

# The Public Speaking

## Bradford Item Seen As Outdated, Distasteful

Editor:

I have been a subscriber and reader of your paper for some time and have followed with interest and admiration the manner in which you have handled features and editorials. After reading your condensation of Mr. Roak Bradford's "How Come Christmas," on the 20th issue of the Pilot I am afraid I missed the moral essence of the Christmas spirit that you tried to convey at this holiday season.

Your selection of a feature for the holiday season might have reached a small percentage of readers, who can receive gratification from reading of the misfortunes and oppressions of others but I firmly believe that the greater per cent of our readers would find your section as distasteful and out of date as I; especially during the most sacred season of the year.

The dialect used in your selection might have been appropriate some or six decades ago if used at the present season, but surely we can look back with the dark days when our moral and economic standards were insufficient to satisfy the minds of our youth. The biblical versions of the meaning of Christmas, which served as an inspiration to so many wonderful people, but this great event, which has been much more active for all of your readers.

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## Air Force Staff Chief Urges Need For GOC

Editor:

As a pilot I have been pleased to report to you through The Pilot Council, on the progress of the Ground Observer Corps. I express our gratitude for the part you have given to this important element of our defense system.

Aware that we are continuing to improve and expand our electronic detection network, despite such progress, we realize that as long as the threat of air attack exists, we need a well organized, efficient Ground Observer Corps.

At the present time, because of the rapid development of electronic detection, it is possible in some areas to put some of our "ready reserve" on a "ready reserve" status. However, in no way should we neglect the need for skywatchers, who, in the bulk of our defense system, are the backbone.

In the present world tension, it is sure you will agree that we should increase the effectiveness of our air defense elements, and the Ground Observer Corps is a vital part of this effort.

The United States Air Force warmly welcomes your help.

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Note: David Boyd of Southern Pines is a member of GOC posts in the area. He will welcome communications from anyone who would like to join the Ground Observer Corps. (See work.)

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