

Hunters Were Sportsmen

Deer and bear hunters of this area conducted themselves in creditable fashion in the woods during the last season, the forests show. They behaved like true sportsmen.

concerned.

Concerned hunters, who are true wildlife lovers, have been preaching against littering, we know. We're delighted that they are getting through to the few who would abuse the forests thereby heaping discredit on all hunters.

It is good for the rangers, who have no crews available for cleaning up the litter.

It is good for those who use the forests all year around for hiking, camping, and other activities. The beauty of the landscape is not marred.

At any rate, fellows, you did yourselves proud this year.

Such conduct is going to enhance the hunter's image in all circles, even among the fanatical anti-hunters.

Every admires a true sportsman. He conducts himself like a true gentleman.

In some previous years food cans, liquor bottles, beer cans, plastic, and other debris have been left on forest trails and at wilderness camping areas. Trail signs have been shot down, and other indications of hunters who were not quite mature have been seen.

We have complained about that in this column.

But not this year. Our own inspection of many of the trails, the forests and the valleys has shown that the hunters carried out what they took with them into the woods.

And District Forest Ranger Jim Reid said that there was little litter to be found as a result of the hunts.

This is good for everyone

The Audit Nears

The eyes of the state and of much of the nation are going to turn on Transylvania County within the next few weeks, watching carefully and in some cases apprehensively, as a managerial audit of its administration gets underway.

Quick approval is expected of the county's request for \$30,000 to conduct the audit to be done by independent consultants who will sit through many interviews and take long and critical looks at how officials are conducting the business of the county.

So few elected U.S. officials have allowed such an audit that it is the first in North Carolina, and is unique in the nation.

The scope and objectives outlined include: "The purpose of this project will be to review and evaluate the organization structure and key administrative systems and procedures of Transylvania County that fall within the purview of the Board of County Commissioners.

"Systems and procedures to be included will be: planning, budgeting, and reporting; accounting and controls; purchasing; personnel administration; and data processing."

The output would be threefold:

- 1. Recommendations for improvements in organization

structure and administrative systems and procedures, including suggested priorities, and a time-phased implementation plan.

2. Definition of program performance auditing in terms of scope, objectives, and approach, as applicable to Transylvania.

3. Preparation of a uniform management audit guide that could be applied to other small units of government in N.C.

A by-product of the project will be an evaluation of the potential for City of Brevard-Transylvania County cooperation of administrative services, the proposal suggests.

Under the proposal, consultants would interview Brevard and county school district representatives to determine the potential for cooperative administrative service arrangements. Areas to be considered will include data processing, housekeeping, personnel, recruiting and training, and purchasing.

Time of the study is expected to run at least 20 weeks.

The County Commissioners are showing considerable confidence in asking for this audit of their operations. Any faults they have had in running the government could be brought to light.

They are also showing intestinal fortitude.

Old Transylvania Times
by Earle Kersh

The split raindrop roof marks Cleveland Place (Franklin Drive or North Rice St.) as one of Brevard's earliest houses. Braxton C. Lankford built it. He moved up from store keeper after becoming a founding father of the county. During the Civil War he was trustee for the estates of many Transylvania Volunteers and prospered as a land dealer. The Cleveland family from Spartanburgh bought the place as a summer home in 1913. Caroline (Cleveland) Towers reigned there for many years. Now the Kersh Klan lives there.

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.)

Dear Editor: responsibility and respect.

In reference to the recent controversy between the city and county over an additional building inspector, I would like to express an opinion of one tax payer.

Again, may I say thank you to all who so generously helped out.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Voso

Jan. 8, 1975

Mr. Clyde K. Osborne, Editor
The Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Osborne:

At a time when confidence in federal government is at lowest ebb the residents of Transylvania County have benefited from a new awakening of public responsibility and sensitivity to the needs of citizens by the present Board of County Commissioners. Their efforts and accomplishments are recognized.

There also have been a few promising signs of improvement in the town of Brevard. However, the statesmanship in city government has diminished lately, finally vanished completely, and was replaced by "old line politics" with the action of the aldermen in illegally hiring a building inspector at a "called" (not publically announced) meeting on Dec. 16.

The fact that no one in city government knew the provisions of the contract with the county or had bothered to read the contract until they were requested to do so at the meeting on January 6 makes all concerned citizens question the capability and integrity of those in control of our town. The conduct of our city fathers is shocking and very disappointing to those who attend their meetings and watch them in action.

It is not too late for them to correct this most recent boobo. To admit a mistake is a sign of statesmanship, which in this instance would help to restore confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Helen L. McKelvey

January 14, 1975

Mr. C. K. Osborne, Editor
Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C. 28712

Dear Mr. Osborne:

In recent weeks as I have read your newspaper, I have become increasingly concerned with the happenings within our city and county government.

To begin with, at a time when unnecessary spending should be curtailed, our commissioners hired a county manager (which I feel should have been voted on by the people), and to further add to inflation and possibly higher taxes for the people, the city aldermen are hiring a second building inspector because of a rift between the county and city officials. Some time back, I read where the county commissioners were having words with the sheriff's office. With all this commotion and dissension between the two governments, it makes you wonder if we elected adult men to these offices.

As I said, these things have concerned me; but what really put the icing on the cake was the board of aldermen asking a fine man, Jimmy Rowe to resign as police chief. I feel, as I'm sure many citizens of Brevard do, that he has been an asset to our city. I for one would like to see him reinstated with authority to run the force in the same efficient manner that has so well served Brevard in past years.

Aldermen, commissioners, and other elected officials can be replaced, but a good police chief is hard to find.

Sincerely,

Mrs. (Roy) Margaret Garren

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

When you sow to the wind you reap the whirlwind. This adage never grows old. Each generation seems to have to learn it for itself.

Nowhere is this more evident than in marriage as it is evidenced by the mail which comes to my desk. At the outset, let me say out of many years of marriage counseling, the home and marriage which is not founded upon mutual love and respect for one another and love for God, the Ten Commandments, church membership and attendance, is sooner or later in trouble.

Selfishness is at the bottom of it all. A marriage founded on selfishness is sowing to the wind and will reap the whirlwind. What many young people call love is purely selfish desire on the part of both. The first glow of marriage which consists chiefly of bed and board, soon becomes very boring. It takes much more than sex to make a marriage.

Before me is a letter illustrative of all of this. It is written by the mother of the wife who is of course inclined toward her daughter.

"I need your help in prayer for my daughter and her husband. My daughter works hard all the time and tries to have a good home. She pays off all the debts, buys all the food, keeps a nice, clean house, goes to church when she is not working. Her husband does not go to church. He works, goes to races, goes hunting, works on cars. They have one child. He hardly ever sees his father. My daughter never sees him until late at night. She and my grandchild eat alone all the time.

Dollars & Good Sense

by William J. Martin
Special Consultant to AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Your furnace is probably the most expensive appliance you own. And it may well last the longest providing you are willing to perform routine maintenance about twice a year.

Older wood and coal furnaces rarely require more than periodic cleaning. Gas and oil furnaces, however, will require more substantial maintenance.

Unless yours is a self-lubricating model, you will need to apply grease and oil regularly. The motor will probably have oil ducts in plain view. If not, consult your owner's manual. Automotive engine oil is perfect for the job, but exercise care against using too much. One or two drops per duct is usually adequate.

The blower unit runs on bearings which also need attention. Auto bearing grease should be applied to prevent malfunction. And if there are oil ducts, add a few drops there, too.

The air filter should be changed whenever it is dirty, usually at least twice a year. And if yours is an oil burning furnace, you'll also need to replace the oil filter.

Inspect the fan belt regularly. When the rubber begins to crack and wear, replace it.

These simple chores should keep your home's heat machine in top condition. If problems develop, though, don't hesitate to call in a reputable service man.



"Ah, here's my man with his report on our new foolproof safety system."

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