

# Please Talk, Fellows

There's an old saying that two can live cheaper than one. This old saw was long used as an added excuse for couples getting married. And it meant, of course, that a married couple can live cheaper than could each of the pair living as individuals.

This makes sense; with one rent bill, one furniture payment, one set of utility bills, and the like coming due each month. And it works as long as the married pair are compatible, and maintain communications. If they don't it works in reverse.

It is saddening to all parties concerned and to onlookers when marriages are broken.

And it is saddening to see the tenuous honeymoon between the Transylvania County commissioners and the Brevard Board of Aldermen come to an end.

They had begun working together with a joint building inspector. Then last week, the City decided that it would rather have its own building inspector than to share one with the county.

Mayor Charles Campbell said it was simply a case of the county building inspector being spread too thin; that Brevard couldn't get hold of his services when he was needed.

Commission Chairman Bill Ives said this was not true, that Inspector James Justice had plenty of time on his hands to do the work. Also he said, the City had communicated no complaints to him about the service which was being rendered.

It is certainly not our intent to take sides in this matter. Our knowledge of both Mayor Campbell and Chairman Ives is that both are honorable men, both doing everything in their power to aid their communities and constituents.

We can, however, see a clash of personalities causing the pipeline stoppage between City Hall and the County Courthouse.

For the sake of the taxpayers, this stoppage should be cleared up by some means — perhaps a joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners could be helpful.

Married couples are often able to reach agreements beneficial to both when family spats occur, if they'll stop fighting long enough to intelligently talk things over.

If hiring a city building inspector, for instance, should raise the tax rate — and let's face it, he's got to be paid some way — then it will hit the Brevard taxpayers twice: once for the cost of the inspector, his office, telephone and the like; and again when the inspection fees helping pay the county inspector become less.

The county inspector will still have to be paid.

And here's another area for the two ruling bodies to talk over:

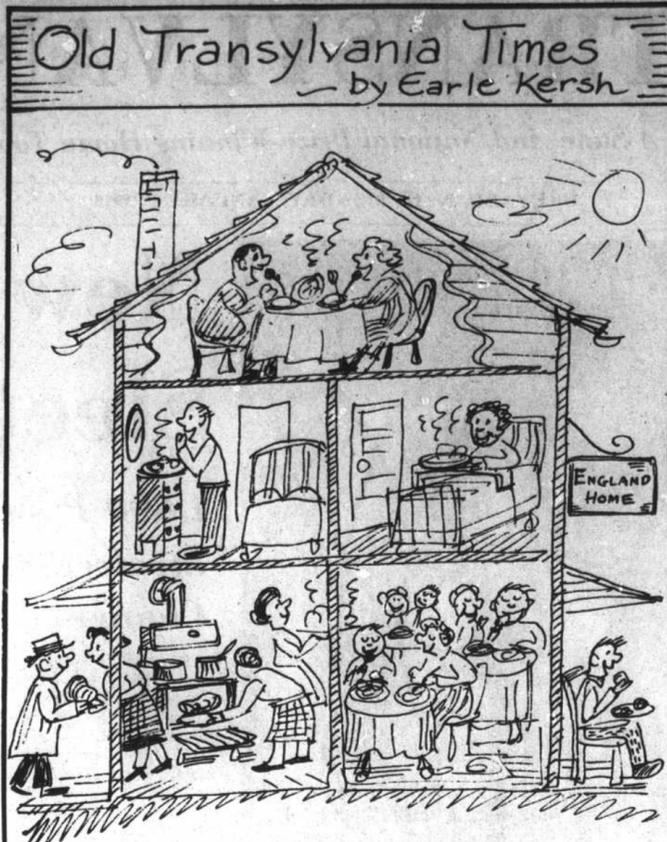
The City Police are tied into the state police network; a wonderful device with which the officers can get information about suspects, about records, and stay abreast of crime in the state and even the nation just by asking the giant computer from which information is fed.

City police, with the assistance of sheriff's men recently nabbed robbery-kidnapping suspects wanted in Salisbury as a result of having the device. Having it is a considerable expense, but well worth it.

However, the sheriff's department is now installing the same police network equipment. While it's true that it is getting it for two years free of charge, after that it must pay the same price the city is paying. After that the taxpayers would pay, of course.

Why? The two police establishments are no more than two and one half city blocks apart. Why can't both use the same police network connection and share the cost? Is the same lack of communication existent here? We certainly hope that no stoppage in the city police-sheriff pipeline exists. Law enforcement would certainly suffer.

But like we said before. A meeting of men with sincere motives will result in at least an amelioration of differences. If they'll just talk, things can be worked out, for the good of the citizenry.



The England Boarding House (it was where the Brevard Post Office now is) was renowned for its country cooking. Diners would overflow to the parlor and front porch. Regular guests would grow overweight on a menu including steak, fried chicken and ham with red-eye gravy. In the 1940's three meals a day (except for Sunday supper) costs seven dollars a week!

thanks to Sen. Cecil Hill

## EDITORIAL PAGE

### THE TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

#### 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 3, 1975

Mr. Clyde Osborne, Editor  
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Dear Clyde:

I appreciate the very fair article that appeared in your paper on Thursday, January 2nd, concerning the joint Department of Inspections. Several questions were raised that I believe should receive public expression and if you will indulge me, I will proceed to present them.

It seems strange to me that dissatisfaction with the operation of an Inspection Department can be expressed when the City Planning Board has never invited the inspector to a meeting and no member of that Board has made any attempt to talk to him about any problem.

It should be obvious to all that the Board of Commissioners is the only elected body which consistently and regularly reports their activities to the public through the newspaper. Nevertheless, I find it startling that the Mayor admits that the Board of Aldermen made the decision to hire a separate building inspector two months ago and yet it has been kept totally secret from the public and the Commissioners until Monday, December 30, 1974. Why?

I am very puzzled to know where the Mayor came up with 30 days notice which, by the way, he has failed to give if such were correct. The agreement is a recorded document and anyone can read that one governing body is required to give the other governing body a 90 days written notice.

It seems that the Mayor and the City Aldermen would be thoroughly familiar with the enforcement of building codes after their arduous experience with the airport. They should know that a building inspector has no power of enforcement. If the Mayor states that a business is operating in a residential area, the solution is very clear. The Aldermen should order the City Attorney to write a letter to the man requesting him to cease and desist. If he does not, then the City Attorney hauls the man into court. The Building Inspector has absolutely no function whatsoever in this process, unless it would be the same as any other citizen to recognize the existence of a violation and report it.

The Mayor also stated that the City had a stricter building code than the County. This is also a puzzle, since no county or city in North Carolina can enforce anything but the State Building Code. Was he perhaps confused again? Surely he was speaking of zoning regulations.

I certainly would appreciate some public answers to these questions.

Sincerely,  
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Board of  
County Commissioners

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30 Dec., 1974  
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I wrote in regard to Mrs. DeLong's enlightening letter in the 12 December issue of the "Times."

After my delve into the problem, I found no basis whatsoever for putting the blame on either grandparents or parents. Hiking, fishing, and hunting are all good. Unfortunately, if it's not summer, we'll have to wait for

the weekend, for after the home chores and homework, it's already dark. So the youth are disgruntled because they're in no hurry to become part of a society that lives for the weekend. We (I'm a youth, and will be for at least another 50 years) want to live a life where each day takes on a special meaning. Weeknight boredom is the first step to joining the ratrace.

It is true that the "art" of conversation is a fading one, but we can't put a ban on television. I know a few people who, for the sake of entertainment, intend to stick their head in a tub of water just to get an apple, or to go to a cornhusking when oftentimes that might well have been that home chore that was just finished.

I thought the scripture quoted was very appropriate, however, who amongst us feels they are in a position to add anything to the Holy Bible. "Activities are evil only when thoughts are evil." I prefer the term "Progressive music" to "Rock", and I'm sure God appreciates good music. I imagine He also approves of whatever music is played in the jungle, and probably doesn't consider it barbaric. The structure of their culture has a purpose and fulfills a need.

Don't get the wrong idea. I say "three cheers for Mrs. DeLong," for she is aware and concerned enough to publicly state her beliefs.

I just want to plead with everyone concerned to keep an open mind, and try — really try to understand one another. I don't think the anonymous youth was blaming anyone in his (her) letter, but simply said that if we all pull together, we should be able to come up with something better than what we have now.

I think it would help to keep in mind the words of Bob Dylan — "The times, they are a changin'."

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Editor Osborne

Phony wars of liberation are not over. One is coming any day after N. C. Legislature convenes next week. Beware, freshman legislators, the frustrated men haters, dupes of the masters of deceit, plan to steam roller you into the equal slavery class.

Do you want your daughters in hot war combat in same dormitories, bathrooms, with men? Your sons and daughters in communes, with no parent say so how they are mind-changed?

Remember UN and Rocky One-Worlders expect to quell uprisings anywhere in the world with black, white, red or yellow male and female mercenaries.

Under ERA girls would pay same insurance rates as boys under 25. Women will be recruited to work to pay half any family expense. Commentator Payllis Schlafly shows women who prefer to remain in the home will be dragged out, to complete industry quotas.

Widows with dependent children will lose their preferential Social Security benefits. Equal goes all the way according to legal analysis of Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

You who believe in God, buy postals, write as many legislators as you can, as soon as you can to Vote No Against ERA, unless men and women both want to be enslaved.

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Transylvania Secretary,  
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ERA

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY  
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As we move into the year, 1975, we are beset and surrounded with doubts and uncertainties, fears and frustrations. But we need to remember that these are man-made and often self-imposed.

God still rules this universe, and He's on duty day and night. Read these promises which He made to us and which are recorded in the Bible:

"The Lord is in the midst of thee . . ."

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart."

"Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight."

"We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night."

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and established in faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

"Fight the good fight of faith . . . In nothing terrified by your adversaries."

"We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night."

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."

"Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also has wrought all our works in us."

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not."

(The above are taken from December selections of "Daily Light on the Daily Path," a collection of scripture promises. This book of morning and evening devotions is recommended to the readers of this column.)

## WWII Vets Still Can Get Loans

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — I was discharged about 25 years ago after three years of military service. Is it too late to apply for a GI home loan from the Veterans Administration?

A — No. There has been no deadline for applying for this benefit which is available to veterans of World War II and later periods since enactment of the Veterans Housing Act of 1970.

Q — Does the compensation check I receive monthly from the Veterans Administration for a 20 per cent service-connected disability include allowances for my children?

A — No. A veteran's service-connected disability must be rated 50 per cent or more before allowances can be paid for dependents.

Q — I was honorably discharged last month after three years of military duty, none of it in Vietnam. Am I eligible for the GI Bill?

A — Yes. Veterans separated after Jan. 31, 1965, with an other than dishonorable discharge after at least 181 days of active duty, have eligibility for 10 years or until May 31, 1976, whichever is later. Geographic location of service has no bearing on eligibility.

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