

Tuesday Is Election Day

Your vote in Tuesday's election should be more significant than your vote in the national election a year ago.

There are always fewer votes cast in off-year elections, so each vote cast is more important mathematically. Second, most of us are affected more directly by the actions of local officials. Third, the federal government has not proved itself very effective in dealing with local concerns.

State and local governments should, separately or in cooperation with each other, find the means to carry greater responsibility for the

planning, support and performance of public services. And where federal funds are involved, they should be handled responsibly for constructive programs and not relegated to the maintenance of unproductive overhead at the state or local level.

Support should be given to candidates who support programs which contribute to more effective and self-sufficient state and local government without encroaching on activities which should be left to the private initiative.

The choice is yours. You can help assure good government here at home with your vote!

True Control Of Crime

Since antigun advocates insist that every firearm is inherently evil and must therefore be under government control, maybe we should go one step further and begin the methodical tracking down and registering of every knife, ice pick, hammer, rock and rope — in short, every object that has been used to kill and could logically be used to kill again.

That suggestion is no more ridiculous than the idea that crime can be stopped by wrenching guns from the hands of lawabiding citizens. To follow the teachings of the antigun proponents, we would have to pretend history lies when it shows

that criminals have always been able to obtain guns illegally, and we would also have to ignore the fact that possession of a firearm has saved many innocent lives. The antigun philosophy finally boils down to the belief that "Big Brother knows best," and therefore we citizens are asked to cheerfully submit to government regulations, turning our backs on our heritage of freedom, including the right to own firearms for the defense of our homes and businesses and for sport.

The true control of crime will come not in the form of restrictive antigun legislation, but in forceful, non-nonsense laws which punish the criminal — not his weapon.

Saving Nature's arvest

When forests were not harvested by man they were harvested by nature — by fire, wind and lightning. Billions of dollars worth of wood went up in smoke, and millions of animals perished to clear the way for new forests. The record of forest fires and their destruction illustrates the wishful thinking of those who feel they can lock up forests in perpetuity for the pleasure of man and the benefit of wildlife.

Consider the figures on some of the great forest fires. The Miramichi wildlife of 1825 charred 3 million acres of Main and New Brunswick. In 1846, in only a few days, the Yaquina burn in western Oregon backened 450,000 acres and destroyed 25 billion board feet of timber — equal to what is harvested in Oregon in 3 years today. The great fire of 1853 in Canada's Quebec province burned 1.6 million acres of forest land. The Peshtigo wildfire in Wisconsin swept through 1.28 million acres and 40 towns in 1871. The Bitterroots fire on the Idaho-Montana border in 1910 seared 2 million acres and cost 85 lives. Tillamook burns of western Oregon in 1933, 1939 and 1945 devastated 354,936

acres and destroyed over 13 billion board feet of timber. As late as 1970, 1.825 million acres of timber went up in smoke in 16 southeastern states.

Timber losses from the ravages of nature have diminished as forest harvesting practices have advanced. As one timber company declares, "... we harvest timber before it becomes overripe and falls prey to disease, rot, insects, lightning, and wind. The animals are unharmed and are actually aided by our harvesting practices." Modern timber companies, strange as it may sound to the skeptics, have become the true conservationists. They have learned to work with the processes of nature.

Paragraphics . . .

"If our car gets much older," one motorist declared, "it will need upper and lower plates."

This world is full of checks and balances. Just when you get to where menu prices don't matter, calories do.

SENATOR

SAM ERVIN

SAYS

WASHINGTON—The ominous shadow of a major energy crisis hangs over the nation. It now is clear that the Arabs intend to curb the flow of oil to the United States as a strategic move in the Arab-Israeli war.

The implications of this decision compound an already serious situation for our country which consumes about one-third of the oil in production. Last week, Presidential Counselor Melvin Laird warned everyone to "buy a sweater and prepare for rationing." Conservation of fuel is being suggested at all levels of government. Three major airlines agreed a few days ago to eliminate 44 daily flights to conserve 6.6 million gallons of fuel a month. Governors and mayors are setting in motion plans to cut back consumption of electricity and fuel in public buildings. The White House is ordering lower heat levels for all Federal buildings.

The latest Middle East developments come at a time when the outlook is already bleak for Americans getting enough fuel for winter. For months now, industries have been scrambling for fuel supplies — storing what they could — and hoping for the best. Even so, many individuals are unconvinced that we have a real energy shortage. The problem is so immense and so complicated that it defies understanding on the part of millions of citizens used to turning on a switch and having all of the power, heat, or driving pleasure they want.

The heart of the problem is that oil has been called upon to take up the burden for lagging production of natural gas, coal and nuclear energy. Normally these other sources would insure a balanced energy supply. Because of the difficulty of getting environmentally acceptable sources of coal, electric power companies are using vast amounts of oil that they did not require even two years ago. The curtailment of natural gas for consumers adds a new and possibly unfulfilled burden on oil supplies. Currently, the United States is consuming about 17 million barrels of oil a day, but more importantly that consumption is rising at an estimated rate of 6.4 percent while domestic production is falling at an estimated rate of 5 percent per annum.

Despite Administration efforts to minimize the effect on Americans of the Arab oil cut-

off, the facts are otherwise. The United States is importing about one million barrels of oil daily from eight Arab countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Algeria, Iraq, Tunisia, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. Another one-half million barrels of oil come daily from Arab wells through refineries in Europe and the Caribbean. Both sources will be affected if the Arabs carry out and effective cutoff.

Other immediate sources of oil are difficult to find. Canada, Nigeria, Venezuela, Iran, and non-Arab producers, we are old, cannot increase production on the spur of the moment in sufficient quantities to by-pass Arab oil, and substantial domestic increases here at home are hard to achieve. Saudi Arabia is the key to the situation because it has the oil we need. It also has the capability of greatly increasing production for a sustained period of time. Indeed, much of our oil policy has been based upon the assumption that the Saudi would boost United States supplies over the next seven years. This is the crucial period until we can tap Alaskan reserves.

The hard realities are that it will take more than "a sweater" and "conservation" to get us through anything but a warm winter.

Transylvania 4-H Clubs

(From Front Page, Second Sec.)
Way; 1971 4-H Bridges the Gap; 1970 4-H Is For Us. Posters must be no smaller than 8 1/2 x 11 or larger than 14 x 22. Name, address and age of the 4-H member must be clearly written on the back of each poster. Please make sure that this includes state and zip code.

Delegates to the 1974 National 4-H Conference will judge the poster art entries All selected for top honors will become the property of the Extension Service, USDA.

Coats and Clark, Inc., sponsor of the National 4-H Poster, will award cameras for the best 10 entries and one camera for the best poster with 4-H Community Development emphasis. (For a winning group entry, only one camera would be given).

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

How many of the readers of this column have any kind of morning prayer? Particularly I want to raise the question as to how many have morning prayer as a family? Although I do not expect the readers of this column to write me their reply to these questions, yet it enables me to bring up the subject and discuss it a bit.

I have just been reading a biographical sketch of the great musician, organist and composer, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) whose name is known throughout the music world.

The biographical sketch commences as follows: "The question of physical and mental heredity is one which not only challenges investigation of the learned, but is actively discussed in the wider circles of cultivated society. No better example can be cited in support of the affirmative side of this question than the family of Johann Sebastian Bach, in which, for the space of not less than 250 years, musical talent of a high order was transmitted from one generation to the other."

Apparently the tradition of music and religion was transmitted in this family together as one of the illustrations in the sketch was a picture of "morning prayers in the Bach family." And from the picture seven children appear to be gathered around the piano as Father Johann himself leads the singing.

There are no two finer family traditions to be cultivated by any family than religion and music.

There is still something fine about a family which prays together, plays together, and sings together. Family devotions are difficult for the modern family geared as we are to work schedules, but it can be accomplished if the family arranges to schedule morning prayers as a first part of the day's activities. There is no better way to start the day than with God. And if we get a good start, we will have a good day.

I can't help noticing the fact that in all of the letters which pour into this desk from troubled homes, there is usually a marked absence of religion, of Bible reading, of prayer, of church attendance.

The first recommendation I make in all replies to such letters is established communion with God by repentance, confession, surrender. Then seek God's guidance. He knows the way and He will lead us to it if we let Him. I have always been grateful for the fact that I was reared in a Godly home where family prayers were an important part of the day's schedule. There is no better tradition for you to promote in your family and personal life than that of prayer — and music if you can get it in. And remember, we usually do what we want to do.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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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.)

October 20, 1973

The Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C.
Dear Sir:

I am in hopes you may be of help to me. I am trying to locate a lady — A Miss or Mrs. Powell of Rosman, N. C. I have been told this lady could supply the information we are in need of, the name and location of the cemetery where William S. Bowen — died March 2, 1875 and Mary E. Bowen — died Feb. 1, 1882 are buried. Will you please print this in your Reader's column? I would be glad, if anyone having this information would write me.

Thanking you for your effort, I am
Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Jessie Solomon
Jessie Solomon
49 W. Commerce St.
Chambersburg, Pa.
17201

October 23, 1973

An Open Letter to the Citizens
of Transylvania County:

It sounds as if I'm a chronic complainer. I am not, but recently two incidents occurred that I think should be made public.

One is in regard to the street recently paved in the city; Verdia Street to be exact. It is a street with a 30 foot right of way. The city paved 16 feet of it. Heretofore, the traffic has edged on our side of the road, taking in some of our garden. The city machines, in scraping the road, have scraped part of our garden. When they started to pave the street, since this would be permanent, we asked the Aldermen to pave it in the center. They gave us their word that they would do it right. Rather than pave it in the center, the street is paved 17 inches from our line and 12 1/2 feet from the line across the street.

The other incident occurred when our dog got out of his lot. We reported it to the dog catcher and described the collar the dog was wearing. The dog was turned in to the dog catcher, who said he tried to call us and when he didn't get an answer, he took the dog to the pound. The same night he called again and told us we could get the dog out for \$7.00. We feel this is a very unfair thing the commissioners do. We pay taxes on the dog and we keep him up, he just happened to get out. We did report it and the whole county is full of dogs running loose.

We feel these are very unjust acts imposed on the citizens by the officials of this town and county.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Blanton Ashworth

Route 1, Box 95A
Brevard, N. C. 28712
Oct. 26, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Anderson,
First, I would like to thank the staff of WPNF for reminding the citizens of Transylvania County to drive with their head-

lights on in the early morning fog.

The Transylvania County school bus drivers say THANK YOU!

Now, a word or two to the "adult" drivers who do not use their headlights in the fog.

I am an adult. I have two children ages 13 and 9. Also I drive a school bus. I start my route at 7:30 a.m. Most of the traffic I meet at that time in the morning are adults who are on their way to work.

My route is down the four-lane highway, to the Pisgah Fish Camp, back through town to the Middle School, then down Caldwell Street to King Street, up Whitmire to Tinsley Road and around Tinsley Road to McLean Road.

When I arrive at the stop sign at the end of McLean Road, it is 8 a. m. or a few minutes after. There I have four lanes of traffic to watch. The fog is so thick you can hardly see the signal lights at the college.

All the students on my bus at that time are first through sixth grades. Also some of the traffic coming toward town are workers from Olin who have just started home from work. At that point, I must go across two lanes to get to the third or fourth lane. According to the Handbook of School Bus Drivers, "it requires approximately six seconds for a school bus, after coming to a complete stop, to completely cross an average two-lane highway. Also the slogan for school bus drivers is he "never has the right away."

So, I must wait until I can safely cross. I look to my right and to my left. I see nothing coming so I go across two lanes. I happen to glance to my right — there comes a car, no lights of any kind on, out of the fog.

If the car had hit the bus in the side, the accident would have been charged to me, not the adult driver who is driving in the fog with his lights off because he is afraid he might leave the lights on when he parks his car and comes back to find he has a dead battery.

Is a child's life not worth more than \$20 or \$30? I value my children's lives more than the cost of a dead battery.

As you know, most of the school bus drivers are students. I have met most of the student drivers at Brevard High. These students take their driving and the responsibility of the students on their buses seriously. No one likes to hear about a wreck involving a school bus. But when one happens, the first to get blamed is the student driver.

So, adult drivers, those who drive with your lights off in the fog, please turn them on. It helps us.

Also, adult drivers, remember your child might be on the bus.

To those adult drivers who do drive with your head lights on, we thank you. Help us to keep your children safe and alive.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kenneth Landreth
School Bus Driver for
Transylvania County

P.S. Not only I have this problem, but all the bus drivers have this problem with the adult drivers.

Tribute To A Brother

Yesterday I took a trip that I have taken many times through our North Carolina mountains. I drove from Asheville, over the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Beech Gap turn-off that takes you to US Highway 64.

My thoughts were wandering as I looked out over surely the most beautiful scenery in these United States. I played a little game of trying to think of as many adjectives as I knew to describe the panorama before me. The game became dull as I realized there were not words to really describe the beauty of the October colors. Without a doubt, the people who are privileged to see our mountains when they are ablaze with color can truthfully say they

have seen God's work at His very best.

When I came to the Beech Gap turn-off, I left the Parkway and started the descent from the crest of the Blue Ridge down to the little community of Balsam Grove. It was here in this mountain community that Legette Blythe wrote the story of Dr. E. Gaine Cannon. Dr. Cannon came to Balsam Grove for his health and stayed to serve the residents. Dr. Cannon's idol was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and he was building a hospital as a memorial to Dr. Schweitzer. Dr. Cannon did not live to realize his dream come true but the hospital is continuing as a memorial to both Dr. Cannon and Dr. Schweitzer.

Sad memories pushed all of nature's
—Turn to Page Seven

The Children Write...

Halloween

Halloween is scary,
Halloween is fun,
Halloween is candy,
Halloween is spooky,
When all those witches go flying by,
You better run,
You better hide,
But when the witches leave,
Then the ghosts come out,
Maybe, just maybe, just this time
They will leave very quickly,
Because all that candy will be waiting for you.
But still, Halloween is fun.

Louise Norton
(9th grade)

Halloween

When you go outside on Halloween,
Maybe witches can be seen,
Or goblins and ghosts,
Ooooh! What hosts!
When you go outside on Halloween,
When you go trick-or-treating on Halloween,
You could get tricked or treated,
Bang on the door and then some more,
Or you could, on the floor, become seated!

So you see, my friend,
This is the end
When you go trick-or-treating on Halloween,
Jenni Hunter
(9th grade)

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