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To Build Or To Lend

We listened on TV Cable around 9 o'clock Sunday night to a program in which Donald T. Regan, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, was being interviewed by a small panel of citizens. We took no notes, but during the interview, Mr. Regan made the following statements which are easy to remember:

He said that Congress should introduce a Constitutional Amendment which the states should pass making it illegal for the United States Government to exceed its budget.

He said that he believes it right to place a tariff on steel produced by those countries which have overproduced as a result of trying to maintain jobs in their steel mills.

Asked if a tariff on steel might cause these countries to retaliate on farm grains? he said it might to a degree, but as a whole the United States believes in free trade.

He said that he does not believe the country will go into a deep depression, as signs of recovery are beginning to be seen. He said that the tax cuts and Social Security increases in July will have a great effect on the economy as much of it will go into savings and thus create more business.

In reply to a question, he said, that while some of the Social Security increase money might go to purchase of some items, such as stocks, etc., that the bulk of it would go into savings in support of the supply side as recommended by Reaganomics.

There was much more of course, all along the Reagan line, plausibly given, and seemingly well and courteously received.

Mr. Regan said that he sees no unfairness in the way taxes are being levied and that he personally believes that corporations should pay some taxes. Some taxes, of course, beats no taxes, but it is our understanding that Germany and Japan pay the highest corporation taxes in the world.

And furthermore, it seems to us that it would be much better to get money into the hands of the people so that business would be stimulated to the point where people would go back to work, to paying taxes and Social Security, than to save if for funds to build more factories and other businesses, which can not now sell their produce for lack of market. Few are going to build factories when they are going to make more money lending money.

Holding Down Taxes

In many Eastern North Carolina towns which operate their own electric systems, commissioners are able to hold their ad valorem taxes down because of profits from sales of electricity. Unfortunately most of them fail to charge enough to maintain their plants with the result that a bond issue for repairs must be levied or high emergency taxes levied.

The same is true of water and sewer lines—too much profit going to hold taxes down, and too little provided for maintenance. That is true of Warrenton, where the electric company was sold to Carolina Power and Light Company in the twenties. Since then maintenance has been no problem, and service has been vastly improved.

Nearly 70 years ago most of Warrenton's sewer pipes were laid. They were terra cotta and today many of this type have been crushed, root-filled, and should be removed. Through the years commissioners have taken the bulk of sewer and water profits to the town, in the face of growing opposition to paying

taxes. This has finally caught up with more than a generation of those who have been charged with levying taxes. Earlier in the year a big jump was made in water and sewer rates, when emergencies with tanks and pipes developed. This helped some, but not enough.

The water rates remain at the higher rates—really in line with increases of other private purchases. Where no tax rate increase was made last year in the face of need, in its tentative budget this year the rate was raised 15¢ on the hundred dollar valuation, with

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Quotes

If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. — Bob Hope.

A good traveler is one who does not know where he is going to, and a perfect traveler does not know where he came from. — Lin Yutang.

News Of 10, 25 and 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

June 12, 1942
Five hundred and six tires were issued to Warren County motorists by the local ration board during the months of March, April and May, according to information released by that agency. Of these tires, 153 were obsolete and 143 were for trucks. Not quite half were recapped tires.

Mrs. Andrew Jamieson of Oxford entertained the Tri-City Club of Oxford, Warrenton and Henderson on Wednesday at a five-course luncheon. Mrs. W. R. Baskerville of Warrenton, Mrs. A. P. McNeny of Henderson and Mrs. Jamieson won the Grand Sweepstake prizes for the year.

Robert Macon Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Davis, returned to his home at Grove Hill last week after graduating on June 1 from the

Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Dayton, Va., with a bachelor of arts degree in music education.

June 14, 1957
Warrenton voters may shortly be given an opportunity to determine whether or not the town shall vote a \$193,000 bond issue for improvement of the town's water system.

Rachel Annette Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin T. Abbott of Warrenton, graduated from Rex Hospital School of Nursing on Friday. A graduate of John Graham High School, Miss Abbott received the Royster Award, the highest honor a student nurse can achieve at the school.

Mrs. Walter S. Smiley, a member of the Oakville Home Demonstration Club, was elected president of the Warren County Council at the

regular meeting held here on Monday. She will succeed Mrs. James C. Harris of Inez.

June 15, 1972
The Rev. Elton Cooke, pastor of the Hillside Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has accepted a call to the pastorate of Norlina Baptist Church.

Mrs. Selma Rooker returned to her home last Friday after visiting her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tingle and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith of Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buchanan of Pabb, Va.

Arlene Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bender of Norlina, earned class honors at Duke University in addition to having the distinction of being included on the Dean's List.

Mostly Personal

A Charlotte School Story

Not every public school in North Carolina has the wealth and leadership provided by West Charlotte School in Mecklenburg County, nor the skill to tell its story since 1970 as does Rolfe Neil, publisher of The Charlotte Observer. Yet there are hundreds of good public schools in the state as the threat of being taken over by private schools is no longer valid.

The job faced by the public schools has been and continued to be difficult although there progress since the 1960 has been marvelous. Because I read Rolfe Neil's column in The Charlotte Observer of June 13 with both interest and encouragement, I am reproducing it in this column as a public service. It follows:

"He's the youngest of my five children, not yet old enough to know the irreplaceability of time. So, Quentin extravagantly wished away the days until last Friday afternoon when he at last would hold in his hands a West Charlotte High School diploma.

"Sitting here in the Coliseum's cool dimness, I know I should be concentrating on him, on the celebration of this, his special day. In three years he has set a record none of my others matched: Never failing to make the 6:20 a.m. alarm and traveling the eight miles across town to class on time. Nice going, Quentin.

"Where is he, anyway? Down there — so distant — on the Coliseum floor it's an endless chessboard of 471 seniors gowned in maroon and gold.

"Names Are Unknown
"My mind keeps wandering to people whose names I don't even know but whose deeds I much admire. They are the parents who decided in 1970 to preserve the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system when court-ordered integration threatened to create a white flight stampede. Spread before me are the 18-year-olds who were only first graders then, now the first class to go 12 years through our integrated classrooms.

"My 1949 high school graduation in Columbus, Ga. had an all-white cast. Most of us didn't question it then. Who would encourage us to? Our parents, our church and our school board all said that's the way life was meant to be lived: Blacks to the rear of the bus.

"Quentin is proud of his high school, its accomplishments and especially its spirit. His school — I examine the phrase. West Charlotte was the city's only black high school until a dozen years ago. Around me sit black parents who as alumni must be thinking that it was my school. This afternoon it is our school. Who says mankind is going backward?

"My thoughts drift to the fall of 1975 when I was returning from Philadelphia to live in Charlotte. When I visited the West Charlotte campus, I looked about and thought my children would be attending a mostly black high school. The percentage was 55% white. Odd, isn't it, how so many white minds operate? "Give Us A Chance"

"An old friend, C. D. Spangler Jr., talked to me as soon as I hit town. "Give our public school a chance," he urged. Dick was on the school board then. I told him that only the previous day a headmaster had made the case over lunch why my kids would be better off in a private school.

"Dick, I said, my children will go to the public schools.

"The decision is one never regretted. Quentin is the fourth Neil to receive a West Charlotte diploma.

"You can still get legal arguments about the

constitutionality of busing. But you can't debate an aspect of human nature: Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also. When white people's children enrolled at West Charlotte that school began to receive additional resources of teachers and material that it otherwise never would have been given.

"From what I've heard, the early '70s were not easy years in Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools. There were fights, tensions and disruptions. Meanwhile, additional private schools sprouted.

Heroes: Parents, Kids
"Those first integrated years had some well-known heroes, from several community organizations to school personnel. But those without public citation were the parents who decided to hang with it and their kids who lived it day by day, bus ride by bus ride. They were black.

They were white.

"These parents and kids are the so-called "average" people, never getting their names in the paper or their faces on TV. They simply obeyed the law and did what had to be done. With the sensitive, dedicated work of the school folks they made it work. And don't leave out the PTA's.

"Today, delegations from Northern cities visit the hometown of Stonewall Jackson's widow to learn how Charlotte teaches the human race in the same schoolhouse.

"So, Quentin, congratulations on an historic graduation and good luck this fall at St. Andrews College. On this day I want to tell someone thank you for the good education you received at West Charlotte, our all black and white high school."

ROLFE NEILL
Publisher, The Observer



By Martin Rogers
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An Irish lad carries recently harvested potatoes home for his family's dinner. Valued worldwide for nutrition and versatility, spuds grow in more countries than any crop except corn. Although potatoes are native to South America, the Irish and East Europeans lead the world in per capita consumption.

Potato Is Easy To Underestimate

National Geographic News Service
Mashed into a side dish or fired into fast food, the potato is easy to underestimate.

But potatoes are actually the world's bread and butter, according to the International Potato Center in Lima, Peru. Potatoes yield more nutritious food more quickly on less land and in harsher climates than any other major food crop.

This amazing vegetable is a South American native brought back to Europe from Peru by 16th-century conquistadors. Its own world conquest now complete, King Potato grows in more countries than any crop except corn.

Robert E. Rhoades of the International Potato Center writes in the May issue of National Geographic: "The average annual crop (291 million tons) could cover a four-lane superhighway circling the world six times."

More Protein Per Acre
Produced in 130 of the world's 167 independent countries, one year's crop is worth \$106 billion at consumer prices, Rhoades reports.

Potatoes are fourth, after wheat, corn, and rice, in world production, but because of multiple harvests, yield the most protein and food energy per acre.

They are remarkably adaptable; potatoes grow from below sea level behind Dutch dikes to almost 14,000 feet up in the chilly Andes and Himalayas, from the Arctic Circle to the Strait of Magellan, and in the scorching deserts of Australia and Africa.

Brimming with vitamin C, many of the B vitamins, and iron, the potato is so nutritious that a man in Scandinavia lived healthily for 300 days on only spuds dressed with a bit of margarine. And eating a potato without rich toppings is no more fattening than eating a pear—the potato is 99.9 percent fat free.

Without potatoes, meat production would slump and meat prices skyrocket; nearly half the world's crop is fed to livestock.

Potatoes are also distilled into vodka and aquavit, processed into starch, paste, and dye, and converted to fuel. Researchers have shown that one acre of potatoes in one year's time can yield 1,200 gallons of ethyl alcohol, or potato gasohol, for cars.

Rhoades notes that tomatoes, tobacco, and eggplants are related to the potato, but the sweet potato is not—even though its Indian name, batata, became the English word potato.

Thousands of Varieties
The familiar brown oval spud belongs to the species *Solanum tuberosum*, one of eight cultivated throughout the world. Most of the world's crop and all potatoes grown in the United States belong to this species.

In the Andes, however, farmers cultivate all eight species, embracing as many as 3,000 of the 5,000 or more potato varieties.

Rhoades describes the varieties: "The colors of the rainbow and more, many looked like miniature pineapples, some like coral snakes, and others like bright red cherries or purple gumdrops."

When Europe's potato crops fell victim to late blight in the mid-19th century, a million people died in Ireland, where potatoes were the chief food. Now scientists believe that genetic engineering of potatoes holds promise for a 21st-century solution to the world food crisis.

The International Potato Center's goal is to make the

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