

Energy Wasters

Why do we keep devising new ways to waste energy?

A couple of weeks ago, we questioned the enormous waste of energy in cooling the superhot water created in electricity generation plants of the power companies. Why not use that hot water for heating homes and factories and schools and for other reasons instead of wasting it?

We have heard from an official of the Tennessee Valley Authority who agrees wholeheartedly that it is an enormous waste of the nation's energy and the nation's resources. He said TVA had been advocating this all along.

Not only is the hot water itself wasted. It takes an enormous amount of the electricity just generated to pump the wasted water through the cooling towers. In other words, the whole thing is sheer waste. And who pays the bill? The consumers, of course. No wonder power bills are high. The consumer gets only a small fraction of the amount of real energy created. The rest is squandered.

And while we're on the subject of wasted energy and creation of new ways to waste it, we'd like to voice our only objection to the new school buildings.

We like the great open spaces created by the pods. We like the modern educational methods.

But we do not like the artificial environments — the energy-consuming environments, if you please. The schools do not use what nature gave us freely, the sunlight and fresh air. The children spend their days in artificial light with air pumped to them.

There's no opportunity to gaze at the surrounding mountains and sneak a day dream as we used to do, especially when one lecturer we recall really got wound up. Many days when we weren't in a mood for hard study we'd bait him with a question to get him started. Then we'd stare out of the window and enjoy the wonderful mountain scenery as he rattled on and on.

The solid walls of the new schools aren't conducive to good daydreams, but they are excellent for blocking out sunlight and fresh air; and this means wasted energy in providing air conditioning and artificial light. Someday, even the architects who design such buildings are going to realize there's an energy shortage, a dire energy shortage.

But obviously, they don't realize it now.

Sentimentality; A Fable?

Fellow told us about going to a chicken fight one time.

He couldn't remember where it was or exactly when it was, he said. He was riding with another person, and he said he couldn't call his name either. He suffered a complete memory loss, except for a few things he talked about.

He and this fellow he was riding with went over a mighty winding road, part of the time along a pretty good sized creek. "We turned into a sort of cove and went up it a piece on a rutty and rough road, then there was this big steel fence. We drove through the gate," the man related.

"It looked for a minute like we'd arrived for a football game there was so many cars now in sight. There were cars there with license plates from South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and other places. I think there was one from Florida too."

It didn't cost anything to come through the gate, he said.

There were two or three guys with walkie-talkie radios and one of them was giving orders to guys somewhere up the hillside about keeping a close watch to see that no one came in from any direction but the cleared auto parking area.

"My friend introduced me to this fellow. You know, I can't remember his name either. But he told whatever-his-name-was that I was okay, and the fellow nodded and pointed to the direction of the fight arena.

"What I saw there don't make no difference, but it wasn't nice. They tied steel pins — they

called them gaffs — on the roosters' legs and let them make hash out of each other. Col Sanders sure couldn't have used them birds when they got through with each other. One of those gaffs plucked a feather and the feather hung on, and I'll swear that feather was stuck through the other chicken's neck. You could see both ends of the feather sticking out."

After the betting and the fighting were over, the man told us, everyone got in their cars to leave, and headed back down out of the cove.

"We got around a bend out of sight of the fenced area and cars began stopping and I saw men handing money out of the window to a boy about 14 years old. Every car would stop and the boys would show them something white, and they'd peel off a bill and hand it to him.

"Whatever he had to sell, it sure was something good.

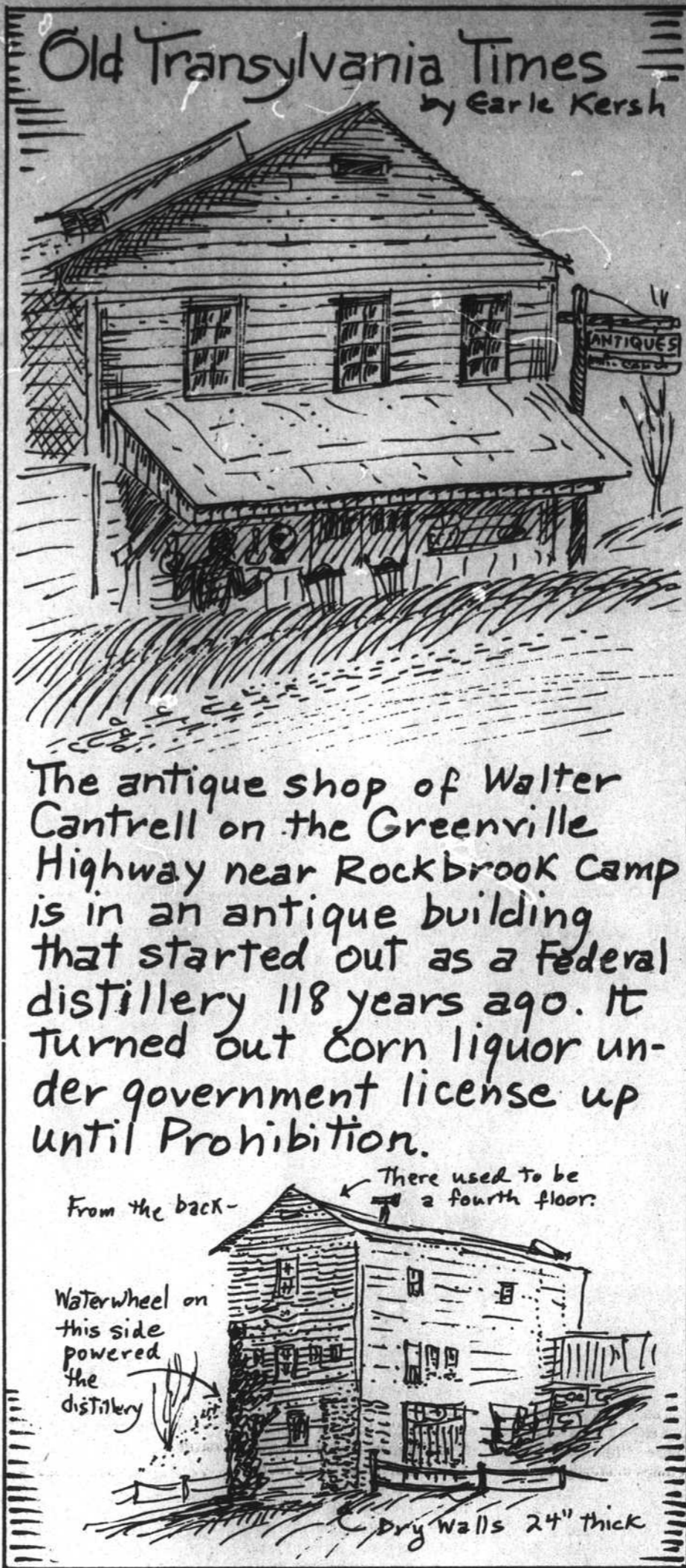
"He was just a slip of a boy, thin, with a faded shirt and worn trousers. His shoes had seen better days.

"Then my friend drove up alongside him. He held the white thing up so he could see what it was. It was a picture of the rear end of the car with the license plate showing plainly.

"My friend handed over a twenty. I was glad it was him. Those derved chickens had cleaned me out.

"But I couldn't understand why he suddenly got so sentimental over a Polaroid picture of a license plate."

That is what the man told us.



Report To Hill Country

BY CECIL HILL
State Senator

Most of the bills on which we are acting at this time in the Senate are general housekeeping bills — bills which tend to correct draftsmanship or small exceptions. However, both houses are spending a great deal of time studying the budget.

We are pleased to learn that the general fund for the month of January had increased about 5 per cent; however, we must keep in mind that January collections of income taxes represented payments of 1974 income taxes in full for many people.

The slump did not strike many people until late in the year, but the income tax was paid on earnings for the entire year.

I am very much concerned

that most state agencies are asking for more employees. I am aware that inflation makes it necessary for us to consider an adjustment in wages.

However, I do not think there should be a blanket increase in the number of employees across the state at this time.

Not a single department or agency has requested a reduction in personnel for the next biennium, and only ten of the agencies which my Appropriations Committee is studying agreed to retain the same number of employees.

A bill to exempt food from sales tax was introduced in the Senate by Senator McNeil Smith. He tied the loss of revenue expected from the tax on foods to a bill increasing income taxes on taxable income in excess of \$10,000.

I am sure there will be many more bills introduced involving the exemption of food from the sales tax. At the same time there will be bills introduced which will attempt to make up the lost revenue. I am receiving a lot of suggestions on how to make up this revenue including taxes on whisky, beer and wine, amusements, soft drinks and the like. Hopefully, a logical solution can be reached in the matter. Much of the leadership feels that a repeal of the sales tax on food is impossible.

A bill to appoint judges based on merit rather than election was introduced and has attracted considerable interest. There are two sides to this question; however, most of my contacts indicate that judges should be chosen on the basis of merit. I will talk about this more as the matter develops.

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Human Condition

High Blood Pressure Big Health Problem

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the top of the list as the principal producer of disability for all of the major groups in the labor force. It has been demonstrated that high blood pressure is the single most important risk factor for strokes.

A reader inquires, "Why are so many individuals and organizations concerned with the problem of high blood pressure?"

High blood pressure is a massive public health problem in the United States. It is estimated that approximately 20 to 25 million Americans have significantly high blood pressure, and the rate of prevalence rises steadily with age.

Individuals with high blood pressure are much more likely to have a cardiovascular complication, such as a stroke or heart attack. When high blood pressure co-exists with other conditions, like cigarette smoking, obesity, and/or a high cholesterol level, the incidence of cardiovascular complications and premature death increases dramatically.

High blood pressure, with its resultant complications, is at

The good news, however, concerning this problem is the effectiveness of medication that lowers the blood pressure. When the blood pressure is well controlled over a long period of time, the risk of developing a cardiovascular complication is markedly reduced.

Unfortunately, of all hypertensive persons in community surveys, only 430 per cent are aware of their problem, and only one-third are under treatment. Of the one-third under treatment, only one-half have their blood pressure under control.

Because the problems concerning hypertensive individuals are so extensive, and the side effects so devastating, and since the potential for control is presently available, much effort is being exerted to detect and treat the hypertensive individual.

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.)

Editor
The Times

Mr. Clyde Osborne
Editor
Transylvania Times
Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Osborne:

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed stamps to us for our Stamp Project. They have helped make our project a success.

I also would like to apologize for not acknowledging each person who has sent stamps because there has been such a large number of people sending them, I have just not had the time to sit down and write each person personally. Our contract is good for the entire year of 1975 and we need only the lick'em-stick'em canceled U. S. or foreign stamps and they should be torn leaving one-eighth inch paper around the stamp, and we are hopeful that we will have more than we had last year. We sent in more than 2 million last year. 25,000 stamps feed 10 children for a year. This is just one of the many projects the Associated Country Women of the World sponsors in the many poverty-stricken countries.

Lilamani Perera from Bangkok, Thailand has been most helpful and her friend Margaret Wetherell. Lilamani came to Berea College several years ago through the courtesy of ACWW. They also have about 100 friends who are helping to sort out, package and send to the companies they have contracts with for these stamps. If you desire to, you may send your stamps directly to them. Her address is as follows: Lilamani Perera; Box 677; University of Louisville; Louisville, KY. 40208.

Again, may I say "THANKS" to everyone for helping our program to become a success. If you desire more information, please call or write me at the address below.

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I am a graduate Clothing and Textiles major enrolled at Howard University, Washington, D. C. For my thesis requirements, I have chosen to execute a study of quilting patterns originating in North Carolina. As a native of North Carolina (Bolivia), and an avid student of quilting, I feel that this study will not only be interesting, but vital for our native artisans. I hope to gain through such a study, the historical aspects of quilt patterns with titles referring to and about North Carolina, such as the North Carolina Lily and the Star of North Carolina. These two patterns are traditional patterns whose history date in the late 19th and early twentieth century. In making preliminary investigations of the printed publications on the subject of patchwork and quilting, I have found that the native artisans are not given as much recognition as the ladies of such states as Pennsylvania and Maryland. Also, through years of historical and social events, the true origins have been lost. It would seem that the ladies of North Carolina have made original quilts and I feel that they have surpassed the women of any state in this craft. It is my hope to at least, make a start toward total recognition of our ladies, with the hope that at some time a complete "biography" can be written.

In an effort to obtain accurate and original information and examples of quilting patterns of the ladies of North Carolina, I have made written contacts with various institutions located in the state. One such contact with the McDonald Art Gallery of Charlotte led to a reference to you as a possible reference source. It would be a great help if you could put me in contact with ladies you know who quilt, or give me information that you might have.

Thank you for your indulgence and kindness.

Yours truly,
Marilyn Y. Gore

(Ed's Note — Can any of you ladies help us with this?)

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"Why is it that when I tell a good story I have to listen to a poor one?"