Duplin Story

The following appeared in Sam Raggan's SOUTHERN ACCENT on Sunday, April 6.

Down in Duplin County, we learn they are talking about reviving Sam Byrd's "The Duplin Story," and we hope that they will. It was an enjoyable drama, a historical depiction of Duplin from its beginnings to the present. Of course, the revived version would have to be brought even more up to date, to include the remarkable progress Duplin has made in diversified agriculture and industry.

The late Sam Byrd of Mount Olive had a wonderful gift for drama, as well as a fine facility for story telling. We remember his "Small Town South" as delightful reading that gave as good a picture of life in a Southern small town as one would hope to find.

Age Is Not A Total Loss

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It has often been said that the practice of reflecting on what is past is a sign of advancing years. To which we might add that if growing old brings nothing more than the wisdom to reflect truthfully and analyze correctly about the past, then age won't be a total loss.

A reader of The Tribune sent us a clipping, which you might enjoy reading at this beginning of a new year. It was titled, "Things I Wish I Had Known," and was as follows:

A man of full, ripe years, well preserved, once sought to divest himself before a group of young people in his sacred thoughts and reflections, such as seem impossible to experience by the younger folk.

Here is the message, as given in Andrus Driftings:

Having passed the first two-score and ten years of my life, and realizing that the more sand that has escaped from the hour glass of life the clearer we should see through it, I find myself more prone to meditate and philosophize.

My life has been rich. But there have been regrets, regrets which you, too, will experience in time. These regrets can largely be grouped together as "Things I wish I had known before I was twenty-one."

I wish I had known what I was going to do for a living, and what my life work would likely be.

I wish I had known that my health after thirty was largely dependent on what I had put into my stomach before I was 21.

I wish I had known how to take care of my money.

I wish I had known that a man's habits are mighty hard to change after 21.

I wish I had known that the harvest depends so much upon the seeds sown.

I wish I had known you cannot get something for nothing.

I wish I had known the world would give me just about what I deserved.

I wish I had known the folly of not taking the advice of older and wiser people.

I wish I had known that Dad wasn't such an old fogy after all.

I wish I had known that everything Mother wanted me to do was right.

I wish I had known what it meant to Mother and Father to raise a son.

I wish I had known more of the helpful and inspiring parts of the Bible

I wish I had known the tremendous value of the opportunity and the joy of serving a fellowman.

I wish I had known that there is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and helping people up.

I wish I had known that the "sweat of my brow" would earn my bread.

I wish I had known that a thorough education brings the best of everything else.

I wish I had known that honesty is the only policy, not only in dealing with my neighbors but also in dealing with myself and with God.

I wish I had known the value of truthfulness in everything.

And today I wish I knew the formula for impressing you and other young people that life is a mirror which will reflect back to you what you think into it.

Long Distance Call

Radio astronomers have picked up some inexplicable noises coming from several very distant star-systems. One researcher suggests that we may be eavesdropping on signals being exchanged by remote, non-human civilizations.

WASHINGTON - The Senate has taken a step toward dealing decisively with the growing threat to our monetary system. On April 2 it passed an amended version of the House-passed Tax Adjustment Act of 1968.

As amended by the Senate under the Williams-Smathers substitute, the bill to extend excise taxes on telephone service and automobile sales incorporates a ten percent surcharge on individual and corporate incomes and provides for substantial reductions in the fiscal 1969 budget submitted by the President in January. I voted for the measure as amended, because I think that it is imperative that the Federal Government set its financial house in order.

We now face a serious danger of inflation which will rob every American of his earnings and savings if we continue to engage in deficit financing of the magnitude of $20 to $30 billion annually. Moreover, the value of the dollar is at stake in the efforts we make to eliminate deficit spending by the Federal Government.

No one that I know welcomes additional taxes. Nonetheless, the nation has reached a point in its fiscal affairs that it must choose between unpleasant alternatives. If Congress does nothing to provide additional revenues and is unwilling to make substantial reductions in spending, we face crippling inflation and a new attack upon the dollar. In that event the entire monetary system of the free world could be imperiled.

During my service in the Senate, I have warned against the dangers of fiscal irresponsibility many times. I have advocated consistently that we balance the Federal budget as we went along. I have voted against a number of major programs that I deemed to be unwise expenditures of Federal funds. Had my views prevailed, Federal expenditures would have been reduced during my Senate service by more than $70 billion.

When the tax measure was first proposed last year, I took the position that I would not vote for any kind of increase in taxes unless there was a corresponding reduction in expenditures. The net effect of the Senate-passed tax bill would be to reduce expenditures by several billion dollars more than the revenues derived from the surtax. This would make necessary fiscal adjustments.

The facts are these. We are in the midst of fiscal 1968 that could produce a deficit of some $20 billion or more. The 1969 budget projects an even greater deficit of $24 billion or more unless we reduce spending or increase taxes as this bill provides.

So the Senate has faced facts and added the surtax and spending reductions to the House-passed excise tax bill. The surtax will apply to 1968 and 1969 income. The spending reductions represent a $6 billion reduction in proposed spending and a $10 billion reduction in obligational authority for fiscal 1969. The net effect would be a spending reduction approximately $16 billion in the foreseeable future.

The measure also forbids the sale of American gold to any nation delinquent in its debt payments to the United States, imposes a limitation on the hiring of new Federal employees to fill certain vacancies, and impose quotas to protect the American textile industry against foreign imports.

The outcome of these amendments is uncertain, for the House must concur in them. Still the measure as amended seeks to restore fiscal responsibility where it is needed most - the Federal Government.

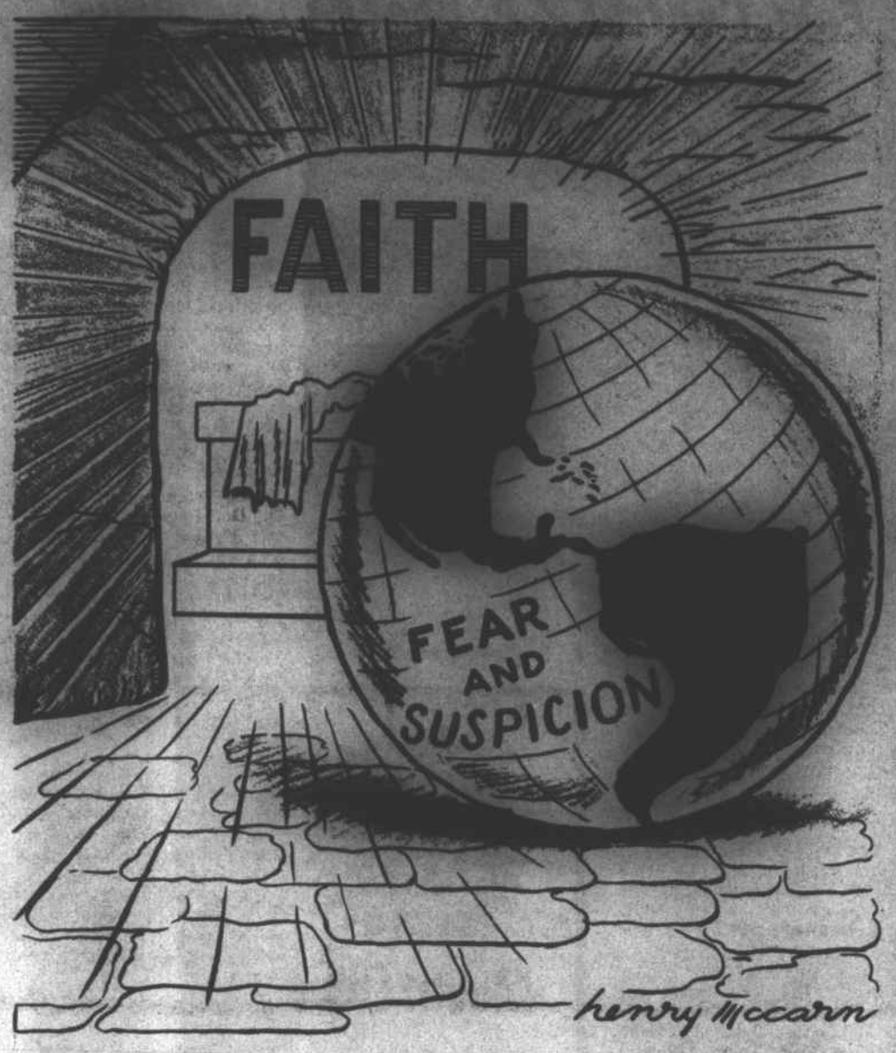
No Speed Limit?

A Columbia physicist believes that there may be an atomic particle that can travel faster than light. If it exists, it may help to make interstellar travel possible.

Differential Risks

Smoking apparently does not cause chronic heart disease, several recent studies indicate. However, they add, it is possible that it, among other things, raises the risk for people with already damaged hearts.

ROLL AWAY THE STONE



The Mysterious Dip-Stick

Several Boston engineering firms, and Marines in Vietnam, are using a traditional water-finding device called the dowsing-rod to locate hidden pipes and tunnels. Nobody can explain why it should work, but the users report that it does.

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Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Bug Hookum, that is always on the lookout fer ways to exercise without working or moving, told the fellers at the country store Saturday night he had found a Guvernment agency that was just what he was looking fer and that he aimed to write to his Congressman to see if he could git on this agency.

Bug brung a newspaper clipping fer the fellers to read that explained all about it. This agency, according to this newspaper piece, was called the Subversives Activities Control Board and was knowed in Guvernment circles as SACB.

This piece said SACB hadn't held a meeting since November 15, 1965, had five members on the board and they got $26,000 a year. But things was picking up with SACB, this piece said. Their job was to watch fer Communists, and they was fixing to investigate a club that was supposed to be Communist inspired.

Natural, since they was going to hold a meeting, they was asking the Congress fer a 33 per cent boost in their budget, plus $13,000 extra fer this meeting, and the 33 per cent boost included a raise of $2,000 a year in salary fer the board members.

I recollect, Mister Editor, when this board was set up. It was back during the days when Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin and everbody was scared we had a Communist hiding behind ever bush. If I recollect correct, this was back about 1956. It turned out that SACB wasn't needed too bad, so they just been holding on all these years, drawing their pay and doing nothing and holding no meetings.

That seems to be the pattern fer all our Guvernment agencies. Onct the Congress sets up a agency fer a special purpose, they stay on the Guvernment payroll ferever, long after the need fer the agency has disappeared.

I recollect back during World War I when we was using a lot of wood in our airplanes, they set up a agency to buy the proper kind of wood. In about two year we switched to airplanes made from metals and did away with the wood requirements. But this wood-buying agency hung on fer years, with nothing to do, but drawing down fancy pay all the time.

I ain't got no way of knowing the details, but I'd guess we got agencies in Washington that has outlived their usefulness years and years ago but that was still on the Guvernment payroll at fancy salaries.

It's hard fer me to figger why our Congress allows this to go on all the time. But, fer a country feller like me, it's hard to figger out a lot of things going on in the Congress. But, anyhow, Mister Editor, I hope Bug gits on this SACB agency. He might find a communist hiding under the country store.

Yours truly
Uncle Pete

the Minister's Desk

By: D. E Parkerson
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I read recently of a certain grandfather who had been confined to a wheelchair for seven full years. In spite of his handicap of being confined to the wheelchair there was one thing he was bent on doing before he died. He wanted to hunt just one more bear. Accordingly, the first time he was left alone with his two grandsons, he persuaded them to give him his gun and wheel him deep into the woods, some ten miles away.

Suddenly a huge grizzly lumbered directly into their path. The two brave lads promptly left Grandpa in the wheelchair and hot-footed it, screaming, back to town. Their mother was putting her car away when they got there. "Grandpas has been eaten by a grizzly bear," they wailed. They were obviously shaken and could not understand why their mother seemed to stay calm - at least not until she spoke.

"Stop yelling," she said, "Your grandpa got home five minutes before you did."

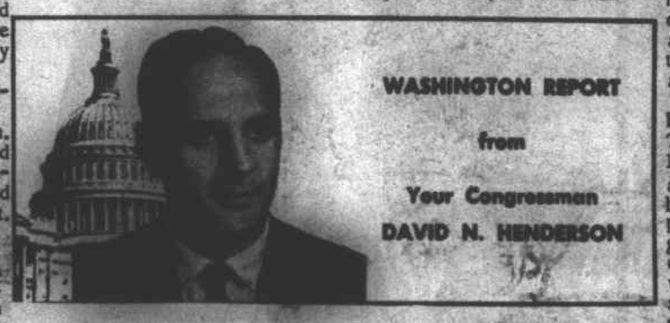
You never know what you can do until you have to do it. Things that we think are impossible suddenly come within easy reach if there is a sense of necessity or urgency. Our story about the grizzly might be just a fable, but is has a high degree of truth in it. If it didn't happen it certainly might have happened.

Many of us are in self-imposed wheelchairs of difficulty. We refuse to rise and walk - or even run - because it is much easier to sit in the wheelchair. This always results in a sour disposition and a selfish and demanding dependency upon others.

I am thinking of many young people to whom God has been provident and generous in the provision of capacities - but who quit school and say, "I can't go on." He imposes upon himself the wheelchair of ignorance and his mind shrivels until it can fit easily within the framework of narrow cliques or prejudices.

Then there is the young adult. He often says, "I can't branch out. I had better not reach out to new horizons. It would be better for me to fit into the pattern of everyone else my age. I would like very much to help alleviate the ills of my society, but I would have to give up some of my leisure time." Social customs and patterns can indeed be a wheelchair. How much richer our society would be if we could only get out of the wheel chair called custom. The tragedy is not that we do not want to launch forth but that we delay it - we procrastinate. Procrastination has been called the art of keeping up with yesterday.

We can get out of wheelchairs - if we want to, or if we have to. Don't conform for conformity sake. If Columbus had conformed you would be reading this in Choctaw!



Congressman David N. Henderson on April 2, 1968 said on the floor of the House that he has written Secretary of Defense Clifford to urge that at least one full Army Division be withdrawn from Western Europe for assignment to Vietnam.

Henderson pointed out that this would meet some of our manpower requirements in Southeast Asia which otherwise must come from the draft or callup of reserves as well as reducing our balance of payments deficit and outflow of gold. Not only would the division be withdrawn from Europe, but when their dependents and associated civilian personnel were returned to this country, it would cut down substantially on dollars now being spent in Europe, Henderson said.

Our NATO allies would protest such a move, the Congressman predicted, but he made the point that we are the only nation in NATO which has ever met its full commitment of men and materials. "All of the other NATO countries certainly have as much at stake in Southeast Asia as we have. Since they are not supporting the allies there militarily, it is not unreasonable to expect them at least to pick up the slack which might be left by a partial withdrawal of American military forces from Western Europe," he concluded.

Age Factor

Most deaths from lung cancer seem to be occurring in men born before 1901, several international surveys have reported. The finding suggests that the disease may become less widespread in the near future.

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NATIONAL CONCERN:

Steel Imports May Imperil Industry

Washington—(HK) — Senator Vance Hartke, Democrat of Indiana, member of the Senate Committee on Finance, warned in a recent speech that continued growth of steel imports may impair the ability of America's vital steel industry to respond to a rapid increase in both military and civilian requirements during a national crisis. The economic effect on America is also worrisome, the Senator believes.

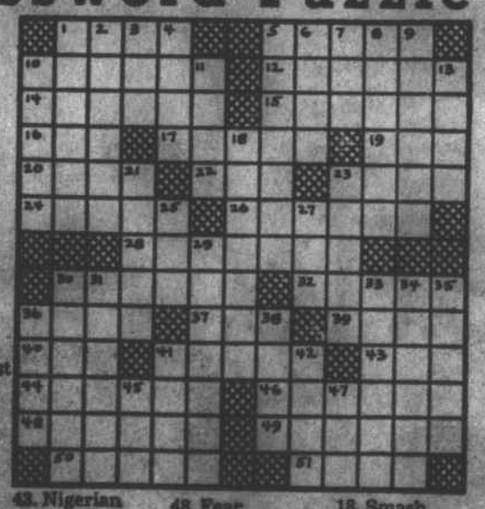
"Something has to be done to limit steel imports," he says. "If we wait until the national concern is apparent to everyone, it may be too late to redress the long-term impact on our balance of payments of a steel trade account seriously out of balance."

During 1967, the value of steel mill products shipped into this country totalled nearly $1.1 billion more than the value of such products exported during the year, according to estimates by American Iron and Steel Institute.

It is the steady rise in the share of the American market being taken over by imported steel which worries American steel producers, says John P. Roche, Institute President, who, like Senator Hartke, sees need for import limitations.

Ten years ago, imports of steel held less than 3 per cent of the market in the United States. Last year they reached a record 12 per cent.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Part of the hand
5. Flower
10. She lost her sheep
12. Not level
14. Rest
15. Unruffled
16. Consumed
17. Quickness
19. Moisture drops
20. Draw slowly
22. Article
23. Hodge-podge
24. Middle East nation
26. Skilled worker
28. Number
30. Exit
32. Earth
36. Trees
37. Seine
38. Loud cry
40. End part
41. Caustic
43. Nigerian people
44. Fly
46. Petrified relic
48. Fear
49. Of a holiday
50. Appears
51. Pause

DOWN

1. Verse compositions
2. Seem
3. Boy's name
4. Netting
5. Stern
6. To cut
7. ___ William
8. Eludes
9. Examine
10. Nails
11. Turf fuel
13. Tidings
18. Smash
21. Presents
23. Smaller
25. Be ill
27. Tools: dial.
29. Users of foils
30. Oily fruits
31. Referee
33. Cooks
34. Lasso
35. Humorous
36. State: French
38. Quarrel
41. Minute particle
42. Performer
45. Exist
47. Compass point

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LOOKING BACK

One Year Ago

Open Houe held at Reeves Brothers.

Niel Edwards of Beulaville wins Duplin County spelling Bee.

Genealogy of the Kenans of Duplin written by Claude Hunter Moore.

Miss Mary Beth Hunter elected secretary of Pi Omega Pi honorary business education society at East Carolina College.

Five Years Ago

Senator Leroy Simmons is named head of the N. C. Farm Bureau's 25-man tobacco committee.

Pat Sanderson and Jerry Simpson received trophies for "The Most Outstanding Basketball Player of the year in the Conference" at the Duplin Benefit Banquet.

Judy Faye Smith of East Duplin submitted the winning essay in the Senior High Division of the Duplin County Essay contest.

Ten Years Ago

Broiler Industry making more and more progress.

Home Demonstration Clubs host to District Meet in Warsaw.

Bill Quinn is new county Deputy.

Duplin ASC receives additional Soil Bank Funds.

Miss Betty Phillips of Warsaw chosen May Queen at East Carolina.

20 Years Ago

Willie White of Smith Township held on incest charge.

A tribute was paid to J. E. Jaritt, ARC Chairman, for many years service.

Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace is named director of women's division for Chas. M. Johnson candidate for Governor.

Rev. and Mrs. Carlyle Powell, missionaries on Baptist Field in Africa, on way home.

Phone official, Roy H. Bailey, dies instantly in Warsaw office.

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