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### Law Enforcement Center?

<sup>bel</sup> Before spending a dime on renovating the old jail or building a new one, we hope the public and the various officials within the county will take a long look into the future and the law enforcement needs of the county and its municipalities.

To serve Transylvania's needs over the long pull, what is needed is a Law Enforcement Center, a modern building with a jail, plus facilities and equipment for the 30-plus employes of the combined sheriff's Department and the Brevard Police Dept.

With a central location, one set of records to keep, a combined investigative department, and only one statewide police network hookup needed, this combination setup would save city and county taxpayers thousands of dollars a year, and with the departments in constant touch would also greatly improve the efficiency of law enforcement.

We have talked with some members of both law enforcement agencies, and they agree that it would improve the police work of both depart-

Girl Scouts everywhere are celebrating.

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Sixty-three years ago-on March 12, 1912, to be exact -Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was founded, on very much the same ideals that shaped the birth of our republic. Just as our country has grown, so has girl scouting: from 18 girls in Savannah in 1912 to more than 3.3 million girl and adult members in 1975.

Many changes have been made to keep the Girl Scout program timely and available to all girls through the years. But, the principles on which girl scouting is based — honesty, airness, and respect for oneself and others — have remained constant. From its beginning, kirl scouting has helped millions f girls to grow into resourceful

ments. We have talked with several elected officials, and to a man they favored the idea.

It would save fuel for heating, fuel for autos, make interdepartment communications simple, and they also wouldn't need but one coffee pot.

It just makes good sense to us, no matter which angle we view it from, except for the moment - politically. The city and the county are too much at odds too much of the time. But we can exclude the political angle. Politics isn't noted for making sense.

The taxpayers are going to have a chance to have a say so or two in this problem of what to do about a new jail. There's a public hearing in the matter on March 25.

We're hoping for the largest crowd ever to pack the court room at 7:30 p.m. on that date. Since something is going to have to be done about the jail, the public will have a chance to say what that something will be.

Mark the date on your calendar.

### Grow With Us women.

To highlight this year's Girl Scout week, March 9-15, Girl Scouts across the country invite all citizens to "grow with us." They ask us to work in partnership with them as they prepare for leadership roles. They ask us to join their conservation efforts, their work with handicapped people, senior citizens, the migrant community, and hundreds of other cooperative community service

projects. Whether 6 or 60, say the Girl Scouts, "Grow With .Us" and have fun doing it. We accept their invitation with thanks. And we add our congratulations to an organization that continues to contribute so much to what is good about the American way of life.

### Sign Those Letters

ave viewpoints 180 degrees Although our ground rules for from ours. We'll run any letters which aren't libelous or obscene — within the bounds of decency so long as they signed. If good reasons are given for withholding names, we'll do that, but The Times must know or Mrs. whose letter it is printing. We want everyone to feel free to express his ideas. That's the way we like it. It's what a free America is all about.

Old Transylvania Times Eby Earle Kersh

Jim Aiken is probably best Known these days as the father of Moms Mabley. Around the Turn of the century, though, he was quite a business man in his own right, recalls his niece, Rosa Wilkes. He started out selling needles and pins, but became the proprietor of a restaurant, barber shop, grocery and was also an underTaker. She says his restaurant was about where Patterson's is today on Main Street. But it was in the role of volunteer fireman that he met his death in 1909. All businesses closed for his funeral, held in the white Baptist Church.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1975 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.)

Margaretville, New York 12455 March 5,-1975

Mr. Dear Mr. Osborne:

The letter follows: CROSSING THE

In reference to the article by

Val Lauder, "A Park That

Gives Washington His Due,"

(Travel Section, Feb. 16), we

strongly believe your readers

should understand that the

Leutze painting, "Washington

Cross the Delaware," which

was reproduced in the article,

is often misinterpreted as

being historically accurate.

Nothing could be further from

The American flag pictured

DELAWARE

the truth.

To the Editor:

In your February 17 issue Dr. Herbert Spaugh took to task certain writers whom he regarded as engaging in "character assassination and defamation." of early American heroes. Incidentally there was no point in including Mr. Nixon among such future targets as no one can write as concise and devastating an epitaph as has Mr. Nixon already done to himself.

In his seminary days Mr. Spaugh must have been aware of the value of segregating and had not yet been designed, the apocryphal books from the soldiers would not have held rest of the books of the Bible their barrels pointed upwards largely because of their to catch the falling sleet. exaggerated stories and **General Washington would not** claims to authorship which have been standing in the bow could not be substantiated. of the boat as if he were posing And if the writers of today for a picture, and the style of take the same approach, why the boat is incorrect. get so uptight about it? Washington always made use

March 2, The Sunday New York Times in its travel section carried a letter which I hope you will reprint as its illustrates the point in question. As you can see the writer's credentials are impeccable. The facts which he presents can be authenticated or disclaimed. Nowhere does he attempt to downgrade the thrilling victory and the change in fortunes of the ragged and indomitable army. Neither does the status of George Washington as a brilliant military strategist nor his statesmanship rise or fall on the basis of this article which Mr. Spaugh would describe as the work of a

debunker.

Yours,

Edward Lindgren

The David Library of the American Revolution, located one mile north of Washington Cross Park in Pennsylvania (not in the Memorial Building as the article incorrectly stated), contains one of America's leading privatelyowned collections of **Revolutionary War letters**, documents and memorabilia. We cordially invite the public to visit the library.

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available: there was a ferry in

operation in December, 1776,

at the spot Washington chose

to cross the Delaware.

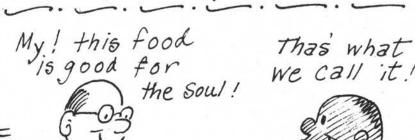
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Letters To The Editor clearly call for persons writing to sign their names, we're still getting unsigned letters.

And after writing to us Mr. Anonymous Anonymous, as the case may be, calls us (still anonymous) on the telephone to brand us "yellow" for not printing the letter, or accuses us of being tied in with this faction or that.

We've printed many letters since we've been here which

But please sign those letters. We don't like being called yellow.

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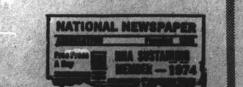
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**BY CECIL HILL** State Senator

Several bills of far-reaching influence were considered by the Senate this week.

The Omnibus Utilities Commission bill was finally passed by the Senate and sent to the House. My column has mentioned this important legislation previously. I think it is a good compromise for both the electric companies and the consumers.

On Wednesday we considered Senator Gudger's bill calling for split sentencing. This bill passed after being amended to apply only to persons who had not previously been in prison within the past five years. It is to run on a trial basis only for two years.

In my opinion, this bill will put more criminals in prison than any single piece of legislation passed in the last few years.

I also believe that it will keep more people out of prison after they have tasted a little prison life.

The bill provides that the judge may sentence a con-victed person to an active sentence not to exceed six months, or one-fourth of the minimum active sentence suspended, and the remainder of the sentence will be served under strict probation.

I feel that most, having seen what life is like inside prison walls, will conduct themselves in such manner as rarely to return.

Much is to be learned in mmittee meetings in the sislature. We are privileged to hear experts in many fields.

One Wednesday the Comnittee on Banking heard several outstanding mortgage or notes at a high interest rate. loan bankers.

we call it!

He was fearful that in-They pointed out that 95 per dividuals would withdraw cent of the mortgage money in from savings accounts in North Carolina comes from banks and savings and loan without the state associations to purchase higher yielding investment.

One of the economists now states that the 52 billion dollar

**Report To Hill Country** 

Ford will probably reach 110 billion dollars. This will be catastrophic. economic system which we

This economist forecast that will have to take. the federal government would

have to borrow money to I am sure the legislature cover this deficit. He stated will operate state government that there was not enough as a tight ship. The legislature money in the public market believes that a slow recovery and that the government is the most that we can hope would offer the people bonds for over the next few years.

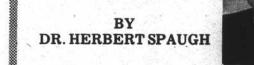
> "Citizen, do you have permission to move this plant from one pot to another?"



#### THE RIGHT TO MOVE

Just as our Constitution guarantees to every citizen the right to move freely around the country, so it protects the right of each individual to conduct his own business or contribute his

each individual to conduct his own business or contribute has labor in the place of his choice. But these rights are being threatened by pending legislation —introduced last year as the "National Employment Priorities Act"—which would make relocation of a manufacturing acility from one state to another (or even an intra-state move) ject to prior government approval.



There is a hydrant-eating tree at Kernersville, North Carolina which has virtually completed its work on Main Street there. For nearly 20 years, the tree has been edging its way closer and closer to a nearby fire hydrant.

For a while, Kernersville was ahead of the battle. It managed to keep the hydrant operating when needed. But the tree was relentless. First it took over two outlets, making both of them useless. The third outlet is still free from the tree, but the biggest problem now is that the firemen cannot get a wrench on top of the hydrant to open it for the flow of water. What's going to happen? Either they will have to replace the fire hydrant ot take down the tree. A townspokesman said the victory of the tree over the hydrant is

This is very much like the old story about the camel and the Arab's tent. The Arab was riding his camel over the desert. Night came and they stopped to camp. During the night, it became colder. The camel asked the Arab to let him put his nose in his tent to keep it warm. Next he said it was getting colder and he wanted to put his head in. Soon there was the plea for his head and neck. Finally the camel was all in the tent and the Arab was out.

"inevitable."

That's what is happening to this country by the gradual erosion of our moral and spiritual foundations.

I have referred to this from time to time in this column. I have seen it happening over the forty years which we have

been writing the Everyday Counselor column. The pendulum has swung from morality to immorality, from righteousness to unrighteousness, from good citizenship with law observance to "dog-eat-dog."

The American attitude all over the world is changing. Witness the Watergate and subsequent revelations. It is all been so gradual. Some can remember the days of prohibition during World War

There was crime and bootlegging, but the hospials for the treatment of alcoholics closed from lack of patients. They were known as the Keely Institutes. Then came the repeal of the 18th amendment and the modification of the laws regulating liquor. Alcohol consumption has gradually increased until today the leading cause for automobile and other accidents is the drinking of alcohol.

The same thing has happened to our observance of Sunday. First it was closed tight. Then drugstores were allowed to open for a few hours. Gradually they opened completely, and then variety stores. Other stores followed suit. At first there was Sunday afternoon opening. Now it is becoming Sunday all day. Slowly the tree has been growing around the fire ydrant.

Write the Everyday Counselor in care of this per enclosing 20 cents and a self-addressed, stampe envelope for bulletins no. 153, "What Do You Throw Away," and no. 192, "Take Care of What You Have."

deficit estimated by President He also stated that not only would 1974 be repeated in the money market, but that a recession is a part of our