there are two sides to any argument. It is our intention to present fairly any information we have or might come by whether it be for or against the TVA plan. We believe that, whatever the final decision, Transylvania and all of the Upper French Broad will be better off for the light of publicity on as many facts as possible on both sides of the argument.

We renew our offer to both sides to publish, within our best editorial judgment and space limitations, facts either or both may provide or assist us in procuring. We do not have to be convinced as to the right of either side to do what is nothing more than the duty of a responsible newspaper.

Delays Strain Taxpayer

Federal red-tape causes inexcusable delays in projects costing the taxpayers billions of dollars.

The recent hearing of the House Public Works Subcommittee spotlighted a few examples.

While private industry takes about two years to design and construct an office building, it takes the Government almost five. According to a government expert, this increases the cost by 35 per cent.

The ever-lengthening delays in the Interstate Highway System construction have added 12 billion dollars to the cost.

A federal "quick reference" form

for listing information on the "environmental impact" of a project to be answered by the project sponsor has 8,800 small squares.

Now it requires 15 years to plan and construct an average water-shed protection project compared to 9 years in 1963.

In summing up, Committee Chairman Rep. James C. (Jim) Wright, Jr. (D-Tex.) says, "These hearings have demonstrated that red tape can be a sieve through which escape much of the benefits intended by a program and much of the taxpayers' hard earned money."

Congress should stem this waste of manpower and money!



SENATOR

SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★

WASHINGTON — The battle over military spending may become one of the most crucial issues confronting the country in the immediate years ahead.

The economic crisis confronting the nation and dwindling support of defense budgets have amplified the problem of national security in the 1970's. The question is not over padded military budgets which ought to be deflated — there is general agreement on that. Instead, it is how to maintain our strength as a first-rate military power in the face of all our other problems at home and abroad. Unfortunately, until a few days ago, the subject got less attention than it deserved, and it took a British publication, Jane's Fighting Ships, an authoritative source of naval strengths, to put the matter in understandable terms.

In blunt fashion, Jane's said: The Soviet fleet now represents the super navy of a super power.

While — The size and relative capabilities of the U. S. Navy continue to decline as many authorities consider to be an alarming rate.

What brought this decline in our naval strength is said to be this. After the Cuban missile crisis, the Soviets determined that they would be caught short again due to lack of naval power. When the Cuban crisis oc-

curring, it was the strength of the U. S. Navy that dictated that they should remove their missiles from that island.

In the nine years since, we have paid less attention to the modernization of our Navy than the Soviets have to theirs. The respected Brookings Institution recently concluded that "there will be 331 ships out of a total 789 ships in the (U. S.) Navy, thirty years old or older in 1980." Brookings then describes the enormity of the task of updating our fleet in this graphic statement: "If modernization is to be completed by then, either these ships will have to be replaced or force levels will have to be reduced. If they are all to be replaced, on a one-for-one basis, more than 60 ships would have to be funded each year for the next five years or so." I would add that in the last three fiscal years, the Federal Budget has provided only enough funds for the construction of 30 new ships, or one-half the annual rate deemed necessary by this study.

Our submarines and their missiles have provided us with a first line defense against nuclear warfare in recent years. The Soviets now threaten this security barrier with an immense new submarine force which travels the seas round the clock.

Last September, President Nixon's Blue Ribbon Defense — Turn to Page Eight

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

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Doing a good turn gets its reward. Sometimes it is a bit late incoming. An instance of this happened recently to me. I was eating dinner in a restaurant with my wife. A man, whom I did not recognize, came up to me and introduced himself and expressed appreciation of the Everyday Counselor column. While this is a rather frequent experience, in this instance it was particularly notable. In introducing himself, the man said that he was a resident of Spartanburg, S. C. and that some 15 years ago, he read about the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and had written to me for literature which I supplied. As a result, he said, he had joined Alcoholics Anonymous, had broken his habit of alcohol addiction, and had maintained a record of sobriety for more than 15 years. I was so delighted that I forgot to get his name and address. Should he read this and write me, I will send him an autographed copy of my recently published biography.

It took 15 years for that good turn to pay off. But I assure you it was the finest thing that had happened to me in a long time. You never know when a good turn will pay off.

The Bible in Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Later St. Luke reports Jesus as saying (Luke 6:38) "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Life is not like a soft drink dispensing machine where you put in your money and out pops a bottle or can immediately. When you put into life a good turn, it may be years later before the investment pays off. The secret is that when we keep putting good turns into life, there is a continuous flow of rewards coming to the investor.

I have been writing the Everyday Counselor column for 38 years. I have been sharing the gospel in everyday living with millions. The rewards have multiplied over the years. My study is filled with the greatest variety of gifts and objects presented to me by grateful readers. My "appreciation" file is filled with hundreds of letters.

I've had a wonderful time in doing this. I recommend this to you that's true. You may not write a newspaper column, but you have encountered many people during the years of your life. Try to follow the Boy Scout Law of the daily good turn. It will pay off wonderfully.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Guest Column

Daily Devotionals

(Editor's note: The following is the second of a five-part series which will appear as Guest Columns. These are taken from the September - October, 1971, issue of "These Days", a magazine published by the Presbyterian and United Church of Christ. They were written by the Rev. G. Daniel McCall, formerly the pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church.)

Friday, September 17

Read Philippians 2: 14

Joy In Christian Unity

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2

Our natural human oneness, disharmony, and disunity are always threats to the church. Paul recognized this danger in the Philippian congregation, and warned against "selfishness and conceit."

"Complete my joy," Paul exhorted them, "by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." His appeal echoes the plea of Jesus in his "great high priestly prayer" preserved in the Gospel of John. For those who believe in him Jesus prayed "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

In our own day, when divisive spirits continue to threaten, Paul's words challenge us to uphold and work for the unity of Christ's church. We may do so confidently with the belief that our reconciling efforts will complete also the Lord's joy!

PRAYER: "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith . . ." (From a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.) Amen.

Saturday, September 18

Read Philippians 2: 1-11

Joy In Christ's Disposition

Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

Within this passage is not only an ideal for personal faith that we can treasure, but a level of Christian disposition to which we can aspire. Paul writes, "Have this mind among yourselves."

Paul is pleading for harmony and unity. He urges the Philippians to rise above their personal interests and ambitions, to resist their inclinations to pride, and to aspire to humble, selfless service for the sake of the gospel.

Are we today sometimes as divisive in spirit as the Philippian Christians? Is the church today impeded in her mission because we tend to become preoccupied with our narrow interests?

There is for us, as for the Philippians, the example of Christ's own disposition. In his earthly life Jesus exhibited remarkable selflessness; he was a man for others. Back of this, however, lay the eternal selflessness of the Son of God who "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant . . ." When we through faith aspire to a spirit like his, we will experience more of the joys of discipleship.

PRAYER: We pray thee, Father, to work within our hearts a temper of spirit that becomes the followers of Christ! Amen.

Pick Of The Press

It's All In The Way You Look At It!

(Published by The Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company)

You may have read this anonymously-written piece before. If so, maybe you'll enjoy re-reading it. If you haven't read it, we're sure it will make a valid point or two.

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs.

He was hard of hearing so he had no radio.

He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers.

But he sold good hot dogs.

He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were.

He stood on the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mister!"

And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders.

He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade.

He finally got his son home from col-

lege to help him out.

But then something happened.

His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio?"

Haven't you been reading the newspapers?

There's a big depression.

The European situation is terrible.

The domestic situation is worse."

Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know."

So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs.

And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You're right son," the father said to the boy.

"We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

A Matter Of Attitude

(Industrial News Review Digest)

Your attitude toward many events which affect your life determines the extent of both success and happiness. A failure to one person may be a success to another—it is all a matter of attitude. The answers to the following questions tell why.

Are you Lucky? Luck is what happens when effort and opportunity meet.

Are you Courageous? Courage is not freedom from fear; it is being afraid and going on.

Are you Doubtful? When there is doubt, supplant it with action.

Are you Happy? Some act as though

comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life. All we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

Are you Lazy? Some folks never travel far enough to reach a destination because they plan their course by lassitude and loungitude!

Are you Optimistic? The same rain that saves the optimist's lawn, makes the pessimist's weeds grow faster.

Are you Positive? Positive anything is better than negative nothing.

Are you Miraculous? Miracles sometimes occur, but one has to work terribly hard for them.

Sportsmanship Counts Most

(Allegheny News)

Now that schools are getting underway again, it is well to remember that one of the most valuable lessons to be learned concerns sportsmanship.

In the past we have reasons to be proud of the sportsmanship shown by teams from Ashe and Allegheny. We hope these fine counties will continue to show real sportsmanship.

To get the most out of an athletic program, those who participate in it, must put forth their best efforts, be fair and display only the highest type of sportsmanship. Fail-

ure to do this means they are also failing to get the most out of the participation. Let's continue to be good sports, good losers and friendly pleasant winners, who do not try to lord it over those whom we have defeated.

It is often the expressed wish of the fans that the best man or team win. But how often do we see the lesser skilled teams get the breaks and come out on top. No matter who wins or loses, let's continue to be good sports.

Students who learn good sportsmanship find that it will be a part of their character the rest of their lives.

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