

Important Message

An irrepressible as the nation it represents, the American bald eagle is making a comeback from near extinction.

Although the bird has been protected by federal law in recent years, illegal thinning of the eagle population persisted until that species was brought dangerously close to obliteration. However, with public education efforts underway and conservation groups taking steps to protect eagle nesting and roosting areas, the eagle is not only holding his own, but his ranks should fill out in the years to come. As one expert

notes, "The status of the bald eagle is far more encouraging today than at anytime in the last decade."

"This incident should serve as a reminder that, like the eagle symbol of the United States, it will take more than hard times and predictions of doom to defeat us. Despite what critics may say, this nation can be counted upon to unite and surmount any difficulty to survive and spread the good news of individual opportunity, justice and liberty under law — a message that still holds promise of a life worth living to all who will heed it.

Scuttling The Free Press

The lead article of the January, 1974, Reader's Digest deals with a matter of bread-and-butter concern to every newspaper and magazine publisher in the nation and their readers. Last September, the U. S. Postal Service announced its intention to more than double in three years second-class postal rates applying to both magazines and newspapers. Many people believe the increases will go higher — perhaps to 300 percent or more.

This could mean the end of the line for thousands of magazines and hometown newspapers whose role in educating and informing the American people is more crucial to the maintenance of liberty than ever before in the history of our nation. As an educational service, Congress has, since 1782, maintained special low rates for magazines and newspapers which permitted them to be mailed at less than cost and thus be available to the vast majority of our people. In 1973, this support totaled \$190 million, less than \$1 per capita. But now, under the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, the Postal Service is required to charge rates that

will, in its opinion, make nearly all classes of mail pay their own way by 1976. It is obvious that Congress did not foresee in 1970 that this would mean that second-class rates would be tripled in a five-year period. The nation's magazines and newspapers cannot absorb these increases. If they pass them on, the very people who most need continuing education will be deprived of it.

To ease the immediate financial jolt, the Digest article recommends that legislation be passed phasing in the payment by magazines and newspapers of their full postal cost over a period of eight years instead of three. Bills to accomplish this have been introduced in both houses of Congress by Senator Gale McGee (Wyo.) and Representative James Hanley (N. Y.). For the longer run, Congress should review its basic decision to make the nation's newspapers and periodicals pay full mailing costs. It is difficult to see how anyone can stand by a decision almost certain to kill off a major segment of the free press in America. Write your Congressmen — let them know what you think.

Paragraphics . . .

Medical doctors measure physical health by how the tongue looks. The Great Physician measures spiritual health by how the tongue acts.

Our victories always are won hour by hour, not in bunches. We have to play only one game at a time and handle only our own spot in the line. An hour conquered with courage and faith is a victory won.

It is much better to sit tight than to attempt to drive in that condition.

Egotism is the world's most poorly kept secret.

Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are often the ones who dropped it.

People who give up smoking usually substitute something for it — like bragging.

Sign in the window of marriage license office — Out to lunch . . . think it over!

A wise man disagrees with his wife, but only a fool will let her find it out.

Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble.

One of the things that seldom turns out as it should is the car just ahead.

Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are often the ones who dropped it.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN

SAYS

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Department of Agriculture's proposed rule to increase or terminate the national marketing quota and acreage allotment for flue-cured tobacco for the 1974 - 1975 marketing year has caused great consternation among North Carolina farmers.

I have advised Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Buttz that I am unalterably opposed to any change in our tobacco program and believe that any suspension of flue-cured tobacco quotas would lead to an economic disaster.

The changes being considered by the Department ignore the essential fact that the level of prices is based upon the quota system and is necessary in order for farmers to produce this commodity. Farmers are already suffering from skyrocketing costs for fuel and fertilizer, and have enough problems without the additional worry over the future of the acreage - poundage tobacco control program.

There is considerable speculation that the Department is threatening to terminate national marketing and acreage allotment for flue-cured tobacco in the hope of getting agreement to increase the quota. Some segments of the tobacco industry have been advocating an increase in the quota for 1974. Such action, however, would be a serious mistake and could have a far-reaching effect upon the entire tobacco industry.

The 1974 marketing quota for flue-cured tobacco was set last July at 1,179 million pounds, the same as in 1973, and ten percent above 1972. It appears though that there may be a carry over of about 50

million pounds from 1973 and that this would provide an effective quota of about 1,229 million pounds for 1974. The law permits an excess of 10 percent of quotas to be marketed without penalty. So there is already the possibility of marketings of 1,347 million pounds in 1974 under the existing quota. If there is another ten percent increase in the quota, that would add the possibility of 118 million pounds of marketings for a grand total of 1,465 million pounds in 1974. It is this latter ten percent increase in the quota that could have severe consequences if it is approved by the Department.

Marketings of this amount would greatly depress tobacco prices. This comes at a time when interest rates, taxes, and wages are jumping to all-time highs. Furthermore, there is no indication that inflation will abate. Indeed the prices of farming machinery, equipment, and supplies are increasing faster than farmers can finance them.

Farmers and other interested persons should transmit their views on this vital issue to the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250, no later than January 10th.

The tobacco program has meant much to North Carolina and the 115,000 quota allotment holders in our State. The program in its present form has widespread support. I am of the opinion that it would be tragic if the Secretary of Agriculture seeks to implement any proposal which would weaken or destroy a program that has worked so well and has continuously strengthened rural America.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Pick of the Press

Rescue Squads

The Monitor Liberty, S. C.

Many people have spent countless hours working and searching for the Liberty youth, Tammy Denise Haynes, since she was reported missing in December.

Liberty police, sheriff's deputies, SLED and FBI investigators, as well as officers of other law enforcement agencies, have worked at times 'around the clock' in an effort to locate the young girl.

All these people are performing their duty. That's their job.

But, while praise is being "dished out" for service above and beyond the call of duty, one group that definitely deserves much more than they get is the various rescue squads and Civil Defense personnel throughout the county and surrounding counties.

These people volunteer their services

and the only reward they get is the satisfaction of knowing that they've helped their fellow man.

The search operation for Tammy Haynes, however, is but one of the many services performed by rescue units.

It is only because of the publicity of this particular task that the squads get their rightful share of attention. During normal operations, they are hardly heard of — until someone needs them.

These men (and sometimes women) donate many of their non-working hours into helping make communities safe and to help those who need help.

The task requires persons who will make a sacrifice of their own time, and devote it to their neighbors — be they next door or in distant places.

Mansion Make Of Garbage

(Greensboro Daily News)

There's something new in Richmond, Va. both in the sense that it wasn't there before and that it's the first of its kind in the world. It's a four-bedroom house made of garbage. Practically all the materials in it were recycled. The listed price is \$80,705.

The Reynolds Metal Co. coordinated the job to prove that "there are today practical uses for recycled materials." The builder used aluminum instead of wood for the framing, joists, trusses, and siding. Reynolds estimates the recycled aluminum (from beverage cans) saved 95 percent of the energy needed to make primary aluminum from bauxite. Instead of plywood, the builder used a board made from recycled newspapers.

In fact, about the only materials in the house that are not made with recycled wastes are the window glass, hardwood steps and trim, and plaster board. The costs are said to be competitive with houses made of conventional, virgin materials. Evidently the house also is competitive in looks. It's in a fashion suburb and not a single neighbor has complained about its presence.

Reynolds and the other companies that joined it in supplying the recycled materials are to be commended for experimenting in this field. Everybody knows we're drowning in our own garbage (our per capita daily production is roughly 10 pounds). A

housing shortage has been with us for some time and now we seem to be facing a widespread shortage of energy. This experiment, if it is continued, might help alleviate all three of those woes.

Paragraphics . . .

Nonchalance is the ability to look like an owl when you've acted like a jackass.

An optimist is a person who starts it to come out at the estimated cost.

Secretary on phone: "He's out to lunch now but he won't be gone very long. Nobody took him."

It's a sign of advancing age when you enjoy a fixed routine.

Patience is the art of solving problems by letting them alone.

A little girl described her first experience in an elevator: We got into a little room, and then the upstairs came down.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



Prayer power brings into our hearts and homes God's love power. How I wish I could write this in flaming letters in the sky!

This is prompted by a letter on my desk from a mother with a large family: "I am writing to ask that you place my loved ones on your prayer list, two sisters, two brothers, two daughters, a son-in-law and my husband. We all need God."

"I have been a Christian for many years and I know that God answers prayer. There are many problems in the family including alcohol. Three mornings a week, my mother, a neighbor and I have prayer together. I feel that God is going to answer our prayers. Please help us."

I have been writing this column for some 40 years and find the same problems today as there were when I commenced. There are just more of them. The causes are usually the same - turning away from God.

There is a mounting divorce list — homes breaking up. Two-thirds of my correspondence comes from unhappy and broken homes. Of course, I realize that the happy ones don't write me for help. They have learned as the Psalmist puts it, "My help cometh from the Lord." (Psalm 121:2)

Those with domestic problems ought to read the 127th Psalm, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The Psalmist means more than a literal house. Actually he means the marriage and the home. Let me quote from the marriage service which I use, "Marriage was ordained by God in the time of man's innocence, approved by Lord Jesus Christ, as honorable for all"

In reading the story of Adam and Eve, you will find that their marriage was good until sin entered. In the next generation it was worse when one of their sons killed his brother.

Love should be the cornerstone of every home and every marriage. Let it be understood that we are speaking particularly of spiritual love, sacrificial love, that love which seeks to promote the happiness and welfare of others.

To the thoughtful this is true and yet it is so hard to practice. It is absolutely essential that we must learn to die to sin which means we must get rid of self-centeredness. St. Paul describes it in Colossians 3: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. . . . Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (RSV)

Guest Column

'Darndest Mess You Ever Saw' Is Nothing New

By - PETE HULTH

Sanford Herald

L. G. Scott of Smithfield brought a yellowed clipping by the Herald office. He got it from Mrs. Clyde Smith, who had seen it years ago in the Valdosta, Ga. Times. Judging from the color of the clipping and an advertisement on the back of it, the article must have appeared in the mid 1900s. (The ad said you could buy a memorial stone for \$9 up.) But, somehow, the article seems sort of current. Entitled "Cause of Our Present Day Ills," here it is:

Too much oats and too much wheat,
Too much corn and too much meat,
Too much cotton and too much oil,
Too many hours that we don't toil,
Too many highways, too many cars,
Too many people behind the bars.

Too much poverty, too much wealth,
Too many people in ill health,
Too many politics, too much booze,
Too many wearing high-heeled shoes,
Too many loafing, too many bets,
Too many falling to pay their debts.

Too many spending their dough on gas,
Too many talking of European sass,
Too many living beyond their means,
Too many buying canned corn and beans,
Too many sowing their crop of wild oats,
Too many candidates after votes.

Too many people who don't give a damn,
Too many people looking to Uncle Sam,
Too many pets, too much press,
Too many girls without underclothes,
Too much reform, too much law,
It's the darndest mess you ever saw.

The Children Write...

The Boredom Hump

Here I sit wondering what to do,
Because I don't want to play with you.
Nor do I want to roller skate -
Not for my poor body's sake.

I don't think I should play outside
Or even take a ride.
Though I would like to jump,
Jump, jump, jump all the way OVER THE HUMP.

Diana Day (6th grade)

A Mystery in My Mind

Oh, what is it? What can it be?
I see something behind the tree.
(I snuck back of that tree -

Nothing was there,
Not a thing . . . Nothing.)

I wonder what it is?
What
it
is.

Margie Huggins (5th grade)

The Fright That We Had Last Night
The tigers were prowling,
The wolves were howling,
The wind was blowing,
The moon was glowing,
The dew was glistening,
We were listening,
Remember the fright, that we had last night.

Keith Flippin (3rd grade)

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