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### Opportunity Ahead

ALTHOUGH GEORGIA and the Southeast are taking rapid strides forward from an economic standpoint, there are from time to time reminders that we cannot afford to relax in the press for progress.

Such a reminder was aired Friday before the Southern Economic Area Delegates to the association's conference here were told that the Southeast has made great progress but still "needs a higher per capita income to support necessary public services."

Present per capita income in the Southeast is 70 per cent of the national average. It was predicted that the Southeast average would approximate the national average by 1965.

In the meantime, there is work to be done. The big boom years the forecasters say are just ahead offer Georgia and this section unlimited opportunities. The Southeast, like the western part of the country, has yet to reach its business and industrial potential.

The bright prospects, however, can become reality only through the exercise of initiative, imagination and energy. These must be backed by vision and careful planning.

Georgia and the Southeast have these necessary resources in abundance. Only time will determine the extent and the success with which we put them to use.

### Birds Do Big Job--Free

THE INSATIABLE APPETITE of birds has long been a source of wonderment to naturalists. It seems incredible that a bird can eat more than 300 mosquito larvae in an hour or two, but watchers have seen a killdeer do it. A single chickadee has been known to destroy 100,000 cankerworm eggs in a couple of weeks, plus thousands of moth eggs as a kind of appetizer.

Birds have actually stopped insect plagues, and in recent years farmers and gardeners have given considerable thought to means of attracting more birds to their property.

One of the best ways is to provide plants that give birds food and cover. Another method is to build houses for birds. The Dept. of Agriculture, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Audubon Society will be happy to supply designs. Give the birds a snug little home and they'll work hard to keep the premises free of bugs.

### Season of Big Leaf Fall

BECAUSE OF THOSE generous mid-summer rains, this is the season of the big leaf fall in Atlanta. For three or four weeks now, leaves have been piling up on roofs, lawns and gardens. It's a big crop.

The city sanitary department has assigned 30 trucks to cart away this mountainous stack, but despite their best efforts, the truck crews are two weeks

behind schedule. For every bushel of discarded foliage they pick up, it seems two more bushels tumble from the trees.

Many householders may be overlooking a benefit. The mineral substances in leaves are fine fertilizer for lawns. Chopping the leaves to bits with a power mower and letting them stay on the lawn provides grass with a wonderful tonic.

It certainly beats hours of work with a rake. It is a disheartening and back-breaking task—striving to corral millions of leaves.

Atlanta is known as a city of trees, and this year it seems the trees have engaged in a leaf-producing contest. The man with a rake is hard put keeping his head above the torrent.

### Dam Is a Major Blessing

THIS IS THE TIME of year when people customarily give thought to their blessings and return thanks. Certainly this fall they should give full consideration to what the Buford Dam has meant in their daily living.

Few have stopped to think that for two months this part of Georgia has been suffering a drought, but you would never know it from the way the Chattahoochee River has performed.

Because of reserve supplies of water turned into the river by the Buford Dam, the Chattahoochee has been in the full flush of health.

Without the dam, Atlanta water-users surely would have been on a rationed basis weeks ago. As it is, they are enjoying to the utmost these wonderful Indian Summer days with a minimum of worry on how much water comes down from the skies above.

They should give thanks for that big impounding system, and for the water it does out every day to keep the liver at proper level.

### Baby Sitters Prospering

IT IS ONLY RECENTLY that the nation has attempted to evaluate the services of its army of teen-age baby sitters. A survey has revealed that 48 per cent of America's teen-age girls have had baby sitting experience. Only 23 per cent of the boys have tried it.

Teachers and employers find that these young people are above the average. Their viewpoints are matured and they are reliable.

Their collective take-home pay runs into the millions of dollars annually. One estimate is as high as \$989,000,000. They gain useful experience while making money—and they aren't the mischief-making types.

It's time they received recognition, for they are an important part of modern living. They are a credit to their generation.

One more point. If there are as many baby sitters as this survey indicates, why is it impossible to get one with less than a week's prior notice?

## WASHINGTON

Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

Washington. THIS WRITER recently co-authored a book entitled "U.S.A.—Second-Class Power." If the book were being written at this time, another chapter would be added paying tribute to the enthusiasm, idealism, and generosity of American youth. They may be America's best guarantee against becoming a second-class power.

If the Russians think that American youth is solely engaged in rock-n-roll, football, and bet-on-twisting, they should read the letters that have been pouring in to me with money for the rebuilding of the Clinton, Tenn., schoolhouse. They make you realize that American youth takes its responsibilities seriously. The question of school integration is not an issue. Many contributions come from Southern schools. Clearly children want to help others.

Here is a cross-section of the mail:

Tokuji O. O. Kaula High School, Honolulu, although we are not as close as Alabama or North Carolina, we consider ourselves your neighbors and are happy to help. I am a member of the W. L. Draper Scoutmaster Troop 11, Rocky Mount, N.C.—It is not often that I have seen such enthusiastic response to any project. The enclosed cashier's check represents "one soft drink per boy," which Mr. Pearson has tried to build a new school. It was a 100 per cent gesture from the boys. It is also written to the conclusion that violence is not the satisfactory solution to any problem. A small contribution, but from the hearts of children.

## A UNITED COUNTRY

Student Council, Fulton High School, Fulton, N.Y.—We the student body of Fulton High would like to contribute \$25 to the repair of the Southern synagogue that was recently bombed and also \$25 to the recently bombed school at Clinton, Tenn. We would like people to know that modern youth is aware of and interested in everyday life. We believe that only when people put aside differences of religion and race and accept people as they are will there be a united country. How can we have a world of peace if we don't have such strife within our own country?

## RED TAPE

Some schools have suffered from red tape. When the children of Alice Deal Junior High School in Washington, D.C., started to buy "Friendship Bricks" for the Clinton school, they were stopped by higher-ups who said red tape of Washington. Andy Lewis, president of the Student Council, took the matter up with his council which okayed it unanimously.

Then red tape reared its ugly head. The school board is bound by a law passed by Congress that no solicitation of funds can be made in a D.C. school without "prior approval of the Board of Education at a stated meeting."

So while schools all over the nation were contributing generously to rebuild the Clinton schoolhouse, the schools in the nation's capital, supposed to set an example to the nation, were hampered by red tape.

Most of the contributions were received before the second school was blown up at Oatage, W. Va. The Oatage school carried about \$91,000 of insurance and will cost about \$200,000 to rebuild. The Clinton school carried about \$70,000 in insurance and will cost about \$200,000 to rebuild. Fortunately, the Atlanta synagogue was completely covered by insurance. Money received for it is being put into a fund to offer a standing reward for the apprehension of those who blow up schools or places of worship.

## NEGRO DONATIONS

Some of the most generous contributions have come from Negro organizations. They have been accepted by the Clinton school board as long as no strings are attached. One contribution to establish a Negro scholarship was returned on the ground that there could be no favoritism either for or against a Negro.

In Detroit, Frank Seymour, manager of WCB, a radio station operated by Negroes with a Negro listening audience, staged a public drive to help rebuild the Clinton school and collected \$1,900. This has been the largest single contribution so far. . . . Fisk University Choir in Nashville sent \$100 with this message: "The one hundred voices of Fisk University Choir are enclosing a contribution toward 'Bricks of Brotherhood' to be used in rebuilding the Clinton High School." . . . Howard University in Washington, largest Negro college, sent \$500. . . . The Loma Zulu African Methodist Sunday School in Arlington, Va., sent \$217.

The average contribution has not been large. But it has been from the heart. The fact that donations have not been large means that a greater number of Americans are thinking and working against bombs of bigotry. And the more public opinion is mobilized against bombs of bigotry the more pain is to the hate-mongers who touch them off.—(EWS.)



Staff Photo—Ken Peterson

INTERESTING READING—Ellen Clark is amused and Eddie Bracken appears surprised on arriving in Atlanta to star in the play, "Tunnel of Love," at the Tower Theater. Actually, Miss Clark is laughing at Actor Bracken who explains such facial expressions—for him—are not unusual.

## Hot Campaign Marks College Park Race

By FRED GREER

Seven candidates for College Park City Council and two candidates for mayor have put their campaigns before the people at a lively political rally.

Mayor Billy Stephenson, who seeks an endorsement term in the Dec. 1 city election, said his administration has a dozen or more major accomplishments for the last two years and that many more will be undertaken in the next two years.

A representative of the mayor's opponent, W. J. (Leslie) Stiles, criticized the administration for "too much delay in getting things done" and "too much waste of the taxpayers' money."

CANDIDATES for mayor and three council posts appeared before a political rally of some 200 citizens. The rally was conducted by the College Park Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Stephenson cited as recent advances cooperation on Tri-City Hospital Authority, tax structure modernization, a new traffic code, a new planning and zoning commission, city manager form of government, a \$130,000 road construction job on Riverdale road with state and federal funds, a city recreation advisory board, a balanced budget, work under way on two sewage disposal plants and annexation of territory that increased the city's area by 60 per cent.

HE SAID a new fire station is planned for the Sixth Ward, a fire engine bought, work started on a 375-acre urban renewal project, a new thoroughfare plan for the city is being worked out and other projects planned.

Charles M. Tant, speaking for Mr. Stiles, said the city of College Park needs more help from Fulton County, state and federal sources. He said he believes Mr. Stiles, an employee of a trucking firm and business agent for a trucking union, could secure such help.

Criticism of a program to resurface streets by assessment came from some members of the audience in a question-and-answer period.

COUNCILMAN Harry F. Swann (Fifth Ward) and Carey T. Webb (Sixth Ward), both seeking reelection, cited "a record of progress" and pledged to continue programs under way.

Mr. Swann's opponent, Charles B. Fyke, asked for more encouragement for industry and more business-like practices in city administration. Another opponent, Lawrence Walker, said he would work for more city services for the Fifth Ward.

John P. Hallman, opponent of Mr. Webb, charged that "Somebody was sleeping when East Point acted to get a mammoth new shopping center to College Park's city limits."

Sidney T. Waggoner and J. H. Glazier, candidates for the Fourth Ward post being vacated by Councilman Marion Nolan, offered no criticism of the present administration and pledged "to work for progressive measures." J. H. Young, a third candidate for this post, was not present for the meeting.

Ex-Malta Official Promises for Freedom LONDON (AP)—The former prime minister of Malta today pressed demands that Britain loosen its grip on the strategic Mediterranean island.

Maltese Labor party leader Don Minicci is asking for outright independence.

Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd is studying the Minicci bill, along with another for Commonwealth status from the island's Nationalist party leader Dr. Borg Olivier.

Turkish Paper Draws Penalty ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—A special press court has ordered the government newspaper Zafar suspended for one month for insulting an opposition deputy. The paper's publisher Zuhur Uesuelter and editor Orhan Yakar received prison sentences totalling 20 months.

The court acted Friday on a suit filed by Dep. Atim Eren of the opposition Peoples Republican party.

How Christian Science Heals SEE AND HEAR THIS SUNDAY RADIO TV 9:30 A.M.—WJLA Ch. 11 "Divine Love Heals Grid"

## WIDOW KISSES TY FOR LAST TIME

Hollywood Premiere Atmosphere of Crowd Outside Quiet Chapel Mars Dignity

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22 (U.P.)—A young widow, only six months ago the happy bride of one of the movies' most handsome heroes, sat by herself in front of the open coffin, her hand atop that of Tyrone Power.

There were 125 other mourners in the tiny Chapel of the Psaums Friday. Among them Gregory Peck, James Stewart, Loretta Young, Yul Brynner and Henry Fonda.

But Deborah Ann Power had her back toward them. It was her last hour with the husband she loved. Semimilitary Chaplain ended in 34 minutes.

The other mourners marched out. She still was composed as she walked from the limousine to her husband's grave. There, the chaplain delivered the brief committal service for the actor whose heart attack death a week ago in Madrid stunned movie fans everywhere.

A crowd of 2,000, fans and curious, swarmed over other graves from the chapel to the burial site. The crowd, in its hurry, gave a circus-like atmosphere to the funeral.

Earlier, the widow herself inadvertently helped create the circus atmosphere when she barred microphones that would have carried the rites to those gathered outside the chapel.

A friend explained that Mrs. Power feared the microphones would have given an undignified tone to the services.

The widow, however, is new to Hollywood funerals—and the decision worked just the opposite.

As Cesar Romero, an old-time friend, eulogized Power, the husband, was weeping.

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