

Times Wins Press Award

Of the many non-daily newspapers in North Carolina, only a handful won prizes in the annual Press Contest of the North Carolina Press Association during 1971. The Transylvania Times was awarded third prize for spot news reporting, and we made good showings in the other divisions.

The awards were made last Thursday night by Governor Bob Scott at the annual Awards Banquet at Chapel Hill.

The Times has now won 41 top awards, both state and national, during the past 29 years.

We are especially happy to win prizes in news reporting.

The first responsibility of a newspaper is to gather, prepare and disseminate all the news on and un-

biased, accurate basis, without fear or favor.

While each member of the staff of The Transylvania Times is naturally quite gratified that we are again recognized by outside judges as producers of a top-flight newspaper, we feel no sense of gloating nor any tendency to complacency.

Rather do we consider the latest award as a challenge to continue to publish the best and most - modern weekly newspaper possible.

The award received by The Times is a compliment to the staff, and more particularly, it is a result of the fine cooperation and support of our readers, our advertisers, our correspondents and the citizens generally of Brevard and Transylvania county.

Groundhog Day

For those who are not ready to accept the judgment of weather satellites and all the other scientific paraphernalia of projecting the weather, that time-honored prophet of the elements — the groundhog — will soon make his appearance. February 2nd is the critical day.

If the old fellow sees his shadow, he goes underground for six more weeks of winter. Whether the groundhog's performance has ever been studied officially by a government body is unknown, and it would probably make very little difference to the groundhog and his faithful followers if it had.

Groundhog Day is one of those

rites that demonstrate the essential simplicity of human nature — a simplicity that instinctively rebels when confronted with the enigma of the scientific answer. Most of us are happy with the groundhog's way of doing business, but somehow we have to find room in our minds to accommodate knowledge that will forever be beyond the reach of the poor old groundhog.

Just as a precaution, however, it might be a good idea to see how the groundhog fares with his shadow on February 2nd. It always pays to be on the safe side.

An Illogical Tax Measurement

There has appeared in the Congressional Record some figures from a report by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress showing that some oil companies spend more on national advertising than they do on federal income taxes.

The companies listed spent \$600,347,000 on taxes and \$48,119,199 on national advertising. Two of the companies, spent \$9,728,000 on taxes and \$22,021,841 on advertising. The implication is that those spending more on advertising than taxes were somehow guilty of wrongdoing—which is silly.

It is a logical supposition that certain companies, in seeking to build up sales in a highly competitive enterprise, would spend more for advertising than they pay in federal taxes. It is not yet unlawful for the management and stockholders to spend more to build business than the enterprise pays in taxes, even at the risk of loss. The oil industry is one of the nation's heaviest taxpayers,

in some states up to 50 per cent of the retail price of gasoline is taken in taxes by government.

Let us hope there is no new plan to limit advertising expenditures of free enterprise that could conceivably dry up profits, jobs and income taxes to support government.

Paraphraphics . . .

The fellow said his wife is an angel — always up in the air about something.

A baby girl is a frail craft on the sea of life—and the older she gets, the craftier she becomes.

There is no such thing as an unhappy marriage — it's the living together afterward that causes the trouble.

Matrimony was probably the first union to defy management.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★

WASHINGTON — The 92nd Congress, which convened for the second session last week will consider many of the old issues in a variety of new forms. Much of the unfinished business as usual, relates to proposals to expand the powers of the Federal Government and most of these measures would also require some increase in funds to finance the new programs.

At least three of President Nixon's top priority legislative goals — welfare assistance guarantees, revenue sharing, and a modified national health insurance plan — would channel large sums of Federal monies in new directions. Whatever the fate of these bills, and each of them encountered opposition at the last session, it is already clear that social-welfare constitutes the most expansive segment of the Federal budget. It is not very likely that there will be any change in this trend at this session of the Congress.

Moreover, there is much evidence that Congress will devote a major share of its energies to the consideration of bills which will, if adopted, expand the powers of the Federal Government. Measures incorporating a variety of consumer protections, a comprehensive plan to shift the insurance industry over to national no-fault coverage of automobile damage claims, and legislation to expand the powers of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission suggest the range of resolutions of this nature.

Almost at the outset of this session, the Senate will consider the proposal to grant the EEOC the power to issue "cease and desist" decrees against businesses who are alleged to hire or fire employees on account of racial bias. I oppose this bill because I think that when we lessen the ability of an employer to choose his employees we also lessen his ability to make the decisions which will enable him to compete in an intensely competitive world.

market. Our industrial base is under serious challenge and last year for the first time since 1893 this nation incurred an overall trade deficit (exports versus imports). When we delve into causes, we find that virtually every business in our land now receives a vast amount of unsolicited advice from Federal bureaucrats, and, in my judgment, laws which rob businessmen of their decision-making power are already having a serious effect upon the vitality of many American firms.

Congress is also likely to get new requests for Federal monies to bolster various industries such as our railroads. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, a Federal agency, is expected to ask for new moneys to keep the AMTRAK system alive. A major bill to aid the entire transportation industry with Federal financing is being studied in the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

The water-pollution control bill which won Senate passage at the last session has yet to receive House approval. The Administration is seeking some changes in that measure, but the prospect is that some new legislation clamping down on water pollution will be approved before the year ends.

Inflation and unemployment will continue to be issues, but it is uncertain as to what specific legislation they will trigger. Congress with its last session approval of Presidential authority to control wages and prices may let the matter rest with that effort. However since this is a Presidential election year, there may be a push to bring out a minimum wage bill.

Congress will also wrestle with another increase in Federal expenditures, and there is already the prospect that the President will propose new taxes to provide additional revenues.

All this adds up to the prospect of a busy session.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(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.)

January 20, 1972
Mr. John Anderson, Editor
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Dear Mr. Anderson,
We the residents of See Off Community are concerned about the overcrowded bus situation, also with Mrs. Jane Evett's letter recently. It seems the solution to this problem is taking students off of one bus and putting them on another. This has happened to us. We have 42 students in the community who ride our bus. This does not include students outside of our community. Now it seems that we have 15 more riders which brings the total on our 14 year old bus to 90.

If any of our readers have driven on highway 276 between 7 and 8 in the morning they know the driving condition: Fog, plant workers, transfer trucks, curves with gullies on one side and banks on the other, to name just a few. With that many children on the bus, I wonder how many readers will feel as we do? That IS something to worry about.

The school day is a long day for children, especially those in the lower grades. All of us realize this, but what about when you have to get your child up to catch the bus on half hour earlier in order to get a seat. Some parents do this now so the child won't have to stand 7 to 10 miles to school, holding on to books, lunch and trying to keep from falling. I wonder if you can imagine what happens sometimes?

We agree with the Cedar Mtn. Community that something needs to be done about the overcrowded busses of our area. But not the solution that has been chosen by those in authority.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Melvin Tinsley
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January 19, 1972
Mr. John Anderson, Editor
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Dear Mr. Anderson:
Before I get to my subject matter, I would like to thank Mrs. Jane Evett for expressing her opinion about the school bus situation and about busing in general. I agree with her very much, because while I was going to school I rode the bus many

times and know what it's like. My parents felt the same way when we rode the bus. I'm sure that you and all of the citizens of Transylvania County are aware of the beer commercials on television and radio, and that the Scouts and their leaders go around and pick up trash — including beer cans for roadside judging. Think of how that's influencing the people — including the children!

Beer commercials should be "cut out" completely, except those that show the harmful effects of drinking and the consequences involved.

The Bible says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." — Proverbs 20:1.

Jesus said: "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that ruler servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to fight with his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." — Matthew 24:45-51.

I Thessalonians 5:6-7 says: "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that are drunken are drunken in the night."

I believe in participating in the community, but, I don't believe that we should put the Scouts and Scout leaders out to pick up beer cans. If they do, they ought to dump them out in front of those people's yards and in front of those stores that I mentioned before, or, why don't we get those welfare people out to pick up trash instead of the Scouts?

You know that commercial that says, "Let Dumps Be Eliminated"? There should be several that says, "Drinking Is Immoral", "Tune Off Drinking — Tune In To Christ", or, "Keep America Beautiful — Let Drinking Be Eliminated!"

Sincerely yours,
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THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



My wife is of great assistance to me in writing this column. A careful reader of newspaper's and magazines, she clips stories for me which she thinks will offer the basis for a column. She understands my thinking processes and keeps me well supplied with clippings, many of which appear in this column.

I have before me now a newspaper clipping of an Associated Press dispatch from Omaha, about the relative value of shower baths and tub baths. She received considerable satisfaction in placing this story on my desk, as she is a devotee of tub baths, while I prefer showers.

Sometime ago, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, chairman of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at New York University, told a University of Nebraska Medical College audience that it takes four times as much energy to take a shower as a bath. He also confirmed something many a bed-ridden patient has suspected: It requires twice as much energy to use a bed pan as it does to walk to a bathroom.

Dr. Rusk told his audience that one way the two million Americans crippled by heart disease can conserve their over-taxed hearts is by taking a bath instead of a shower.

All of this has to do with conserving physical energy. But far more of us get into trouble by extensive use of nervous energy than we do with physical energy. Excessive worry incapacitates far more people than excessive physical work. Nervous exhaustion is far more dangerous than physical exhaustion. Nature has a way of compensating for physical overwork by natural sleep. But the victim of nervous exhaustion finds sleep very difficult and usually has to call in the services of a physician in order to be able to sleep.

If it is important for one suffering from heart disease to conserve his energy by changing from a shower to a tub, how much more important it is for him to conserve his nervous energy by cleaning up his thinking.

If he cause of many of the heart attacks which come to men and women is discovered, it will be found in the realm of the thinking and the emotional strain which comes as a result.

Learn to conserve your emotional energy. When you allow yourself to become irritated, angry and upset by things that other people say and do to you, you are hurting yourself to the doctor's office, the hospital, and maybe to the graveyard. Remember the quotation from Longfellow, "When the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

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