

### The Girl Scouts

In our comments about the Boy Scouts in a recent issue, we were not forgetting that there is also an organization of girl Scouts, and what is being done for the girls of America, adapted to the needs and activities of the girls. The same basic principles embodied in the ideals of the Boy Scouts are in the movement designed to train and equip the girls to play a significant role in the home, Church, social and political affairs of life in America. This

movement should also have the cooperation of the people in every community where the organization exists. Girls do grow up to become women, and what they are and do has greater weight in all aspects of society than is generally recognized. It is not too much to say that the women of America set the standards which elevate, or adversely affect, every aspect of organized society. The Girl Scout movement helps to mold the thinking and the behaviour of a large part of our whole social order.

### A House Divided

A person who knew what was in man uttered an eternal truth when He said, "A house divided cannot stand. It is natural, right, and normal that there be differences of opinion, and should be freely expressed. But in any sort of household, there must be a basic, underlying unity if the house is to stand. But there is a right way and a wrong way in which differences may be expressed. In regard to the war in Vietnam we have had some expressions of protest which are contrary to the very principles which the protesters claim to defend. The exposure to the enemy of the way Americans are thinking has given much aid and comfort to the enemy. The same thing is hap-

pening in the area of American parties. It is generally conceded that divisions within the Republican party was responsible for the overwhelming victory of the Democrats. At the moment, the Democrats are building up the same kind of differences which threaten the success of the party in the next election. Democrats and Republicans are human beings, and very much alike. And human nature frequently crops out in strange behaviour. There are always men in both parties who stretch their egoistic pride in personal ambition, regardless of how it may effect the welfare of party or country. Personal concern becomes paramount to National interests.

### A Sorry Tale

You read about it in your newspaper. Three young men at pistol point, robbed a boy of ten cents, and they in a stolen car sought to flee away. Police started after them, and in their haste to get away the boys lost control of the car, hit a telephone post and all three were killed. In just a few minutes they passed from a crime to death. Their thoughts of bravado and excite-

ment quickly passed from life to death. For them, life was over before it had a chance to begin.

It is hard to understand the mentality, not only of teenagers, but adults who figure in crime, knowing that always the odds are against them. The birthright to greatness, sold for a few miserable pennies.

### Confusion Worse Confounded

Just when we think that we have arrived at some reasonable understanding of the situation in Vietnam, a number of things turn up which adds to our confusion. The latest rioting by large numbers of the South Vietnamese, whom we are supposed to support, adds to the complexities of a situation which makes choices and policies difficult. The piecemeal method of fighting has exposed our troops to hardships, wounds, and death, along with losses in planes, which spells out costs unequal to our gains. We have not lost sympathy for the bona fide South Vietnamese, who wish to be free of Communist dictators; but from the nature of the latest riots

and the antagonistic attitude towards the Americans, it would seem that others than the Communists want Americans to get out.

We may be wrong, but it seems to us that these incidents give us a face-saving reason for getting out. If the South Vietnamese want to stew in their own juice, let them stew. The French were driven out of Vietnam, and so far as we can see, have not suffered from what must have been at the time, a humiliating defeat. There are times when humiliation accepted, becomes a power for victory. At the moment it seems to us that the time for us has come to make the test.

### Religion In The Here And Now

In a recent issue of Parade, a newspaper supplement, there is a story captioned: THE USA: NATION OF FRIGHTENED WOMEN. The article describes the sex crimes committed in the USA: a gruesome tale of rape and murder of women. Dope, alcohol, and laxity in law enforcement are given as some of the reasons for these brutal sex crimes.

The writer fails to list what we believe is the main cause of such crimes — The women themselves must take a large share of the responsibility. Naked women, save a small bikini, parade across the newspapers, magazines, ad-

vertisements, movies and TV. Their motions in display indicate incitement to lust. Scenes in the movies, purposefully suggestive, arouse passions in million of men who are bereft of any moral restraints, and unleash their passions in criminal assaults. Usually, it is the innocent women who suffer for the sins of others.

But these women in the movies and on TV are not the only contributors to the situation. Modern dress flouts decency and morality. Exposure of female limbs excite passions in men, especially those who have no moral scruples. Once upon a time, which some of us can remember, men looked upon women with something of reverence. The women dressed modestly, and men respected them. A boy was careful and gentlemanly in his treatment of girls. Then, a number of things happened: women wanted to be equal with men, and began to claim that "boys will be boys", might also apply to girls will be girls", and to prove it they become as aggressive as the boys. Results: An alarming number of teenagers become pregnant. U. C. L. A. has some disturbing statistics on this situation

The women claim that they cannot buy any other kind of dresses. They could if they refused to buy what fashion designers put out. Frequent change of styles fatten pocketbooks, of materialistic-minded people. If women demanded more decent styles they would get them. So, women themselves must share the responsibility for much that goes on in a world which leaves its morals and ethics shut up in the church where on Sunday high beliefs are affirmed, but denied in the market place and in human relationships.

### This Week's

### 60 SECOND SERMON

By  
Fred Dodge

TEXT: "At sunrise every soul is born again." Walter Malone.

"Why are you so down-hearted, Joe?" — asked his friend.  
"I've just begun to see my life for the failure it is," Joe responded, gloomily. "The first half was ruined by my parents and the second half by my children."

In spite of the notion made popular by the book, "Life Begins At Forty", life doesn't begin there nor at eighteen or eighty. Life begins for each of us when we want it to begin as long as we live. A new life, changed life, a full life begins for us the instant we have knowledge backed by courage and the energy to act.

Too many of us worry about our pasts and let them limit our futures. Our futures didn't start yesterday. They start this moment — now!

Progress and growth are never certain, but they are always possible. "The future is a world limited by ourselves," Maeterlinck said. If we let what is past restrain us, our futures are limited indeed. Yesterday is always yesterday. The future is always now. Use it, this moment, to start in the direction you should go.

### Darlington Stock Car Races

Darlington, S. C. --April 4-- The Rebel 400 stock car classic at Darlington, April 30th, has been awarded full international sanction by ACCUS during its New York meetings over the week-end.

The unprecedented ruling now opens the doors to USAC stock car drivers for the nation's second oldest stock car racing classic. This will include Jim Hutubise, winner of the Atlanta 500, A. J. Foyt, Daytona winner, Gordon Johncock and Don White, all of whom compete in international racing.

The special ruling was needed when Darlington's original race date of Sunday, May 1, was knocked out by

action of the state legislature following pressure of several ministerial groups. A spokesman for the international body said Darlington had acted in good faith in applying for their original date and it would be a violation of good sportsmanship to penalize the annual spring classic by tabling the request.

Bob Colvin, Darlington's general manager was elated over the ruling. "This is a great break for the fans and the Rebel and now we can see how good these fellows are on the nation's toughest course".

Of the four only Foyt has driving on the tricky mile and three-eighths asphalt course. The former Indianapolis winner was a member of a six-man team that set a 24-hour world record at Darlington in 1960.

### Virginia 500 April Events

Martinsville, Va. -- David Pearson and his car owner and mechanic, Cotton Crews, will be out to break a big jinx for Dodge in the 11th annual Va. 500 April 24th at Martinsville Speedway.

It has been nine years since a Dodge driver won the event, Buck Baker piloted a Dodge to victory in the inaugural running in 1956.

And Owens, formerly a standout driver himself, never has won on the demanding half-mile track and has yet to put one of his cars in victory circle.

"I'm still looking for my first big one there," Owens said.

And maybe this will be the one, Pearson will be driving a 1966 Dodge Charger as will 1966 NASCAR Rookie of the Year, Sam McQuagg, who will be making his first Martinsville start.

Pearson's constant finishes have made him the Grand National point leader and he has been alternating between the Charger and a 1965 Dodge.

He'll use the Charger here. "I believe we'll do all right," Owens said. "It's mostly a matter of handling there and there's no difference between the Coronet and Charger chassis. It's just a matter of how the wind hits the car."

Baker won the Grand National title in 1956, using a Dodge and a Chrysler and Pearson would like to be the first strictly Dodge pilot to take the crown.

Five short track races are scheduled before the factory teams hit three major events the last part of the month, including the 500-lap, 250-mile battle at Martinsville, carrying posted awards of \$25,190.

Qualifying starts on Friday, April 22nd, with a 20-lap qualifying race and an 80-lap modified and sportsman program, featuring the top drivers in those divisions, scheduled on Saturday.

The Virginia 500, with all

### SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON — What started out to be a short Congressional session dedicated to improvement of existing programs and laws has turned into another effort to enact broad new programs. Presidential messages have been coming to Capital Hill for weeks now with regularity urging new Federal aids at home and abroad. Moreover, the Viet Nam War has shifted Congressional concern from reform to inflation, taxes, and the conduct of the war.

Hopes for a short session have all but evaporated. What all this means is that Congress will have less time to devote to the improvement of old programs and instead will be devoting much energy to the consideration of educational plans for overseas children and a new flock of civil rights bills. In this climate, criticisms leveled at the anti-poverty program and the alleged misuse of Federal Housing funds are almost certain to get less attention than they merit. Congress ought to take a long, hard look at existing Federal aids to individuals, communities, states, and the world. Such an effort would certainly improve many Federal programs and cut waste out of others.

Instead, the President has announced that he is sending down another set of anti-discrimination bills, is suggesting new and most costly city development plans at a time when the Federal Government is pressed to hold down expenditures, and is advocating passage of a rent-subsidy program that poses

the big names already entered, starts at 1 P. M. on Sunday, April 24th.

future budgetary problems. In the Congressional workload are some new programs that have much merit. The President has proposed amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that I strongly favor. I have joined in the introduction of two bills on this subject. Conservation of pure water supplies is a national need vital to life in the years ahead.

The Water Pollution Control Act, which I co-sponsor, simply takes a new approach to the old problem of stream pollution and water shortages. Principally it would shift functions from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Department of Interior, and it would also create a commission to study the nation's water needs, especially with respect to pure water.

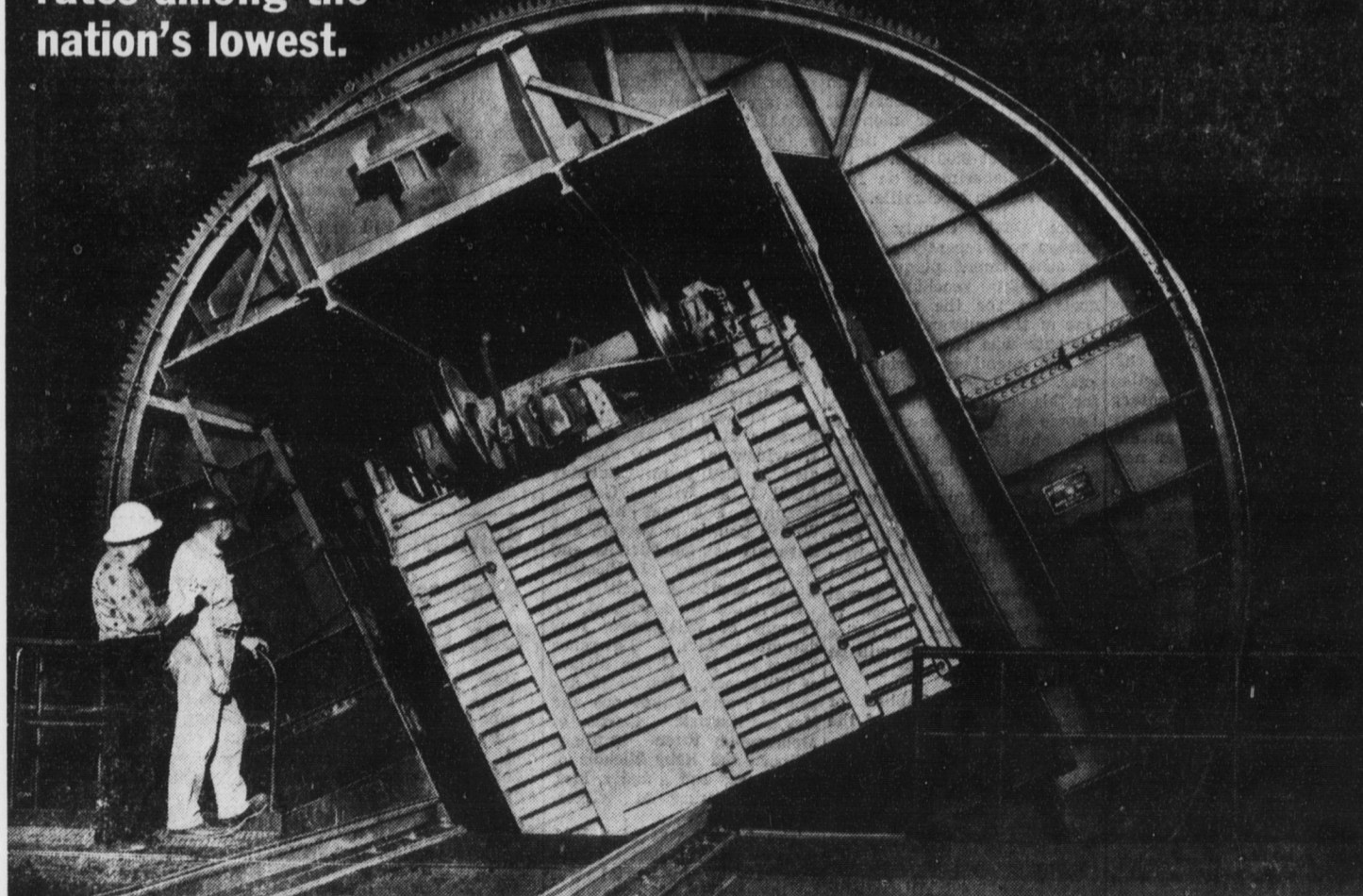
Other Administration-backed programs which I support are the tire safety standards bill and the anti-crime proposals. In this connection, I have introduced some anti-crime legislation on my own to curb rising crime rates and have worked on the legislation in the Committee.

All in all, Congress still has much work to do before the snow flies. As of April 1, of twenty-five major Administration measures on the Congressional calendar only three had reached the status of "final action". In addition, twelve regular appropriation bills still had a long way to go, and a multitude of lesser bills were in the "study" and "hearings scheduled" stage.

If any consensus has developed at this stage of the session, it is this: Congress is less prone to create new Federal programs that will add to the already mounting tax burdens of the country.

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