

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



MORGANTON - One of the first measures which may face Congress in January is a bill to raise the national debt ceiling by \$2 billion or more. The Federal Treasury's borrowing power is bumping close to the statutory \$380 billion limit which Congress set last summer to take care of the country's money problem for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

The likely priority of this measure speaks pointedly about our major dilemma - how to live with our willingness to pay. If the Treasury does make more borrowing a priority measure, much will be made of statistics that our "gross national product" is soaring to new highs that the wealth which our country possesses is unparalleled, and that the added burden of more debt will not be great.

Still this ignores the real issue of national discipline over our financial affairs. Borrowing more in a time of national prosperity, full employment, and record Government spending compounds serious fiscal problems that reliance on credit has swept under a much used rug.

Shortly the President will present to Congress his program for 1967. Deeply involved in all of the messages should be this question of disciplining ourselves to make some hard decisions on spending, revenues, and Treasury borrowing. The question presents at least these alternatives and variations of these alternatives. First, should the Congress continue spending at rates beyond revenues and incur a major deficit that could imperil the whole economy? Second, should Congress spend at record levels and raise taxes to bring in more revenues? Third, should Congress curtail Federal spending enough to bring the budget in line with revenues under present tax rates?

In my judgment, cuts in Federal spending represent the soundest basis for the new budget. Raising taxes and more Treasury borrowing are alternatives that are not in the national interest at this time. The truth is that Congress could make some courageous decisions and cut Federal spending if it really wanted to. There

are Federal programs that are both wasteful and unwise in their premise and their administration.

The foreign aid program has been criticized for years as a program that ought to be pared down in the national interest.

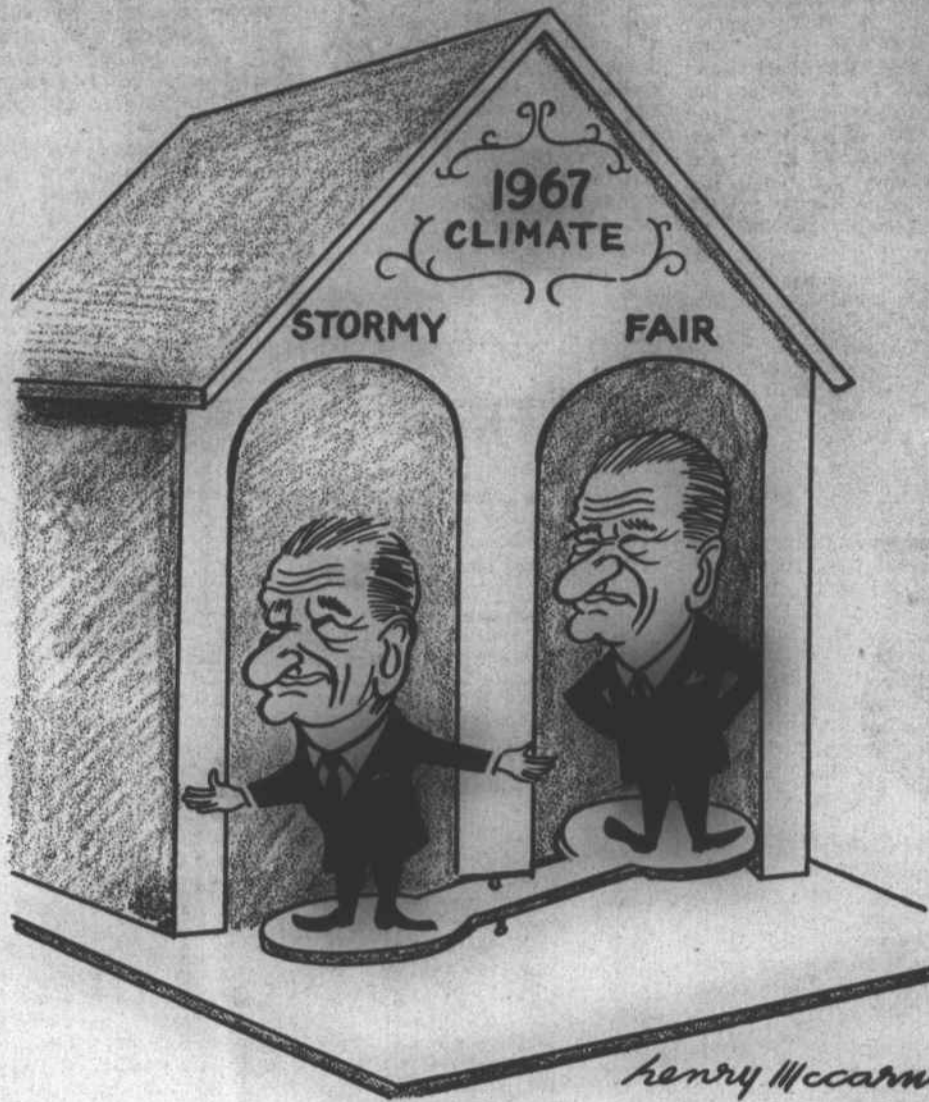
At home, there are programs that could be dispensed with as not in the national interest at this time. The importance of cutbacks in many of the foreign aid projects is that this would clear the way for a more critical look at domestic programs. With some validity people justify their pet projects at home when they see our huge commitments for grants and loans to fund development programs overseas. Still the argument of justification overlooks the better question: "Should not all our spending programs get a sound review before we raise taxes or permit more borrowing?"

Clearly the answer ought to be "yes", but it needs strong support from every citizen in our country.

Washington - When Abigail Adams set up housekeeping in the newly built White House as its initial First Lady, Mrs.

George Washington sent her a gift of venison and an invitation to Mount Vernon, according to the new book, *The Living White House*, published by the White House Historical Association.

POLITICAL FORECAST



Henry McCann

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

They wasn't the rich folks no Ed Doolittle told the fellers more, he claimed, on account of at the country store Saturday the rich folks has to keep jumpin' he aimed to start the Newing to pay the taxes. It was the Year off right and the proper pore "nonworker" with his gaw-way to do it was to git some aited income that was drainin' facts in this country straighten-

ed out. Zeke Grubb's preacher come agree with Ed, said he had saw in about this time and, as a general rule, when the good Parsoning to \$7 billion for the year sets quiet and gives him the just ended. They was a heap of floor. But on this occasion he good, healthy labor, allowed the took a chair in the back and hol-Parson, running loose amongst lered "Amen, Brother Doolittle, Amen!"

Farthermore, said the Parson, he had saw where the last Congress spent \$240 billion which was more than the Congress spent that financed World War II. He told the fellers he was starting out 1967 by praying ever morning for the new Congress to tighten up a bit on the spending.

Bug Hookum said he didn't mean no disrespect to the Parson but he was of the opinion it would take more than prayers to make them Congressmen see the error of their ways, that it was going to have to be done at the ballot box. Ed said he was agreed with Bug, but he was mighty glad to have the Parson's prayers helping out in the situation, said it might stop little items like the \$400,000 they spent fer fire hydrant sprinklers fer city kids to play in.

What was all these people doing, ask Ed? He said they was the new "leisure class" that has been created in this country.

Yours truly
Uncle Pete

Duplin County Churches



Alum Springs Baptist Church

By: Ruth B. Wells

A group of interested persons tried to organize a Baptist Church near the present location of Woodland Methodist Church. In 1907 Mr. Hargett Kornegay gave an acre of land for this purpose, but since the church did not materialize the land reverted back to the Kornegay family.

A year later, in 1908 another attempt was made and in this group of people were the families of Mr. Gaston Kelly, Sr. and Mr. Preston Chestnut. The Kelly family donate land, and Alum Springs Baptist Church was organized. Families instrumental in organizing the church were Kellys, Summerlins, Chestnuts, Wallers, Kornegays, Garners and others.

The church was named for Alum Springs which is located at Kornegays Bridge near E. F. Grady School.

Services were held in the Red Hill School house during the time the church was under construction.

Some years later a group of members of Alum Springs formed a new church. Garners Chapel, Alum Springs now looks with pride on the record her daughter church has made in its community.

The church grew and prospered and in 1950 it was decided to remodel the original building, at the same time adding Sunday School rooms. Again in 1960 more space was needed and more Sunday School rooms were added.

Among the pastors who have served Alum Springs are: Rev. Early, Caswell, Hollaway, Stevens, Powers, Potts, Sharpe, Hager, Hathorn, Price, and the church is now being served by the Rev. M. Carlisle Franks.

Rev. Franks also serves Garners Chapel Church, Alum Springs Church has worship services at 11 o'clock each 2nd

and 4th Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 o'clock each Sunday, and mid week prayer meeting are held each Tuesday night. The church membership is now 95 and the Sunday School enrollment is 85.

Mr. S. J. Waller is chairman of the board of deacons. Serving with him as deacons are Emmett Kelly, Eugene Outlaw and Franklin Quinn who is also Church Clerk and treasurer. Mr. George Kelly is superintendent of Sunday School. Mr. Ben Summerlin served the church as deacon for many years prior to his death, as did Mr. Herbert T. Kornegay who was clerk and treasurer for more than thirty years.

Alum Springs Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to you to join them in worship.

(We express appreciation to Mr. S. J. Waller and Franklin Quinn for this information. R. B. W.)

Well! Well! Wells

By: Ruth Wells

This is the season of the year when we come to expect an unexpected greeting. So we were delighted to hear from our friend, Mr. Virginus Williams, of Falsion, who is vacationing south of the border down Mexico way. He makes Mexico sound especially inviting as he described the harvest of citrus fruits and cotton picking, while back home we shiver and shake in this most disagreeable weather. What is the saying about Mexico? "If the dust of Mexico falls on your heart, you will always return." Well, Mr. Williams, don't get exposed, as we will be expecting you back in Duplin soon.

had rolled away and that I was standing in a sacred place. The Christ Child and the Mother Mary looked so real, and the sheep and cattle nearby were happily eating hay. A crowd was milling around enjoying the Elves and their workshop, the miniature village and Santa's reindeer with their little legs running, but this was a reverent crowd, and it was easy to feel the true meaning of Christmas. This was a truly wonderful scene and the Campbells, Gilbert, Clinton, James Emory, Ruby and any others that may have helped, really contributed to a wonderful scene. I hope that it was your good fortune to see it too.

I just can't let Christmas be over and forgotten just yet. Just a few days before Christmas Joe and I went to the Campbells in Beulaville to see their Christmas scene. The temperature was warm, the night was calm, and as I stood before the Manger scene, I felt that 2000 years

it does seem soooo good that traffic is less congested at the intersection of Hill Street and Courthouse Place in Kenansville. When the Board of Education moved to their new home it surely did alleviate a congested area. I hear by the grapevine that we should now enjoy

the measure of safety that we have there, as there is a possibility of another county agency moving in that building real soon.

Don't you just know that Nancy Stevens is having a ball in Florida? Nancy was the lucky winner of the football contest, and I believe I am correct in saying that Nancy is the first winner to go to the game in Florida. This contest has become an annual event with this newspaper, and is sponsored by local merchants. It has proven one of the most popular features of the paper.

And speaking of Florida, Bill and Irene Carroll of Beulaville told me they were going down sometime soon and they promised me a crate of oranges.

Well, that is just what I got through the mail last week. A crate of orange BUBBLE GUM, the crate was 4 inches long and 2 inches square.

Where Are We Headed?

As the last sheet is torn from the calendar the pundits, commentators, financial and editorial writers pause with pen in hand to take a retrospective look at the year 1966. They will find that it was a good year in many respects. The economic indices continued to reflect a general state of affluence that the nation has enjoyed for 20 years. The blatant evidence of this affluence has bothered those who find it difficult to reconcile the tragedy that men are facing in Viet Nam with a persistent demand at home for a life of greater ease and comfort. The truth is that while the output of United States industry poured a flood of material well-being across the land, there was no stinting on military requirements.

The productive capacity of this country has become so great that it can sustain a major war effort without interrupting our peacetime lives, and judging by reports at the end of the year, there is growing evidence that the communist world is not a monolithic force after all. Serious as it is, the war in Viet Nam and the threat of world-wide communism may have less of a bearing on the shaping of the American future than events that have been taking place right here at home.

In the midst of prosperity, there has been a rising discontent that is difficult to explain. At a time when major industries and business leaders are devoting a large part of their energies to helping solve broad social and economic problems, a deep-rooted movement is sweeping across the country that could well undermine the private enterprise, free market economic system.

During 1966, extensive investigations into the motives and the performances of many basic industries reached a new high. The maladjustments of inflation have been blamed on industry. Toward the end of this past summer, consumers turned their wrath on retail distribution. Housewives picketed stores and demanded price reductions. Simultaneously, striking unions made a shambles of the government's wage guidelines. Wage increases threatened to outstrip productivity increases. All of these things promise to raise a fundamental issue to which most citizens have given no thought.

The issue that is being raised by the striking housewives, striking workers and investigative government bodies, involves the question of whether or not our private enterprise, capitalist system, which functions on the profit motive, is to be retained? The growing discontent, if it runs deep enough, will result in legislative action that will alter irrevocably the system under which we have lived since the founding of the nation.

Since any fair examination of the record will reveal the great benefits that have been derived from competitive capitalism, we must assume that the present discontent is based on misunderstanding - a misunderstanding that has been encouraged by irresponsible political actions that have led to the depreciation of the dollar. The rise of discontent among U. S. citizens, if not resolved, may well lead to the crippling of productivity and the erosion of liberty, as controls are substituted for the laws of supply and demand in a free market - a market, that is incomparably the best in the world. Life magazine describes its accomplishments in a few sentences: "American housewives, many of whom are engaged in supermarket boycotts to protest the high cost of food, spend an average 18.2 per cent of their families' take-home pay to buy that food. In 1960 they were spending 20 per cent and in 1947, 24.8 per cent. In France, housewives dedicate 30 per cent of their family budget to food. In Japan the rate is 43 per cent, and in the Soviet Union - something between 50 per cent and 60 per cent."

As the new year opens, we should all vow to try a little harder to understand what makes the wheels go around in the United States. That is the biggest task we face in 1967. Only through understanding can we erase excessive discontent and mistrust. Only through understanding of bread and butter facts of our economic system can we hope to retain the good and abundant life that we have enjoyed in the past - to say nothing of freedom and our stature as a world power.

Waccamaw Bank employees theoretically had a holiday Monday January 2, in observance of New Years Day, but I do honestly believe that was about

the hardest days work some of them have put in a long time. They were moving into the lovely new building on Main Street just South of the Courthouse.

Either you have it, or you don't. Talent, that is, that old ugly thing building that was transformed from a jail to a welfare office, was again

THE Minister's Desk

By: D. E. Parkerson

A San Francisco woman whose husband had been dead some years went to a medium. She produced the spirit of her dead husband.

"My dear John," said the widow to the spirit of her dead husband, "are you happy now?" "I am very happy," John replied.

"Happier than you were on earth with me?" she asked. "Yes," was the reply. "I am happier now than I was on earth with you."

"Tell me, John, what is it like in heaven?" "Heaven!" said John, "I'm not in heaven."

This must have been quite a marriage - very much like some that you have known. If the man hadn't gone to heaven and was enjoying life more than while on earth in his home there was something wrong. And I know what was wrong. The quality of love that spends and expends itself for the other members was lacking. In short, Christ was not at the center of the home. For when Christ comes into a home love supplants suspicion and petty hatreds.

Someone has said that a Christian home is a colony of heaven. I like his description very much, for it indicates that in all our relationships we represent another kingdom. We are representatives of God and God-likeness.

It would be terrible to think of our homes as colonies of hell. Yet that is exactly what some of them are. Lucifer, the evil one, makes successful beachheads in our lives and occupies every part of our being that he can. Hatred, jealousy, suspicion, selfishness and greed, a dominating spirit, contentiousness, and various other sins rob our homes of their joy and power. When this happens homes become divided. Satan - called Lucifer in the Bible - takes over. And our homes become colonies, not of heaven, but of hell? There is a world of difference.

Parents often forget the stewardship they have to God by virtue of the fact that they have children. God gives life. He creates it out of Himself. Yet He lets us share in the creation of life. By creating us male and female and making possible the marvelous and miraculous process called birth

He lends us children. They are ours - they have our features physically, and often mentally - but yet they are not ours. We are stewards to God for the welfare of our children in the same way that we are our possessions.

The homes that know this and practice it experience a little of heaven here on earth.

Yesterday's News Notes

1 Year Ago
5760 gallon still destroyed in Rose Hill area.
Steve Brock victim of hunting accident in Warsaw.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eason announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann to Joseph Carter Pane.
Hill Supply Company changes name to Pink Hill Supply Company, Inc.
5 Years Ago
Contracts let on East Duplin School.
District Social Security office opens in Goldsboro with James E. Temple manager.
Boarding home in Warsaw owned by Mrs. Ralph Jones opened for business.

10 Years Ago
Mrs. I. J. Sandlin, Jr. of Beulaville elected director of District Eight N. C. Congress Parents and Teachers.
Anthony Earl Hatcher first baby to arrive at Duplin General in 1957 arriving 3:10 a.m. January 1.
Twenty one persons in five families left homeless as 50-room hotel burned in Wallace.

20 Years Ago
Gordon A. West for past 27 years operator of G. A. West Garage sold out this week to his head mechanic J. E. Fulford.
Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Bruce Boney celebrate 25 wedding anniversary.
Mr. Addison Jenrette, assistant county agent resigned to accept position with Brown-Williamson Tobacco Company in South America.
Mrs. Carolyn Hall, daughter of John B. Hall of Eastman Ga. and John Hall, son of Mrs. Della Whaley united in marriage in Macon, Georgia.

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Crossword Puzzle

1. Set of twenty	13. _____	25. Tertiary
6. Mushrooms	14. _____	26. Years
11. Egrets	15. _____	28. Hall
13. Planet	16. _____	31. Employ
14. Public notice	17. _____	33. By mouth
15. Tree	18. _____	34. Insect
16. Consumed	19. _____	35. Edging
17. Bone-anat.	20. _____	37. Boy's nicknames
18. Mend	21. _____	38. Schoolbook
20. Simpleton	22. _____	39. Inclined
22. Swing round	23. _____	41. Bacon and -
24. Epoch	24. _____	43. 12 consonants
25. Of musical sounds	25. _____	45. Arabian prince
27. Suffix: most	26. _____	47. Floating log
28. Persian king	27. _____	50. Frost
30. Awaken	28. _____	52. High peak
32. Musical instruments	29. _____	55. Musical note
34. Fruit	30. _____	57. Dad
36. Equipment	31. _____	
39. Fish eggs	32. _____	
40. Stuns	33. _____	
42. Ask alms	34. _____	
44. Pinnacle	35. _____	
46. Limb	36. _____	
47. Dread	37. _____	
48. State: abbr.	38. _____	
49. Length unit	39. _____	
51. Girl: slang	40. _____	
59. Fruit	41. _____	
53. Act	42. _____	
54. Course of action	43. _____	
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