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## EDITORIALS: These are our opinions

### Wrong Direction

Today, as fewer people are involved in the business of agriculture, it is more imperative than ever for young people to have some knowledge of what it takes to produce food and fiber for a nation of more than 200 million people. In spite of the need for such knowledge, and in spite of the fact that the professional goal of Governmental planners is to encourage decentralization and a back to the land movement, there appears to be almost a conspiracy to drive youth off the nation's farms.

A law is now proposed to prohibit the employment by farmers of workers under 16 except under federal supervisory regulation. An official of The American Farm Bureau Federation, in expressing his organization's opposition to passage of the bill, observes that, "An imperative problem of the seventies is to provide more jobs for teen-agers — not to throw more restrictions and limitations around such employment."

Current proposed amendments revising the

minimum wage and hour provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act would also strike at employment opportunity in agriculture. Every time the minimum wage is boosted, it increases the ranks of the unemployed among unskilled and part-time workers, especially among the young. Of this, the nation's largest farm organization, The American Farm Bureau Federation, says, "We oppose any increase in the minimum wage and the extension of coverage to additional groups. Many farm workers are persons with handicaps which have prevented their obtaining permanent employment elsewhere. Minimum wage laws are pricing many such workers out of the market, curtailing their employment opportunity and leaving welfare rolls as their only resort."

Laws that literally drive people off the nation's farms make no sense at a time when the need is for greater population dispersal and employment.

OK with them. So please don't blame the kids, its the parents also, so try a little harder and let's help them, and I do believe that the kids at the purple toad do respect their Country and their Flag, they were taught that in school, just like they taught it when we were in school, it never changes.

So kids get a new "Leader" one that will respect and Salute our Flag, remember it's our flag, many of our boys are fighting for it and some of our boys were even killed doing so, never say or do anything to disgrace your flag or country, "They are ours" and you may help first you have to help yourself. First we learn respect and it starts in the home.

For instance there is a boy in the service with Mike. He came home with Mike instead of going to his own house, because Michael told him so much about us, and he really loved coming here, and he calls us Mom and Dad Nichols and this same boy wants to come here for Christmas, Do you know why? well I'll tell you why. We enjoyed having him come home with Mike, and we treat him just like our own, that's why.

So parents don't knock the kids, help them, it's really not their fault, take time and enjoy yourself with them. Some of the kids have said, "I wish my parents were like you." So give it a try, let's do something about it. Maybe you won't agree with me but thats my opinion. So please let's help them long hair and all.

A Mother,  
Mrs. Leonard Nichols.



## Letters in the mailbox.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Letters to the Editor are always welcome for publication in the Tribune Press as a forum of opinion. No letters will be published, however, unless they are accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The Tribune Press will run so-called "blind signatures" such as "Taxpayer", "Citizen", "Local Resident", etc., but in all such cases, the writer's name and address must accompany the request. Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Tribune Press.

To the Editor:

At this time of year, even more than at other times, we're besieged with requests for contributions to this or that worthy cause. For this reason I've hesitated to write about yet another but have decided to do so.

In the southeastern part of Kentucky there's a Home which takes in abandoned or neglected children and tries to give them a Christian upbringing in addition to adequate food and clothing. The "Open Door Children's Home" receives no tax money but is supported only by voluntary contributions. The money they get is managed very well. Slightly more than \$6 a day per child in contrast with what it costs in State-run homes—\$14 a day for each child.

As you can well imagine, many forms of support are thankfully received by the Home—clothing, school supplies, vehicles, livestock feed and, of course, money to pay for heating and food and the various other costs of running any home.

To give an idea of the sort of Home this is, slides, filmstrips and tape recordings will soon be available for church groups. They ask that you specify whether your group wants slides or filmstrips, also if you use cassette or regular reel tape. Also, let them know the date on which you desire them. These are expected to be ready on January 1st. If you'd like any more information about the Open Door Children's Home, their address is P.O. Box 778, Hazard, Ky. 41701.

If any readers of this letter are planning a trip South for the winter, why not stop to see the children and the Home. Visitors are made welcome.

Miss Helen Ashworth  
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To the Editor:

To all Snowmobilers:  
I am a taxpaying citizen, living in Halesboro, N.Y. I own my own home and it is one of the newer ones in the town. I have a large lawn that I work hard at keeping it neat. I am a widow and live alone so I do all of this work myself, asking no help or favors from anyone.

However, at this time I am asking a favor!! Please do not drive across my property. Already this year my lawn is torn up, shrubbery has been broken and the small trees that I planted have been broken. I don't believe I am asking for too much as it is against the law to drive on someone else's property without their permission.

I do know that it is a very small percentage of these operators that do not respect the law. Please don't ruin it for all of your companions.

I would be pleased to talk to any officers of snowmobile clubs to see if this situation can be eliminated. I know the clubs do not go along with the destruction of property, and never go on other people's property without permission.

Thank You  
Mrs. Deia Davis

To the Editor:

In answer to the letter in the Tribune Press sent in by S. Thompson on December 8, 1971.

If there were fewer Mr. Bickford's and men like him, we would not enjoy the freedoms we now have and which you exercised in your letter.

As for reaching out and helping our youth, I think it is about time we stopped treating them as if they were all crippled.

Sincerely,  
Edward J. Dillon  
Gouverneur, N.Y.

To the Editor:

This is my opinion of the Purple Toad and the young girls and boys involved.

I'm a mother of five sons and am known by most of the young kids at the Purple Toad. Some of them have been in our home with our boys, they knew that they were always welcome. Some of the kids even call us Mom and Dad.

As you know our sons, Michael and Leonard has gone in the Air Force they were friends with our sons. Our sons once had long hair and played "Rock Music", but that didn't make them bad. They are fighting now for the country and loved one; and are trying to keep America Free.

They learned in school to have respect for their flag and country, and I taught them at home to have respect for other people, which they did and still do.

We have younger children at home and hope that they will grow up just like their older brothers did, to be men and be proud of their country, but people are criticizing the kids at the purple toad.

It's not the kids fault it's their leadership. If these kids at the purple toad would get more recreation at home they wouldn't do the things that they are accused of doing.

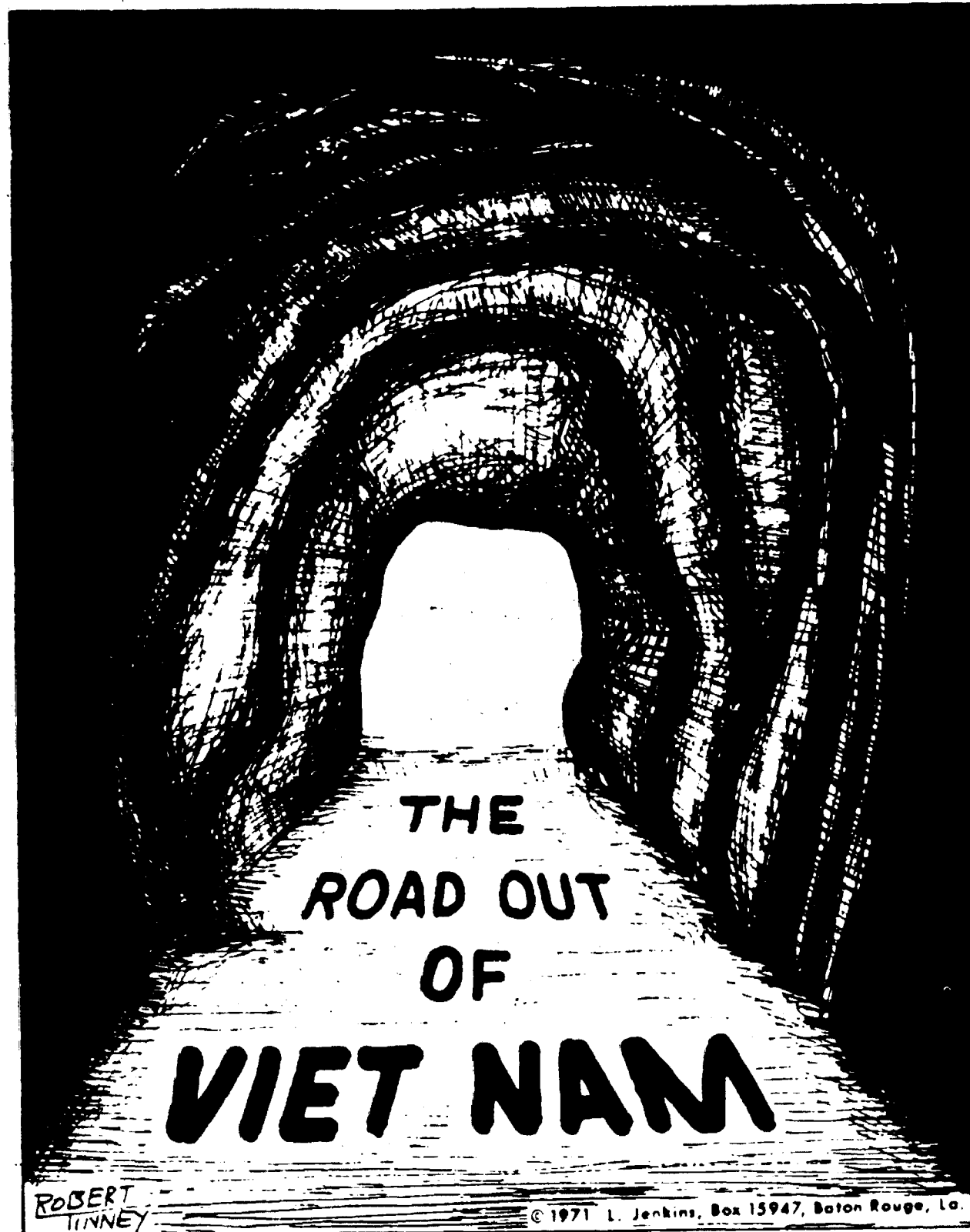
We have had as high as thirty (30) kids in our home in one evening and these kids know they were always welcome. I would rather have my boys bring their friends home with them rather than to have them out in the streets in trouble. I know some parents don't have time or want to take time to feel this way, but we do. We have taken different boys and girls with us when we went places, we always enjoyed them.

We aren't rich people, but we love our sons. Our son Michael wrote home and said quote "That's one thing us boys can never say that you ever worried about us, cause when we need help you were always there when ever we needed it, to me you are the best parents in the world believe me, there should be more parents like you, this world would be better off."

So that is the satisfaction we get for doing what we have done for our boys. Yes he is right: if parents would spend more time with their kids it would be better today.

I may be old fashioned in that way, but my parents were the same if I wanted to bring home a friend no matter how many it was

## LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?



10 YEARS AGO  
Tribune Press  
Dec. 13, 1961

— Work is progressing on the new telephone building on John street and construction is expected to be completed in the spring.

— The addition to the VFW building, constructed entirely by volunteers is expected to be finished by Jan. 1. It will be used as a dance hall and meeting room.

— Work is nearly completed on the \$200,000 medical wing at the Gouverneur Hospital.

— J. Barnard Howland, assistant trust officer at the Bank of Gouverneur, will retire Dec. 31. He has been a resident of Gouverneur nearly 30 years, associated with the Oswegatchie Light and Power Company for 15 years and with the bank since 1948.

25 YEARS AGO  
Tribune Press  
Dec. 11, 1946

— Business is booming in the Gouverneur Post Office these days with the annual Christmas rush beginning to make itself apparent.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius Crowley, pastor of St. James

Church here for the past ten years, died Sunday in Hepburn hospital at the age of 77.

— Appointment of Van Wight as St. Lawrence County Veteran Counselor was announced today by Edward Neary, director of the State division of Veteran Affairs. Mr. Wight who has served for the past few months as principal of Richville High School, retired from that post last week.

— Gouverneur High basketballers outscored Norwood Friday 39 to 28 at the Norwood court. Lee Eskilsen with a total of 19 points was high scorer for the evening.

50 YEARS AGO  
Northern Tribune  
Dec. 14, 1921

— At the First Baptist Church Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. Wilbur Richardson delivered a strong and forceful sermon on the matrimonial side of life. He advanced the idea that in keeping with the accordance of equal rights to women in so many ways in the eyes of the law, the right of choosing their life mates should also be included and that the proposal of a young woman to a young man should be considered as perfectly legitimate.

— OES officers elected for the coming year at the Gouverneur Masonic Temple Thursday are Mrs. Thomas Ormiston, matron; Harry Hodgkin, patron; Mrs. George Webster, associate matron; Mrs. Elmer Curtis, conductress; Mrs. Charles Henderson, associate conductress; Mrs. Chester Hartley, secretary; Miss Bessie Austin, treasurer; and Mrs. C. C. Donald, trustee.

75 YEARS AGO  
Gouverneur Free Press  
Dec. 16, 1896

— Felson's offers eight-day clocks for \$2.15.

— A. L. McCrea and David Pierce left this morning for Carthage to open the new postal telegraph office.

— Dick Grinnell of Gloversville is in town looking up old time friends. He is a former Gouverneur boy and this is his first visit in 19 years.

— The Louis Gagnon property on Somerville street built for a boarding house or hotel was sold at public auction last Thursday. Thomas Whalen was the purchaser.

100 YEARS AGO  
Gouverneur Times  
Dec. 16, 1871

— W. E. Smith, watch and clock repairer, has located in Killmer and Jepson's store.

— The Good Templars of Little York will give an entertainment at Pecks Hall Friday evening, admission 25 cents.

— A necktie sociable will be held at the Good Templars Hall on Tuesday evening next.

## Frostbite: Emergency treatment

### How to tell if it's frostbite:

There won't be any question in your mind; the part that has become frostbitten will have gone from being very painful to being absolutely numb, whether it is your hands, feet, ears or nose. (That's the order in which parts of the body are most apt to be frostbitten.)

When you look at the frostbitten part, it will be pale, cold to touch, and may feel like a chunk of marble or a stick of wood.

All frostbite, regardless of how mild or severe it is, looks and feels this way at first.

### What to do about it:

Seek help immediately. If you are far from help or in temporary shelter, don't try to thaw the part immediately. If it thaws and then becomes refrozen, it will cause more severe injury than if you don't thaw it at all.

Don't rub the affected part to restore circulation, and especially do not rub it with snow. Rubbing or massage will increase the injury to frozen tissue; rubbing it with snow just intensifies the damage.

Protect the frozen part. If it is a foot, don't walk on it. This too, will increase the extent of injury.

When you are in a permanent shelter, thaw the frozen part in water that is between 98°-104°F. If a thermometer is not available, keep the water at a

temperature that feels tepid to normal tissue.

Do not put the injured part in cold water and add warmer water gradually. Do not put the affected part in a warm oven or too close to a heat source. When the part is frozen, it loses its sensory ability; you can add a burn to the frostbite injury without feeling it.

It will take about 20-45 minutes to thaw out a frozen part in water that is body temperature. There may be some pain as the part gets warm.

In severe frostbite, blisters may form very quickly. Do not try to break them.

Do not put bandages, salves, ointments—anything—on the frostbitten part. If fingers and toes are involved, you may keep them separated by wedges of cotton.

Seek medical help as quickly as possible. If it is necessary to travel to a medical facility, be sure the injured part is protected by towels or blankets to prevent refreezing.

It may take several days or even weeks before even your physician can assess the damage done by the frostbite. Remember that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

## NEWS FROM

### ASSEMBLYMAN

### DANIEL HALEY



Assemblyman Daniel Haley has asked two State Senate and Assembly Committees to take steps to halt the harassment of New York State residents by the Parking Violations Bureau of the City of New York.

The St. Lawrence County Legislator's comments were contained in testimony prepared for presentation at a public hearing conducted yesterday in New York City by the Senate Standing Committee on Motor Vehicles and Transportation and the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation. Senator John D. Caemmerer, Chairman of the Committee, said in announcing the hearing, that the purpose of the meeting was "to take testimony concerning the organization and operation of the Parking Violations Bureau and its effect in general on owners of motor vehicles throughout the State ... and to obtain information to aid in examining and evaluating proposed legislative solutions ..."

In his testimony Assemblyman Haley also suggested that the Committees ask Mayor John V. Lindsay "to withhold all parking violation notices which are to be mailed to residents of this State living outside New York City pending a thorough investigation of the problem."

The Washington Legislator told the Committees that many Northern New Yorkers have received "outrageous" notices of parking violations in New York

City. "Some have paid the large fines demanded," he said, "rather than risk losing their automobile registrations, the penalty imposed by the State of New York if the fines are not paid."

Assemblyman Haley concluded, "The fact that the Parking Violations Bureau has been forced to establish an Error Correction Unit, and the fact that your Committees held a public hearing to take testimony regarding this situation and its effect on the people of New York State attest to the severity of this problem."

The Assembly Minority Task Force on Unemployment, Inflation and Labor will hold a county-wide public hearing in Massena on Saturday, December 11.

St. Lawrence County Assemblyman Daniel Haley, Chairman of the Committee said the hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Town Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. The purpose of the meeting, Assemblyman Haley said is to discuss unemployment, labor and the effects of inflation in St. Lawrence County and the possible solutions to these problems.

tend and anyone wishing to testify is asked to call Assemblyman Haley's district office in Massena, 769-9484.

The St. Lawrence County meeting will be the fourth public hearing held by the Committee since its formation in late August. Assemblyman Haley was appointed chairman at that time. The other members of the Assembly Minority Committee are Assemblymen Raymond J. Lill, Rochester; Michael McCarthy, Buffalo; Irwin Landes, Great Neck; L. I. Thomas J. McInerney, Yonkers; and Thomas Brown, Albany.

### Social Security

A million people — students, housewives and others — will work in holiday jobs in department stores and elsewhere to earn some extra yuletide money this season. Most of them will also be building up their protection under social security, according to John P. Moulton, social security district manager in Ogdensburg.

If your holiday job is covered by social security — and most jobs are — you'll get social security credit for 3 months work if you earn \$50 or more in the October-December period. This is true even though all your earnings come in December.

Work credits build eligibility for social security disability survivors and retirement benefits and for Medicare coverage at 65 he explained.

## 13 students Join Junior Honor Society

Ninth grade officers who initiated the new 8th grade members into the Junior National Honor Society Dec. 10 were: President, Jay Klink; First Vice President, Lee Jones; Second Vice President, Laura Conklin; Secretary, Clyde Best; Treasurer, Celeste Rossetti.

The new members are: 8th grade, Dayle Brown, Kathleen

Connor, Bethany Fleming, Nona Hodgdon, Dianne Johnson, Lynne Johnson, Paula Robson, Carol Skeldon, Belinda Tessmer, Ronald Tuttle, Rebecca Washburn, Tammy Woodard and 9th grade, Nannette Cook.

The Junior National Honor Society has elected the following officers for this school year:



GUEST OF HONOR at the Dec. 10 meeting of Gouverneur Morris Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution was Mrs. Antonia Cleto, center, who became a United States citizen on Nov. 12, 1971. Her sponsors were Mrs. Alyce Western, left, and Mrs. James Kraker. Mrs. Western is Regional of the local chapter of DAR and Mrs. Kraker is chairman of the Americanism committee of DAR. Mrs. Cleto, who came to the United States in 1968, formerly resided in Lisbon, Portugal. Her husband became a United States citizen in June, 1970.