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Editorial Page

Set The Farmer Free

In a lashing editorial on the folly and failure of our government's agricultural policies, publisher Tom Anderson of Farm and Ranch writes: "Government control will work only in Heaven where they don't need it or in hell where they already have it. Let's get the government out! Let's set the farmer free!"

It is argued, of course, that government supports and controls are essential to the very existence of farming, and that chaos would reign if they were dropped or even materially reduced in size and scope. But those arguments have a mighty tenuous base so far as fact is concerned. All the evidence indicates that the surplus problem has been the direct and inevitable result of long-established government policy. Instead of producing to meet public demand, farmers produce to meet a political condition.

For example, Dr. Herrell De Graff of Cornell, who is one of the most highly regarded agricultural economists in the country, has said this: "Over the past 35 years, during which so-called surpluses have been almost chronic, a modest 2% increase in livestock could have eaten up all of the surpluses. This would have happened had agriculture been free." Other agricultural economists are now emphasizing the need for an expanding animal agriculture — which, incidentally, is free market agriculture.

Meat animals convert grains into foods which practically everyone wants, needs and likes. It would certainly seem high time the government thought in terms of putting crops to productive use — instead of into storage. That will be done if we set the farmer free to produce what consumers will buy.

Where Can \$80 Billion Come From?

Mention the sum \$80 billion and most people will naturally assume you're talking about government spending. Actually, that is just about equal to this year's federal budget.

However, forces other than government spend on a huge scale too — and the money doesn't come from the taxpayers.

By 1965, the American oil industry must spend nearly \$80 billion in capital funds to find more oil, and to build the equipment needed to refine and distribute it. There are several reasons why this incredibly large investment is needed. By 1965, say the estimates, there will be 14 million more cars and trucks on the road, and the population will have risen by 18

million people. And, in the same year, the per capita consumption of oil products will be nearly three gallons as compared with just over two gallons a day now.

Where is that \$80 billion to come from? There are two primary sources. One is from the profits earned by oil companies — profits that are ploughed back into the business. The other is from investors, who see a future in oil and want to put a part of their savings into it.

And that means that an economic climate must be maintained in which the industry can operate in a free, competitive market and at prices that will bring fair earnings.

Russia's Railroads

Anyone who thinks that railroads are becoming an obsolete form of transportation whose importance is due to steadily diminish would be wise to take a look at what is going on in Russia. For the communist policy-makers, whatever else may be said of them, are hard-headed men, who deal with the realities.

The head of an American railroad tells the story. The war did enormous damage to Russia's transportation plant. When rebuilding began, the Russians had a choice. They could have built a giant highway system, as Hitler had done in Germany. And they could have done it at a relatively small cost in labor and materials.

But the Russian rulers, instead, embarked on a massive rail program. Big freight cars of the most modern type are

becoming standard. Diesels and electric are replacing steam locomotives. In one decade, more than half of the mileage has been relaid with new and heavy rail. The men in the Kremlin know that the Russian economy and the Russian defensive system are more dependent on railroads than on any other means of moving goods and people.

What is true of Russia is true of any other big nation, the United States included. That is why Congress, after sweeping hearings, passed major new transportation legislation last session, and why every expert believes that much more must still be done if our financially distressed railroads are to get back on their feet. As Hal Thompson, financial columnist of the Chicago American writes: "... railroads are vital to our defense and should be kept financially healthy."

Flaming Arrows

by Mck. R. Long, Sr.

If you have any idea that American education has been pushed off its pins by strife, soothing, and the Soviets, you should have attended the Central District NCEA Convention in Aberdeen on Friday, the 10th. The Aberdeen High School auditorium, and all adjunctive units, are revelations of superiority, that we were largely ignorant of. The display booths featured every item of visual and aural training for children, known to man. Here a robot in action (wish I could type like that!), color slide shots of students on class, every text book revision known and unknown to John Harvard; one is simply bewildered by the genius, ingenuity, and Western brains which have made this laboratory of learning an amazing pleasure. Yet this labyrinthian display in collective dazelement WILL SIMPLIFY getting it to the child. In every booth were three or

four engaging experts, each a proud demonstrator of his line. We were charmed into enthusiasm, captured by intelligence, and startled by how these people have thought ahead as to every conceivable, scientific, yet scholarly means to help a child's mind, soul and five senses grasp the subject matter laid out for it. And, let us not blush at the name, it's all uncopied American brain stuff.

One booth had two handsome young Air Force officers, handing out folders by an illuminated map of the U. S. A., vital stops and centers marked by colored glass buttons. An illustrated display of our air power which little Curly Heads and Clipped Heads might well know about. The folder saying, and at a time when so much poison is in the air, "Our top military and civilian leaders say, right now we have the best air force." Not a bad reminder, for out of this very school may emerge the Andersons and Gabreskies of the future.

We could not know the number of teachers attending, but the auditorium of 1,500 was packed out, the vast majority women, of course; women of the immortal teaching type, patient, plucky, persevering, whom we do and do not appreciate enough.

The way to appreciate these magnificent women would be to teach their classes for one week, or ONE DAY! In rapid succession, Lee Thomas, Dr. Carroll, Earl Funderburk, spoke; then Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Emmons, NCEA secretaries of Raleigh, ladies with wit and brevity and with no remembrance from the clock. The sorority of patience and intelligence before them was a breathing animated composite, a multitude all one, yet breaking back in-

to a multitude teaching the most imperishably worthy part of us, our children. Then Dr. Philip Lovejoy rose to speak; former general secretary Rotary International, and Director the Children's Home Society of Florida. Lovejoy is the Edmund Burke of these educational people. The air simply popped and crackled with one of the wittiest, soundest, and most essentially American addresses we ever heard. The Soviet chimera of superiority simply smoldered and aridly vanished into the desert air. The speaker talked with his mind, tongue, hands, and bodily whirled. All the judicial procedures, fatuous decrees, alienations, and tragic perplexities vanished. Lovejoy made every one feel that "what little Johnny and little Mary say to Mama and Papa at the supper table is education." Here is a man to lead a million educators and with a heart to compass the needs of all children. No longer had education its problems. There stood Lovejoy, like a watered garden in full bloom.

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GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Two new members, Mrs. Ada Campbell, Bell Street, and Mrs. Hazel Elder, 628 Glendale Drive, joined the Senior Citizens Golden Age Club at their monthly meeting held at the Grace Park Recreation Center.

Rev. H. M. Wellman, retired Methodist minister, spoke on the topic, "Keeping Up Appearance." Refreshments were served by the Statesville Woman's Club Public Affairs Committee. The club will hold their next meeting on November 13, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year.

Anna Perryman Wins Essay Contest

Miss Anna Marie Perryman, a seventh grader at Lake Forest Junior High School in Wilmington, won the first prize of \$25 for an essay, written about her summer vacation trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina.

The contest was open to grammar and junior high school students in Southeastern North Carolina, and a number of schools were represented among the entries.

While visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. R. Byford of Statesville, Anna Marie took her vacation trip to the mountains. Anna Marie is 12 years old.

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Newton Enters Bricklaying Contest At State Fair

Vernon S. Newton of Mooresville, has qualified to enter this year's Annual Apprentice Bricklaying Contest to be held at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh, Friday, Oct. 17, at 10 a. m.

Newton is employed by Barger Construction Co. of Mooresville. He is the brother of Herman Newton, who was crowned North Carolina's champion bricklayer in 1956. Herman Newton received his apprentice training with Barger Construction Co. and is still with the firm.

Each year, apprentices who have completed not more than 4,000 hours of active training and who are registered with the State Apprenticeship Council, are eligible to enter the statewide bricklaying contest.

Newton will compete for three top defense bond prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25. The first-place winner and his employer will both receive trophy cups. The bonds will be donated by Brick and Tile Service of North Carolina, Inc., and Carolinas Branch, the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., will contribute the trophies.

In announcing plans to contribute the trophies, Managing Director Robert Patten of Carolinas Branch, AGC, said, "There is an urgent need and unlimited opportunities for young men who want to build."

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A.S.E. BANQUET
Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Marvin McLain, will be speaker at the fifth annual ASC banquet, to be held on the tenth of December in the gym of Statesville High School. Banquet tickets are available at the ASC office.

UN Work Takes Mr. Journey To Fair

James Journey, who is a member of a special committee as an advisor consultant, appointed by the American delegation to the United Nations in New York City, has recently returned to New York for the opening of the General Assembly. He returned from Europe where the committee has been working for the past several weeks.

While in Europe Mr. Journey's work took him into England, France, Germany and the Netherlands. He spent several days at the World's Fair in Brussels.

He writes his family here that he was very much impressed by the attempts of the exhibitions to restore human values to their rightful place and to make for better understanding among nations. The theme as symbolized by the Atomium is a declaration of faith in man's ability to mould the atomic age to the ultimate advantage of the peoples of the world. The halls and pavilions of the different countries play their part, at the fair, in illustrating human progress and the power of man in spheres such as those of electronics, automation and atomic energy as well as the range of his knowledge and the strength of his spirit of mutual aid. Of the different sections of the fair he was especially impressed by the Hall of Fine Arts, which consist of masterpieces of all times and all

nations, from galleries and collections the world over. The exhibition at the time of his visit was "Man and Art," a panorama of masterpieces from pre-historic times to the present day. Also the Hall of Science in which fifteen nations set out to show that man's greatest aim is to explore the universe, was of great interest. The theme of the Hall of Science is the unity and interdependence of the various sciences. Its exhibits are planned to appeal to people in all walks of life so that they may learn more about the world in which they live.

While in England, Mr. Journey visited friends in southern Ireland and also in Bonn, Germany. He saw a former classmate from Harvard who is now teaching at the University in Bonn. During his travels abroad he was amazed to see the progress which the people have made in the last decade and the interest the people show toward America.

After a brief stay in New York and, if time permits, a visit to his family here, Mr. Journey will continue his work abroad.

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From Luther's Table-Talk

Aristotle reckons swans among the birds which have strong web-feet, so as they may dwell about lakes and marshes. They are creatures that bring up a large family; they live to a great age, and their habits are worthy of close observation. They do not attack the eagle, but they successfully defend themselves against his aggressions. It is certain they sing very melodiously at the moment of their death, and some authors relate that they feed upon betony, in order to check the ardor of amorous passion, and to add strength to their wings. I don't know a more exact image of the church. The church rests upon strong feet, so that the power of hell may not overthrow her. She is surrounded by lakes and marshes, that is, she aspires not to earthly dominion. She checks impure tendencies, and prescribes chastity of life. She tenderly rears numerous children, who are the consolation of her old age. She attacks not tyrants, but she repels their assaults by means of her two powerful wings, the ministry of the Word and fervent prayer; 'twas with these weapons she overthrew Sennacherib, Julian, and other tyrants. Finally, the swan sings at the approach of death; so the church, when one of her members comes to his last moment, sings to him the glad notes of the Son of God.

Dr. Luther heard, one day, a nightingale singing very sweetly near a pond full of frogs, who,



by their croaking, seemed as though they wanted to silence the melodious bird. The doctor said: Thus 'tis in the world; Jesus Christ is the nightingale, making the gospel to be heard; the heretics and false prophets, the frogs, trying to prevent his being heard.

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