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Economy's Bright Spot

Moore County, like the state as a whole, has a heavy stake in the tourist industry, and in a year of gloomy recession, tourism stands as the bright spot in the state's economy, according to an editorial in the December 15 issue of The Southern Pines Pilot, entitled "\$3 Billion Industry."

The Associated Press, said the editorial, reported last week that state tourism officials expect the industry — now the third largest, behind tobacco and textiles — to bring in a record \$3 billion.

Last year, said the Associated Press, tourism brought in \$2.7 billion, up 11 per cent over the \$2.4 billion in 1980.

In its report the Associated Press continued:

"People all over the country, all over the world, are discovering North Carolina," says Glenn Mays, travel editor for the North Carolina Division of Travel and Tourism. "The tourism industry is growing in North Carolina because we're telling people what a beautiful state we have. We tell them we live up to our name of 'Variety Vacationland' from the mountains to the coast." ...

Mays attributes much of the growth in tourism to an effective

advertising program. He points out that each dollar received from tourism is recycled in the actual economy several times.

"According to a survey conducted by the tourism office," says the Associated Press, "3.6 million people visited the state's five welcome centers last year. The survey shows that the average visitor stays three nights and spends about \$296 for food, lodging and transportation and entertainment."

We believe there can be little doubt that the spectacular growth of tourism is in large measure due to an intensive advertising campaign, but without North Carolina's good road system we feel that such growth would not have been possible. To keep it growing and maintaining hundreds of thousands of jobs by hotel and motel personnel, restaurant personnel, and residential growth, it is necessary that our roads be maintained. It is far better that the memory of a tourist may be of effective roads, a view of beautiful mountain scene, or the ocean at sunset, than a broken axle as the result of striking a pothole. This should be remembered when efforts are made to increase the gasoline tax.

By BIGNALL JONES
At this Christmas season, unlike at other seasons, I am not going to reminisce about Christmas in my childhood, and they are happy memories. Instead I am going to comment about a bright spot in a dismal world as the news and media brings heart-warming story after story, which indicate that American citizens are not indifferent to the plight of millions of their suffering fellow citizens because of the depression.

The news media also brings to us story after story of the suffering of adults, many of them sleeping in the backs of cars not yet repossessed, some of them, without cars, sleeping under shelters made with scrap cardboard, many of them without money to buy fuel, and many without money to buy food, and some of them living out of garbage cans — the ultimate result of loss of jobs. And these stories also tell us that this Christmas there will be no Santa Claus for thousands of children.

The private sector is beginning to open its heart and its pocketbook to millions of their fellow citizens who are ill-clad, hungry and shelterless in a country of plenty. Unfortunately, the need is beyond the ability of the private sector to solve, but happily there is growing indication that our government is beginning to realize its own responsibility to assist in sheltering the homeless and feeding the hungry.

There are many charitable organizations in the private sector outside the church and the various civic clubs which seek to lighten the burdens of the poor. There are few doing a better job with a wider range of care than is the Salvation Army. For several years I have been able to send a very modest check at Christmas to this organization. As a result of this, a few days ago I received a letter of appeal from the Henderson branch of the Salvation Army, with a notation that "this traditional program is in addition to the Salvation Army activities supported by the United Way." The letter, addressed to me, reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Jones: 'What's a little Christmas teddy bear worth? Not much to most people...but if you are 5 year old Tammy...it's priceless.

"Your gifts in the past have enabled us to help many children like Tammy and their families. You have helped us provide the 'down-and-outers' with a meal and a place to sleep...the elderly in nursing homes with a friendly visitor...the prisoners with an understanding ear...and the children with toys and clothes and shoes.

"As you know, suffering and heartaches, hunger and loneliness are not limited to Christmas. Because of this, we serve the needy whenever and wherever we find them. The Salvation Army provides a balanced ministry to the whole person...caring for spiritual, moral and physical needs at

Christmas and throughout the year.

"The number of people we help this year will depend on you. We really need your contribution again now...so won't you please write your check today and send it to us with the coupon at the top of the letter?"

"Thank you and may God richly bless you, Mr. Jones.

"CAPT. LESLIE WHEELER

P.S. \$11.95 will enable us to provide a nice Christmas for a very needy child."

In the large cities, churches are operating soup kitchens for the poor, and even in the small towns the United Way campaigns are soliciting funds. For those who live where neither of these charitable organizations are functioning this Christmas, and who want to share the joy of giving, I would like to suggest that you promptly mail a check to The Salvation Army, 335 Alexander Avenue, Henderson, N. C. 27536.

Seldom has its services been more needed than now.

Yuletide Can Be 'Blue'

'Tis the season to be jolly, or so the old song goes. But the holidays may find some people singing the blues.

"Many people find themselves feeling lonely and isolated, particularly when there is holiday activity going on all around them," says Dr. Leo Hawkins, extension human development specialist at North Carolina State University.

This is related to the high expectations people hold for the holidays. "The usual problems of living in a family are accelerated, especially around Christmas," the extension specialist says.

Because there is so much to be done, there is an increased need for communication, organization, rules and regulations. It is also a time to offer emotional support to other family members and to take care of self-esteem. These are often weak areas in the family, and problems become worse at a time when people are expecting more.

"There is also an increase in symbolic expressions during religious holidays. If a person is not accustomed to this type of expression, he may experience a sense of meaninglessness without realizing where it comes from," Dr. Hawkins points out.

More people are also under considerable economic strain this year. "Those who don't have the money either go into debt or feel frustrated," Dr. Hawkins says. Going into debt results in anxiety during the holidays followed by depression when the bills come due.

The holiday blues can be lifted if family members and friends are alert. "Try to notice if one person is quieter than usual and go to them. Be sure to include them in everything that's going on," Dr. Hawkins recommends. "Sometimes people don't realize what is happening until tempers flare or someone is crying. They would know if they were in the habit of listening, planning and checking with each other."

Courthouse Squares



Dear Doctor: What is pet/human bonding? Somebody mentioned it at a neighborhood coffee the other day but nobody seemed to know much about it.

Answer: Pet/human or animal/human bonding refers to the bonds that tie pet and owner together in a relationship that benefits both by improving the quality of life. Recent research has identified several areas in which the bonding makes a significant contribution to health and well-being;

—the love a cat or dog lavishes on its owner is constant and provides an important source of security.

—a pet gives a child coming home from school to an empty house or a person living alone, a tail-wagging companion happy to see him come home.

—a pet is a source of the laughter that is an essential ingredient for a healthy lifestyle.

—owning a dog can improve a person's fitness level by encouraging outdoor exercise. Walking a dog also is a good way to meet people.

—a pet is an outlet for expressing affection. Stroking and talking to a pet is non-threatening and is a fulfilling way of lifting depression and easing feelings of disappointment.

—relaxed talking to and stroking a pet lowers blood pressure.

Dear Doctor: We have a female cocker that has a skin problem which our veterinarians have not been able to cure. They call it a skin fungus or seborrhea. It is internal and she has had all kinds of medicines and shots. The skin gets scaly in patches and hair pulls out in clumps; it's like picking a chicken. Bathing once or twice a week seems to be the only way I can help control it. Our dog is 13 years old and we've had this problem for around two years now.

Answer: Every other dog walking into the veterinarian's office this year has a skin problem. The skin is the "window to the body." It's where many health problems can first be seen. Such problems are frustrating for owners and pets alike. Finding answers requires careful investigation by the veterinarian and careful observation by the owner.

The place to start for you and other owners whose pets have similar complaints is with good nutrition — a well-balanced diet with Vitamin supplement — and faithfully following the veterinarian's instructions. Screening tests to identify allergic conditions caused by pollens, dust and other substances in the environment are the next step. By carefully observing your pet day to day, you may be able to help by observing at what times and under what conditions the itching, scratching and hair loss seem to increase in intensity.

A Peaceful Christmas
May the wisdom and love of the Three Kings fill you with the true meaning of Christmas.

Blaylock Funeral Home
Warrenton & Littleton

Is This What Public Wants?

In The Fayetteville Times

Over the years, environmentalists have won some, lost some, and the world still turns on its axis. Maybe that accounts for their dismay at the plan to slash the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency by as much as 25 percent, although it is already 900 staffers weaker than it was when President Reagan took office.

For the first time, environmentalists find themselves up against an adversary who is not content to maneuver for advantage and temporarily redirect public policy, but who actually intends to win the war for control of America's resources, once and for all. And they are stunned.

Their concern is fully justified, but

their surprise is not. Were they off somewhere watching ruffed grouse when Candidate Reagan declared, over and over, that environmental protection was one of the biggest contributors to the nation's fiscal stress?

Did they believe, all these months, that Secretary of Interior James G. Watt was a loose cannon rolling around on deck, waiting to be lashed down by a commanding officer whose attention had momentarily strayed?

Give the President his due. Right or wrong, he is doing exactly what he promised to do: turn public resources and environmental policymaking over to people who would use them to make

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News Of 10, 25, 40 Years Ago

Looking Back Into The Record

Dec. 18, 1942

Warren County quotas for tractors, harrows, wagons and other farm supplies, have been announced and the Warren County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee will begin taking applications for these items on Monday, Dec. 21, W. E. Turner, chairman of the Warren County War Board, stated yesterday.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Crinkley with the president, Mrs. Sam Davis, in charge.

Daniel Kearney, well-known trapper of Ridgeway, is a winner of a Daily Award for correct pelt preparation in the 14th National Fur Show conducted by the Raw Fur Marketing Service of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Dec. 20, 1957

Dr. William A. Burwell of Raleigh, a registered druggist and a native of Warrenton, will be assisting with prescription work at Hunter Drug Co.

Some 140 persons called at the William H. Bender home on last Friday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. Bender held open house in order that the public might inspect their new home.

Preliminary steps have been taken toward launching an appeal here for Warren County's share of the cost of the proposed \$185,000 Girl Scout Camp at Kerr Lake.

Dec. 21, 1972

A recent notice that the U. S. Department of Agriculture would de-classify Warren County as an economically depressed area, effective

Dec. 29, has brought a request from Region K for a postponement for a restudy, Claude Bowers, Warren County representative on the board of Region K, said yesterday.

Heavy rains which soaked Warren County last week produced flash floods and some crop damage, but fell far short of matching the precipitation level reached in early October. Almost steady rainfall occurred from 8 p. m. last Wednesday until 7 p. m. Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Salmon, Jr. of Roanoke Rapids announce the birth of a son, Kervin Dale, on Dec. 16. Mrs. Salmon is the former Helen Moseley of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Salmon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Salmon of Littleton.

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Merry Christmas

To our patrons who've made our year extra special, may we wish you happiness and fulfillment this Christmas and in the days to follow. Our warmest greetings and thanks to you all.

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