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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

PERMISSIVENESS: Road To Panic

By Frank Williams, State Rep., 25th District, Florida for the JOURNAL OF CIVIL DEFENSE, July 1976

Behind the glitter of our American Bicentennial there looms an ominous moral crisis — clearly the greatest in our history. We have begun, loosely, to call it "permissiveness." Not a very adequate word, but the best we have at the moment.

As a politician I am owed by its magnitude and its implications. Bluntly, it all boils down to a serious doubt that our country, while celebrating its 200th birthday today, will lose out the remaining two decades of the 20th Century. A fast-growing number of my colleagues in local, state and national politics are accepting this same disturbing vision.

Permissiveness — you might define it as a consuming desire to sympathize with, to help the forces that work against society and to whitewash their threat to our existence — now pervades our entire national life. It has both its domestic and international aspects. From a vigorous, responsible people that characterized the first 175 years of the "American Experiment" we have become a self-indulgent, guilt-ridden, sycophantic bunch of apologists.

As one example, take crime. We have coddled the criminal until today he enjoys the status of a privileged citizen. We have tied the hands of our law-enforcement people with restrictions that make justice a mockery. We blindly try to rehabilitate those who will not be and can not be rehabilitated. We are making country clubs of our prisons. We are being laughed at. We deserve to be laughed at. And, as a result in the past fifteen years the crime of murder has increased over 100 percent; rape has increased over 200 percent; and armed robbery has increased over 300 percent.

Crime pays. It's a good business. The risk of getting caught is minimized. Only 5 out of every 100 criminals are convicted where major crimes are involved. And even those look to be going free. That element of society which is attracted by "easy money" no longer has effective restraints.

Crime is only one field where permissiveness has gained the upper hand. Education, welfare, national economy, the family unit and the professional world are other examples. Decadence is indeed pronounced.

Politics itself is infested with abuses and laxity. We have come to expect them. Local, state and national governments have in both manpower and cost expended beyond all reason. Where do they stop? All this is only the tip of the iceberg.

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24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(May 8, 1952)

Geo. Salladay suffered serious burns when a can of gasoline which he was using to prime a delco unit exploded in flames Tuesday evening. Miss Vina Lee Barnett's dish garden was pronounced winner in the "Spring in Texas" flower show. Selected for presentation in state competition were: Mrs. I. V. Dunbar's white gladiolus arrangement; Mrs. Bruce Wadell's arrangements of larkspur and poppies; Mrs. R. P. Wilcox, Jr.'s arrangement of shrimp and brown and gold flowers in a small vase; and Mrs. W. L. Bauer's shrimp plant. Pfc. Bud Fitzgerald is home from a year's duty in Korea. Only three county-wide officials will have opposition in the first Colorado County Democratic primary. Sheriff O. W. Baker is opposed by Harvey Lee; opposing District Clerk Schmidt is Harry V. Cherry; and County Attorney Moore has drawn an opponent Gus F. Steger. Buck Flournoy is third in State golf singles. Little League played ball like "Big League" in 12 to 1 win over Vanderbilt last Friday. Members of the team are G. Cordova, Steve Cordova, Ben Castillo, Bennie Miller, Herbert Leonard, Dick Terrell, Walter Melton, Jack Pidgeon, Kenneth Wright, Steve Shaver, Walter Jones, Riley Wise, Bobby Melton, Jim Milby and Henry Alvarado. Alvarado was named MVP. The team has won three games and has a record of 3-0. The team is in the lead for the state championship. The team is in the lead for the state championship. The team is in the lead for the state championship.

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Growing Pains Part Of Rural Population Growth

Pastor Installed



THE REV. AND MRS. PAUL BARROW

Mt. Olive Ch. Has Pastor's Installation

On Sunday, Aug. 29, 1976 the officers and members of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church celebrated their pastor's installation. The Rev. E. E. Gibbs and congregation of the Christian Faith Baptist Church in Port Arthur were honor church for the day. The service opened with praise devotion led by the Rev. L. T. Hewitt; songs were sung by the Greater Mt. Olive combined choir; and the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Annie Lou McFar. A response was made by Christian Faith Baptist Church.

After a solo by Miss O. L. Jones, the charge was given by the pastor, the Rev. E. E. Gibbs; and the charge to the church by Rev. L. T. Hewitt. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall with Mrs. Janie Mae Douglas in charge.

potential demand for local firefighting services. Changes in the use and value of land are another potential outcome of rural population growth. The demand for new homes can elevate property values, entice owners to sell prime agricultural land for residential use. Also, rising land values can lead to reassessment for tax purposes.

Rural leaders who are trying to encourage new development in their area are cautioned by USDA that lack of proper planning for growth can result in undesirable and expensive forms of community development. The Department's Rural Development Service (RDS) can identify available technical and financial planning assistance for which rural communities are eligible to help them plan orderly development. In addition, RDS can provide preapplication counseling to community leaders who intend to apply

public transportation services already deficient in most rural areas. In many growing areas, young adults in their twenties make up a large part of the increased population. A higher proportion of these people can increase demands for new housing. This means increased demand for fuel, water, sewer, and other housing-associated services. Since people in this age group are in the prime child-bearing years, the proportion of young children in the area also can be expected to rise. This means greater demand for education, health, and recreation services eventually.

Another potential outcome of rural population growth is social antagonism. David Brown, a sociologist with USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), says that this happens as areas become more heterogeneous, especially styles of newcomers are quite different from those of the native population. ERS researchers studying rural law enforcement problems predict that growing rural communities will face increased costs for law enforcement.

Firefighting is another community service that faces increased demand as population grows. Small rural communities growing through new business development find that a new factory or shopping center can mean an immediate increase in

Evening Lions Now Meet 6:30 Mornings

The Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club has changed their meeting time from Tuesday evenings to 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. The club meets each week at Jack's Restaurant. The name of Eagle Lake Evening Lions will be retained.

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Miss Patsy Schoeneberg, Mitchel Smith Plan Oct. 23 Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schoeneberg of Louise announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patsy Ann, to Mitchel Reed Smith, son of Mrs. William C. Smith of Garwood and the late William C. Smith. The wedding is scheduled for October 23 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in El Campo. The bride-elect, a 1973 graduate of Louise High School, was graduated from Wharton County Junior College. The prospective bridegroom, a 1973 graduate of Rice High School, attended Wharton County Junior College and is employed by Garwood Implement and Supply.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Watch For Our School Children

By GEO. "DOC" MUELLER
Sheriff, Colorado County

I would like to remind our citizens to be watchful around our school areas and when meeting a school bus on the highway. The law requires that all vehicles come to a complete stop when meeting a school bus stopped on the road with the red lights flashing. The law requires for traffic meeting or overtaking these school buses to come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the bus starts moving and the flashing lights are turned off. We hope that every driver will abide by this law and safeguard our children from any traffic mishap.

Aug. 1: Had JP Court. This date. Checked suspicious subject on IH 10. Checked abandoned vehicle in the Brushy area. Transported prisoner from Eagle Lake to Columbus.

Aug. 2: Checked on subject in Altair, subject wanted by police. Had District Court this date. Arrested one for theft by check. Had JP Court in the PM.

Aug. 3: Checked two suspicious subjects in the Glidden area. Checked on a disturbance call in Altair. Checked on a child. Arrested one for forcing traffic off the road. Issued citation for passing in a no passing zone.

Aug. 4: Had JP Court in the AM. Removed livestock from roadway. Served civil papers in the Eagle Lake and Columbus areas.

Aug. 5: Had JP Court in the AM. Checked suspicious vehicle on IH 10. Arrested one for assault. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake, Columbus, Garwood and Altair.

Aug. 6: Investigated domestic disturbance in Altair. Subject wanted by police. Had District Court this date. Arrested one for theft by check. Had JP Court in the AM.

Aug. 7: Checked on suspicious persons selling books in the Borden area. Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated a disturbance in the PM.

Aug. 8: Checked on abandoned vehicle on IH 10. Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated a burglary in the Borden area. Issued citation for unregistered vehicle.

Aug. 9: Had JP Court in the AM. Posted citation in the courthouse. Served civil papers in the Freelsburg area. Delivered death message in the Freelsburg area.

Aug. 10: Removed livestock from roadway on 71 South. Had JP Court in the AM. Served civil papers in Altair, Garwood and Columbus.

Aug. 11: Had JP Court this AM. Routine duties this date.

Aug. 12: Had District Court this date. Arrested one for disorderly conduct. Had JP Court in the PM.

Aug. 13: Served civil papers in the Freelsburg area. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on 71 South. Had JP Court in the PM.

Aug. 14: One unit to Iowa to pick up prisoner wanted by this department. Arrested one for public intoxication. Had JP Court in the PM.

Aug. 15: Assisted stranded motorist on IH 10. Checked four suspicious persons in the Borden area. Arrested four for disorderly conduct. Removed livestock from roadway.

Aug. 16: Had JP Court in the AM. Checked on abandoned vehicle on IH 10. Removed cattle from roadway. Served civil papers in Columbus.

Aug. 17: Arrested one for theft by check. Had JP Court in the AM.

Aug. 18: Had JP Court in the AM. Issued citation for passing in a no passing zone. Had JP Court in the AM.

Aug. 19: Had County Court this date. Had JP Court in the AM. Arrested one for theft by check. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake, Columbus and Garwood.

Aug. 20: Had JP Court in the AM. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake and Columbus. Two units to San Antonio with mental patient. Assisted stranded motorist, on 71 South.

Aug. 21: Responded to burglar alarm at Rice High School. Had JP Court this AM. Served civil papers in the Eagle Lake, Columbus and Garwood areas.

Aug. 22: Had JP Court in the AM. Removed livestock from roadway. Investigated a fire in the Rock Island area.

Aug. 23: Had JP Court in the AM. Removed livestock from roadway. Investigated a disturbance in the Altair area. Posted citation in the courthouse. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake, Columbus, Garwood and Altair.

Aug. 24: Picked up mental patient in Weimar. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on IH 102.

Aug. 25: Recovered stolen merchandise in the Eagle Lake area. Removed livestock from the roadway. Had JP Court in the PM.

Aug. 26: Arrested one for theft by check. Investigated disturbance call in the Altair area. Posted citation in courthouse. Investigated domestic trouble in Glidden.

Wintermann Library

NOTES

Fall Series Of Story Hours Begins

The fall series of story hours started this morning, Sept. 8th, at 9:00 after a hiatus during August. The programs will be held every Wednesday morning at 10:00 for children three years of age and older in the Primary School Program.

Major Benge, the principal of the Eagle Lake Primary School, is working closely with the library to provide service to his students. Benge and David Coplen, the librarian, have instituted a dual program of regular for the primary children. Each class will be making regularly scheduled visits to the library throughout the school year, and the library will maintain a rotating collection at the school. Both men feel that quality library service will be extended to the primary school children.

Last Friday Mr. Coplen traveled to Austin to confer with the Library Development Staff at the Texas State Library. He feels that the meeting was very worthwhile and that Eagle Lake can look forward to a great deal of support and cooperation from the State Library.

Reminder - Children who want the works of A.A. Milne should bring the tag down to the library and pick them up.

TSTA Workshop In Victoria September 9

Hundreds of area teachers and administrators are planning to attend the Texas State Teachers Association District III fall workshop Thursday evening, Sept. 9 at Strouman High School in Victoria.

The workshop will run from 5 p.m. registration until adjournment at 8:15 p.m., and will include a dinner meeting. Teachers are expected from the 19 TSTA local associations in District III, which includes the counties of Bee, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria and Wharton.

State, district and local leaders of TSTA will attend the workshop to provide input into the TSTA program for 1976-77.

The Freelsburg Club extended an invitation to the council for the Christmas party.

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Ambulance Corps Business Meet Thurs.

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Miss Karen Euers, Russell Konesheck To Exchange Vows Here Oct. 16



Mr. and Mrs. Lester D. Euers proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Kay, to Russell Alan Konesheck, son of Mrs. David O. Konesheck of this city and the late David Konesheck. Miss Euers is a recent graduate of Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and is presently employed in Wharton. Mr. Konesheck is a 1973 graduate of Lamar University and is presently employed as an Engineer with the El Campo Aluminum Company. The wedding is scheduled for October 16th at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake.

County THDA, H.D. Council Meetings Held

Colorado County THDA and H.D. Council was held Wednesday, Sept. 1 at City Hall in Columbus.

Martha Henicke, THDA Chairman, opened the meeting by encouraging members to attend the State meeting, H.D. Council meeting, H.D. Council meeting was opened by chairman Fay Elliott. Virginia Whitecock read a poem about "Taking Time to Pray".

Roll call was answered with "What I didn't get done this summer." Most members answered they had done a lot of canning but missed a vacation.

Minutes were read and approved by substitute secretary Virginia Whitecock. The treasurer's report was accepted by Mrs. Bernice Heinsohn.

Old business discussed was the bus trip to College Station. The bus will leave Columbus on Sept. 22 at 6:30 a.m. from the south side of the courthouse and will return about midnight. The group will attend some sessions of the State THDA meeting and some tours are planned.

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Ernest Larmer, 42, Native Of EL Passes Away

Was Prominent Fort Worth CC, Businessman

Ernest R. (Ernie) Larmer, 42, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce from 1967 to 1971, died in a Fort Worth hospital Saturday, Sept. 4th, after a brief illness. Larmer, a resident of 3612 Kimberly Lane in Fort Worth, was President of Larmer and Associates Consultants at the time of his death.

Under his direction the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce sponsored three national telecasts of the Miss Teenage America contest from the Tarrant County Convention Center; conducted a feasibility study for a foreign travel agency in the North Texas area and worked toward combining the Fort Worth-Dallas area into a single official standard metropolitan statistical area. He was a native of Eagle Lake and had been a