

Letters From Our Readers:

**Editor's
Mailbag**



**March is
Red Cross Month**

The month of March is set aside to call our attention to the AMERICAN RED CROSS and what this organization does for us on a local level. Our local chapter plays an important part in our community life. The first and one very important function is that we are members of the regional Blood Program. For those of us who have received or members of our family or friends realize that this life-saving blood is a part of us. Next comes the Service to Military Families which our local chapter plays an important part in relaying messages, in the States or Overseas, to service personnel in times of need, hardship, or death in a family. Also, our local chapter helps in assisting families who have lost personal items due to fire. We could go on and on but one has to be involved in this organization to fully realize that it is a MUST that we function, but so like everything else it takes money. March has been set aside to raise the monies so that we can pay our local bills.

Won't you please help? Last year if it were not for the LOCAL Merchants, we would not have been able to stay in operation in offering all these services.

When you are asked, please GIVE. We need your help. If you want to mail your donation send it to: American Red Cross, c/o John Beers, Chairman, POB 254, Hertford.

Perquimans County Red Cross Chapter
John G. Beers, Chairman
212 Woodland Drive, Hertford

Concern About Future

Parents are you concerned about the future of your boy or boys? If so, rekindle your efforts and get involved in scouting. Boys may be compared as plants, there must be some cultivation or guidance in the early stage of growth before the boys or plants reach maturity.

I believe with proper guidance your boy or boys will eventually grow up to be a good citizen and I believe you will feel proud of him.

Again, you must live a good life before him. Finally, A scout is true to his parents, scout leaders, teachers and respects the rights of others.

Remember, hundred of thousands of scouts have shown their loyalty to our country by fighting for it and dying for it. Be prepared at all times is our objective.

George W. Cooper
225 Dobbs St.
Hertford



REPORT FROM
**U.S. Senator
JESSE ★★
HELMS**

WASHINGTON — I happened to see a portion of a local television newscast here the other night during which a wellknown senator, in an impromptu interview, voiced the opinion that it was "conceivable" that the United States, might have to get involved militarily in the bloody conflict between the communist government of Vietnam and the communist government of mainland China.

The television reporter sought to nail down what he understood the senator to have said. "Do you mean," he asked, "that U.S. troops may be sent over there?" To which the senator replied: "It's possible."

NEITHER — Well, it's neither "conceivable" nor "possible" insofar as I am concerned. I don't want to appear obstinate, but I am absolutely unwilling to risk one American life in a war between these two communist countries. The cause of freedom will not be served no matter which side wins that fight. The United States has no business getting involved in any way.

The United States once had an opportunity to do something for freedom in Vietnam. But, instead, we sent millions of our young men to Vietnam to fight in a war that they were not allowed to win. So now we have the bloody tyrants of Vietnam fighting it out with the bloody tyrants of Red China. And, although President Carter has embraced the Red China regime, while selling our friends on Taiwan down the river, I hold the view that we owe the communist in Peking absolutely nothing.

CAREFUL — Furthermore, the United States had better be careful about its further moves to "normalize" relations with Red China. Our posture is dangerously absurd already.

I received some criticism from "liberal" quarters a few weeks ago when I spoke frankly to Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping when he and his cohorts came to Washington. It was obvious that this man came here for a purpose and it wasn't a purpose intended to be helpful to the United States.

In a word, he used us. Yet, the major media portrayed him as "cute". One woman reporter even described him as "cute and cuddly." Perhaps it is now clear that Vice Premier Teng (pronounced "dung") is about as "cute and cuddly" as a rabid panda bear.



"Sixty-Seven Vegetables in a 9x12 plot?"

Crime Rises in State's Cities

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten recently stated that serious crime reported in North Carolina cities with a population of 100,000 or more (Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem) increased by 1.24 percent during the calendar year 1978 over the same period in 1977. The statistics are contained in

the Uniform Crime Report trend release that is publicized by the Police Information Network a division of the North Carolina Department of Justice.

Edmisten stated, "I am concerned with any increase on serious crime, however, small. We must continue to concentrate the manpower of our law enforcement agencies on the

investigation and prosecution of the major felonies of murder, rape, armed robbery, aggravated assault and hard drug pushing."

This increase of 1.24 percent is attributed in part to the continued rise in violent crime. Violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault increase 6.26 percent last year.

Robbery reflected the largest single increase of all the index crimes rising 17.51 percent. Rape, which has increased by nearly sixty percent since 1975, was up 12.21 percent in 1978. Aggravated assault showed a slight increase of 2.66 percent. The number of murders dropped from 119 to 112 or nearly six percent.

Gun Regulations See Opposition

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Treasury Department in the face of the largest volume of public comment ever logged against a pending Federal action, has withdrawn its proposed firearms regulations, a move hailed by the National Rifle Association as "a clear victory for every citizen who believes in individual privacy."

The announcement of the withdrawal of the firearms regulations, which would have required computerized records of every firearms transaction made through any of the 120,000 Federally licensed gun dealers, came during budget hearings before the House Appropriations committee's Treasury sub-

committee. That subcommittee had initiated the \$4.2 million fund cut enacted into last summer, a cut which prohibited the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) from spending any funds to implement the computerized records scheme in the current budget.

Neal Knox, the head lobbyist for the National Rifle Association, which opposed the firearms regulation proposals from their inception, called the withdrawal "an acknowledgement by the bureaucracy of the will of the people," and said, "the public comment on the BATF regulations was a national plebiscite on the issue of national gun

regulation."

"Both sides very clearly had an equal opportunity to muster comment from individual citizens. The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) sent mailings to our members, as did anti-gun organizations. The end result of the public comments was 337,000 letters opposed to the regulations, with only 7,800 in favor. That tally is nothing short of a national public referendum on the issue," Knox said.

Knox, the executive director of the NRA-ILA, added that "Congress understood that meaning of these regulations. The Congress labeled them for what they were, the foundation of a system of

massive electronic dossiers on anyone wishing to purchase a firearm in legal commerce."

The Treasury proposals begin with drawn include provisions for the submission of quarterly reports on all firearms transactions to be entered on a central computerized file in Washington, and so-called "unique" computerized serial number to be stamped on all newly manufactured firearms, including handguns, rifles and shotguns.

In withdrawing their regulation, the Treasury formally acknowledged the overwhelming public opposition, as well as the strong Congressional opposition to their proposals.

Local Concerns Highlight Evans Report

Another week has gone by in the General Assembly and the pace has not slowed down a bit. Bills continue to be introduced at a rate that has not been seen in many years in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

One area that we are concentrating in is the improvement of our court system in the first district. Bills have been introduced to create an additional district court judgeship in the first judicial district, along with an assistant district attorney position and four new deputy clerk positions in several of our counties. Since these involve matters of appropriation, we will have to work hard to make these a reality.

You will be interested in knowing that we will probably have another incorporated municipality in the first district; being the new town of Southern Shores. I have this week introduced a bill which would create the town by incorporating that area known generally as Southern Shores, which is located in Dare County. If my

count is right, this will bring the total to eleven incorporated towns in our eight county district.

At present, I am continuing to work on the Seafood Park Authority Bill, which I introduced at the request of Governor Hunt. As you will recall, this creates an authority which would oversee the operations of any seafood industrial parks in the state, including Wanchese Harbor in Dare County; which is now under development.

I have also been talking recently with a member of the Senate about a subject that could be of much interest to northeastern North Carolina, and that is the subject of geothermal energy. Recently, it has been revealed that several deep test wells have indicated that there is very hot water located below some of our areas. This would be a very economical way to produce energy for heating and cooling as well as several other uses. I will keep you posted as to any progress that is made in this area.

Senator Robert

MORGAN

Report to the People



More than two dozen state legislatures have passed resolutions calling for a Constitutional amendment to require the federal government to balance its budget.

There is no doubt that this is a popular issue. A recent national poll showed that 70 percent of the people asked are in favor of the government living within its income.

This wave to bring more economy into government started with Proposition 13 in California, where a majority of voters cast their ballots to place a ceiling on their property taxes. Since then, sentiment for government economy has swelled across the country.

Some Washington officials have noted that although the states, most of which have a surplus in their treasuries, voted for a balanced federal budget, they want the federal money they receive to continue.

The budget deficit in 1980 is estimated at \$31 billion, while grants to the states and localities are budgeted at over \$80 billion. This has led some members of the Senate to suggest that one way to balance the budget would be to reduce these federal grants. They view with alarm the prospect of a national convention to draft the budget balancing amendment, fearing it will get out of hand and all sorts of resolutions will be brought up.

Personally, I have never been one for tampering with the Constitution, and haven't been in favor of amending it unless there is a real need.

But I think perhaps what the states are doing in pressing for balanced federal spending is healthy. It certainly is serving notice on members of the Congress that the folks back home are watching Washington and that the folks want spending reduced and waste trimmed.

As one who has advocated that the government live within its income and who introduced a bill that would require that it be done, I am glad that a message is being sent to Washington from the folks back home.

The proposal by the Carter Administration to make some changes in the Social Security System in hopes of saving some \$3 billion by 1984 has alarmed some older citizens who are at or near retirement age. They fear that cuts in their pension checks are contemplated.

While I have not made any final decision on what position I will take on the various sections of the complicated plan, it should be made clear that there is nothing proposed to affect anyone's Social Security pension check. What is proposed simply adjusts some of the fringes.

Neither is there any suggestions of taking benefits from disabled workers, as many letters which have been written by those receiving disability benefits have thought to be the case.

There is, however, a proposal to limit benefits a worker may receive to stop paying more for disability than he or she had been receiving from the job.

A great many people do not know that Social Security provides burial benefits for covered workers. This sum is now \$255, not a great deal in paying for a funeral. The administration has proposed that this be reduced to \$220.

A Look at the Past

MARCH 1941

By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU

PERQUIMANS LODGE, 106, A.F. and A.M. TO CELEBRATE 120th ANNIVERSARY MONDAY: A celebration in honor of the 120th anniversary of the founding of Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A.F. and A.M., will be held Monday evening, March 10, at the Community House in Hertford. G.C. Buck is master of Perquimans Lodge and B.C. Berry is chairman of the celebration committee. A Dutch treat dinner will be served by the Hertford Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

LEGION POST FOR INSTALLATION SERVICES SATURDAY: Dave Hall, State Commander of the American Legion, will attend the installation of the Perquimans County Post No. 126 of the American Legion at installation services to be held here on Saturday evening, March 8, at the Agricultural Building. B.C. Berry, Perquimans Post Adjutant, reports that prospects look bright for the local post to have at least 50 charter members by the time the post is installed Saturday. The officers who will be inducted into the local positions Saturday are Post Commander Charles F. Sumner; First Vice Commander, Charles E. White; Second Vice Commander, George T. Roach; Post Adjutant, B.C. Berry; Sergeant-At-Arms, J.A. Perry; Finance Officer, V.N. Darden; Historian, L.L. Winslow; Post Chaplain, the Rev. J.D. Cranford. The following veterans will head various committees in the Post: J.G. Tucker, legal committee; W.G. Hollowell, publicity committee; F.T. Johnson, service; J.E. Winslow, Americanism; G.C. Buck, athletics.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Winslow, of Whiteston, announce the birth of a son, Merrill, Jr., on Feb. 28, 1941.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND SHOWS OFF NEW UNIFORMS: The Perquimans County High school Band arrayed in their new uniforms appeared down town last week. Those appearing in the parade were: Bandmaster Jimmie McCallum, Cleo Trueblood, Jane Griffin, Eva Harris, Marjorie Mathews, James C. McNider, George Wood, Olive Layden, Elizabeth Darden, Marie Stanton, Lloyd Bagley, Reginald Tucker, Howard Broughton, Charles Skinner, Roy Hoffer, James Sawyer, Jimmie Felton, Tom Perry, Bill Murray, Broughton Dail, Emmet Landing, Robert Morgan, Robert Stevens, Billy Elliott, Howard Winslow, Morris Griffin and Bobby Keaton.

The Perquimans Weekly is asking every active organization in the county to fill in the information below and return to us as soon as possible. This list also comprises those outside organizations who run annual drives, i.e., Heart Fund, Cander Drive, etc. You may include important activities on another sheet of paper and attach to form. DEADLINE: March 25.

Organization: _____
 Person to Contact: _____
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 Office Held: _____

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