

America Is NOT A Sick Society

By: J. EDGAR HOOVER

America is NOT a sick society. Let us stop condemning our whole populace for the sins of a few. Let us stop this nonsense of self-reproach and self-ridicule and throw off the guilt complex which threatens to envelop our country. When we face adversities and tragedies, let us do so with resolute confidence, avoid panic, and reserve judgment until all the facts are known.

Historically, Americans are doers, not worriers. No country has ever done, or is doing, more for its own underprivileged citizens and for the unfortunate people of the world than the United States. Our record speaks for itself. We have no reason to be ashamed; indeed, we have much to be proud of. This is not to say that our society is infallible and has no problems. We do make mistakes, and we do have many great problems. But they are not insurmountable if we do not despair.

Some of our difficulty today arises from the fact that too much attention is given to various dissident elements which have a lot of noisy energy but little purpose. Many of them are complaining about conditions which they helped to create. Now, they want our whole society to plead guilty to mass ineptness. This is ridiculous.

A noted columnist, commenting recently on the guilt complex sweeping our country, said, "I am tired of the hangdog American. . . ."

a guy who lives in the greatest country on earth and feels he has to apologize for his own existence. . . . The hangdog American is in danger of losing the fierce independence and self-pride of his pioneering ancestors. He is not only capitulating to his carping critics—he is becoming his own worst critic by doubting or distrusting his own obvious virtues: courage, ingenuity, loyalty, generosity, idealism. That is the worst thing that can happen to any man—to lose faith in himself."

To me, this makes sense. Courage, ability, and pride are hallmarks of success in any endeavor. A defeatist attitude is seldom associated with a winner or a leader. America is a world leader in the cause of justice, liberty, and the dignity of man. We have no reason to act or think as losers or second-rate citizens.

It is time for Americans to shed their apologetic demeanor and stop belittling themselves. The hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding people of this country are responsible for its growth and development. They provide the strength and resources which move our country forward. They aspire to the goals, principals, and ideals which are meaningful to all people. It is wrong to malign and accuse this vast group every time a crisis develops. No, our society is NOT sick. But I suggest we check the pulse of the self-styled diagnosticians who see a social malady from every soapbox.

Liberty Hall

The guest book at Liberty Hall holds a record of all the people who have toured the house since its opening on May 11th. Is your name there? It should be.

Liberty Hall is a product of an era that history regards as the foundation of the nation we are today. Built in the early eighteenth century, it exemplifies not only a trend in architecture and design, but also a way of life. Liberty Hall is not a house, but a home. Unlike many restoration, it has an air of warmth about it. It is easy to picture real people living there—people who loved life and lived each day much as we ourselves live. It is a home that holds numerous traces of members of the Kenan family. Articles that mean so much to

them are displayed to all who wish to see.

How simple it is to see Annie Kenan play the piano which holds her music book! Visualize Emily Howard Kenan scratching the verse of poetry on the window pane with her diamond ring. Can't you picture the mischievous look on her face? And no one can overlook the Kenan men. It seems as if they have just walked out of the Liberty door after a long political "discussion."

Liberty Hall belongs to you, the people of Duplin County. It was restored not only to preserve the Kenan heritage, but also to serve as an inspiration to fellow citizens. Viewing Liberty Hall is a step towards understanding our own heritage. If you have not toured Liberty Hall, please do so.

Wanda Brown, East Duplin High School—Class of 1968. Will enter University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Open Letter To The Editor

Duplin Times-Progress, Kenansville, N.C.

Dear Editor:

After giving much consideration to the situation that has recently confronted me, I sincerely feel it is my duty to inform the Citizens of Duplin County of what has taken place concerning the termination of my employment in the Duplin County Tax Office.

I began work as Duplin County's Assistant Tax Collector, September 1962 and worked in that capacity until I began my annual vacation in July 1968. While on vacation I was informed that John A. Johnson, Duplin County Tax Collector, had met with the County Commissioners concerning terminating my employment. Immediately, I began to investigate this and after talking with County Commissioner Emmett E. Kelly I was obvious to me that this was political, even though Mr. Johnson has given me no reason or notice.

The political pressure began last February when my son David T. Grigg, Jr. announced his intentions to file as a candidate for the Office of Register of Deeds. At that time, Mr. Johnson called me in his office and wanted to know why David and I had not gone to him and discussed David's filing before he made a public announcement of his intention. He said "I do not see how you can stay in the Tax Office if your son runs for the Office of Register

of Deeds." I told him that my son was almost 25 years old, that I did not tell him what to do and if that was what he wanted to do, I would not stand in his way. I didn't see what his filing had to do with me that I was not filing and I was not campaigning.

The day that David filed, Mr. Johnson approached me at approximately 5:45 PM and ask me "Why hadn't you told me that your son had filed." I told him that I didn't know he had, that I had not seen nor heard from him since I left home and at that time he had not filed. He again said that he didn't see how I could stay in that office with my son running for office. I told Mr. Johnson, "I will not stand in his (David's) way and that you will have to do whatever you must do."

Immediately, I contacted County Commissioner Emmett E. Kelly and told him what had taken place. Mr. Kelly told me that he would contact Mr. Johnson and talk with him. Mr. Kelly said, "It would never do to let things get stirred up just before an election." Mr. Kelly phoned me the following morning and told me he had talked with Mr. Johnson, I was allowed to stay on the job, since I was the bookkeeper, until the books were audited in July. However, before my vacation began, my husband and I had discussed my quitting work in the tax office because of the stress and strain of the pressure that had

Other Side Of The Coin



Henry McCarrn

Hurricanes

WATCH AND WARNING are key words in Weather Bureau bulletins concerning severe weather such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Knowledge of the difference between the two can save you unnecessary worry and could save your life.

A HURRICANE OR TORNADO WATCH means just that. Watch for further developments. Be prepared to take action. Think about how you will protect yourself if the storm hits your location. Start taking preliminary precautions. Stay tuned to radio or television for the latest Weather Bureau advice.

A HURRICANE OR TORNADO WARNING means that a storm is imminent. If a Tornado Warning has been issued for your area, the storm has been spotted and you may have only a matter of minutes to protect yourself. If a Hurricane Warning has been issued for your area, the effects of the storm will be felt shortly. Hurricane warnings are seldom issued more than 24 hours in advance.

HURRICANE ADVISORS WILL HELP YOU SAVE YOUR LIFE. . . BUT YOU MUST HELP. FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES DURING HURRICANE EMERGENCIES! Enter each hurricane season prepared. Every June through November, recheck your supply of boards, tools, batteries, non-perishable foods, and the other equipment you will need when a hurricane strikes your town. When you hear the first tropical cyclone advisory, listen for future messages; this will prepare you for a hurricane emergency well in advance of the issuance of watches and warnings. When your area is covered by a hurricane watch, continue normal activities, but stay tuned to radio or television for all ESSA Weather Bureau advisories.

WHEN YOUR AREA RECEIVES A HURRICANE WARNING: Plan your time before the storm arrives and avoid the last minute hurry which

might leave you marooned, or unprepared. Keep calm until the emergency has ended. Leave low-lying areas that may be swept by high tides or storm waves. Moor your boat securely before the storm arrives, or evacuate it to a designated safe area. When your boat is moored, leave it, and don't return once the wind and waves are up. Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters or tape. Danger to small windows is mainly from wind-blown debris. Larger windows may be broken by wind pressure. Secure outdoor objects that might be blown away or uprooted. Garbage cans, garden tools, toys, signs, porch furniture, and number of other harmless items become missiles of destruction in hurricane winds. Anchor them or store them inside before the storm strikes. Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles and cooking utensils; your town's water supply may be contaminated by flooding or damaged by hurricane floods. Check your battery-powered equipment. Your radio may be your only link with the world outside the hurricane, and emergency cooking facilities, lights, and flashlights will be essential if utilities are interrupted. Keep your car fueled. Service stations may be inoperable for several days after the storm strikes, due to flooding or interrupted electrical power. Stay at home. If it is sturdy and on high ground. If it is not, move to a designated shelter, and stay there until the storm is over. Remain indoors during the hurricane. Travel is extremely dangerous when winds and tides are whipping through your area. Monitor the storm's position through ESSA Weather Bureau advisories.

BWARE THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE-If the calm storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. Stay in a safe place unless emergency repairs are absolutely necessary. But remember, at the other side of the eye, the winds rise very rapidly to hurricane force, and come from the opposite direction.

WHEN THE HURRICANE HAS PASSED: Seek necessary medical care at Red Cross disaster stations or hospitals. Stay out of disaster areas. Unless you are qualified to help, your presence might hamper first-aid and rescue work. Drive carefully along debris-filled streets. Roads may be undermined and may collapse under the weight of a car. Slides along cuts are also a hazard. Avoid loose or dangling wires, and report them immediately to your power company or the nearest law enforcement officer. Report broken sewer and water mains to the water department. Prevent fires. Lowered water pressure may make fire fighting difficult. Check refrigerators for spoilage if power has been off during the storm.

Remember that hurricanes moving inland can cause severe flooding. Stay away from river banks and streams. ESSA Weather Bureau bulletins and statements will keep you informed on river flood stages.

EDIT

I concur with your article entitled "Trees-Trees-Trees."

Several years ago when they were widening the highway on the same street as Liberty Hall, the day came for the Hi-way Department to cut down one of Mr. Willie Brinson's trees in front of his house. Mr. Willie came out and addressed the State Highway Employees with this statement: "It takes God, Almighty, 50 years to grow a nice tree, and a dam fool 5 minutes to cut it down." Unquote.

Thought you might like to use Mr. Willie's quotation.

A.C. Holland
8-15-68

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Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

While them candidates running for President was debating politics, the fellers at the country store Saturday night was debating the issues. Fer instant, Zeke Grubb come out strong at the opening of the session in favor of giving the vote to 18-year-olds. He said the situation was getting desperate and we had to make a move to git the Government out of the hands of the pollsters and television networks.

Ed Doolittle was agreed with Zeke, said he had saw a survey where 64 per cent of the people was in favor of letting 18-year-olds vote. He was of the opinion that if the younguns took over they would elect their own President and would have to march and demonstrate agin themselves. Farthermore, allowed Ed. when they captured a university it would be like a farmer stealing his own chickens.

Clem Webster of the Great Society reported he had took note where President Johnson was in favor of letting the younguns vote and he didn't like to be agin a decision of the President but it would be a little unsettling to him fer the country to have a bunch of 25 year old ex-presidents running around.

Bug Hookum butted in to say being a little unsettled over matters didn't bother him no more, that he stayed a little unsettled about everthing. Fer instant, right now he was unsettled about his old lady not having any vegetable garden.

Bug reported she was claiming she could buy quick from items at the store cheaper than she could raise 'em and that they wasn't nobody working a garden now but city folks that was doing it fer the exercise.

Ed said he had been married 40 year and he had long since quit getting unsettled about his old lady, but they was a heap of things that was keeping him a little off balance. Fer instant, he said he didn't recognize they was any such country as Red China but he had saw where the Red Chinese would have the nuclear bomb by 1972 and it would be mighty unsettling to git blowed up by a country that ain't even there.

Zeke allowed as how if your jaw got swore up you better recognize you got a bad tooth and go see the dentist and he wouldn't be suprised none if we hadn't better put Red Chins on the map so's we'd know from which direction we was getting blowed up.

The fellers was about even divided, Mister Editor, on reconizing Red China but they was all agreed it took a heap of jumping and dodging these days to keep from going crazy.

You can't git around the facts, Mister Editor, and a Washington column writer had the figgers to show the biggest TV advertiser in 1967 was a headache remedy.

Yours truly
Uncle Pete.

Well! Well! Wells!!!

By: Ruth Wells

My friend Lila Mae (Mrs. Leland) Teachey brought me some of the most unusual and interesting tomatoes. They are sorta pear shape—or have a neck. They are non acid and are about half the size of our regular tomatoes, and Mrs. Teachey says one of her former pastors, a Mr. Beal, brought these seed from the Holy Land. They seem to be more prolific than our varieties of tomatoes, and are real good.

I do feel sorry for people who no longer "have" birthdays. I've had quite a few, and do believe each one is nicer than the others. So, that

The Minister's Desk

By: D. E. Parkerson

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Pete Anybody, and Joe Nobody were neighbors in the same community, but they were not like you and me. Any resemblance between their actions and ours would be purely coincidental. They were odd people and hard to understand. The way they lived was a shame.

All four of these men belonged to the same church, but you couldn't have enjoyed worshiping with them. EVERYBODY went fishing on some Sunday afternoon. They would go to visit his relatives or friends, ANYBODY wanted to worship but wasn't afraid SOMEBODY wouldn't speak to him. So, NOBODY went to church.

NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did one last week was the nicest sort. Each remembered a set of extra special including the life-size "Scottie" dog on a card.

Until last Friday afternoon, we sorta felt slighted about rain, but believe me we are catching up fast. In an hour's time we had 4.8 inches of rain. It was one of those rains like Leslie Bell tells about, "All the big chips said to the little chips. Come on—lets go to Goshen". They went.

And while we are here sweltering in the heat the County Commissioners and their families are attending a convention in Asheville. Lucky people!

Farmers are quite busy now finishing burning tobacco and getting dry tobacco ready for market. Have heard of two or three farmers who are marketing their tobacco so fast that they are bypassing the pack house completely.

His name was NOBODY!

TELL ME

WHEN DID THE GALVESTON FLOOD OCCUR?
SEPT. 8, 1900. A WEST INDIAN HURRICANE, BLOWING AT 195 MILES AN HOUR, STRUCK THE CITY AND CAUSED THE LOSS OF ABOUT 6000 LIVES!

HOW LARGE IS A KANGAROO AT BIRTH?
INCREDIBLY TINY.... ONLY AN INCH LONG!

WHAT DO THE "WHITE CLIFFS" OF DOVER CONSIST OF?
THE REMAINS OF AN ANCIENT SEA BEING

ARE INSECTS USEFUL IN A FOREST?
THEY ARE ESSENTIAL AS THEY ARE THE ONLY MEANS OF REPRODUCING AND SPREADING PLANT LIFE.

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1 YEAR AGO
Roger L. Phillips joins Bill Boyette accounting firm in Warsaw, N.C.
James Sprunt Institute is under new legislation and no longer connected with Wayne Tech.
E.C. Thompson of Warsaw retires after 39 1/2 years with Branch Banking and Trust Co.
Beaulville Free Will Baptist Church is consecrated.

10 YEARS AGO
H.F. "Chub" Seawell is guest speaker for Grady-Outlaw reunion.
Carolina Telephone installs phone to 72 new subscribers along highway 11 and northeast of Kenansville.
Miss Mary Elizabeth Packer is August 17 bride of Mr. Joe Kornegay in Warsaw.
Mr. Albert McLendon of Mont Rose, Calif. visited friends in Kenansville over the weekend.

20 YEARS AGO
Warsaw Shoe Store is opened on Railroad Street in Warsaw by Mrs. Leatrice Rivenbark.
Folson Man, Marvin Reece Bell, is found dead in New York Hotel.
Parts of Duplin County including towns get a DDT dusting by helicopter.
Benjamin Paul Summerlin, prominent citizen of Summerlin's Cross Roads Community dies at age of 73.

5 YEARS AGO
Smith sisters—Helen and Margaret Ann to be tried for assault with intent to kill and robbery of Mrs. Dora Waters.
J.P. Harmon wins Ford Station Wagon in Coca-Cola Sweepstakes.
Mrs. Annie S. Muldrow of Florence, S.C. and mother of Beaulville's Mayor, G.S. Muldrow dies at age of 89.
Larry Davis of Albertson wins American Farmer Award degree.

ACROSS

1. Limber
6. Raise
11. Painful
13. Flag
14. Neither
15. Contests
17. Beverage
18. Seth's son
20. Wing
21. Microbe
22. Lawyer
25. Male little
27. Small mass
28. Piper's son
29. M.D.
31. Consume
33. Exits
34. Therefore
35. —Grande
36. Ruin
38. Andes beast
40. Male deer
41. —Gardner
44. Detail
45. Copy
48. Morning
50. Nutrimen

51. Either
53. Unable
55. Consolation

57. Deal with
58. Bird homes
59. Charmed
60. Coin

DOWN

1. Path
2. Image
3. Palpitate
4. Greeting
5. Finish
6. Omen
7. Above
8. Bury
9. Prophet
10. Trolley
11. Protects
12. Impassioned
13. Vain
15. Praying
21. Feet
23. Enormous

24. Instrument
25. Disorder
26. Charmed
27. Coin
28. Wander
29. Amphibian
30. Appraise
31. Lizard
32. Small
33. Perched
34. Vigor
35. Top-cards
36. Scheme
37. Soon
38. Perform
39. Damage
40. Month-often
41. New