Think Before You Vote On The Courthouse Plan

On Nov. 14, Laurens County voters will go to the polls to cast their ballots in an advisory referendum concerning a proposed new courthouse in Laurens.

The courthouse, as proposed, would cost an estimated \$2.9 milion and probably call for about a 15-mill tax levy in-

It is unfortunate but local issues often suffer because of rising federal government costs and taxes.

People apparently feel there is little they can do to cut down on federal spending but they can have a more di-



COMMUNIST DUPLICITY

BABSON PARK, MASS .- A disturbing development in the Vietnam situation has been the disclosure that Russia has pledged more economic and military aid to Ho Chi Minh. Before that decision was announced, it had been widely believed that-behind the scenes -- the Kremlin was seeking an end to the Viet conflict.

EMPHASIS ON MATERIALISM

Despite the ideological differences between Red China and Russia, international Communism-as practiced in the Kremlin and in Peiping - constitutes a military, economic, and political danger to the United States and to all the other nations of the Free World. Insidiously, modern Communism preaches that man is a material machine.

This idea that man is nothing more nor less than matter in motion is used with great success to advance the basic Communist policy of world conquest. To be sure, Chairman Kosygin and Chairman Mao are separately pursuing long-range programs whichif they succeed-would probably culminate in world peace. The joker is that the peace they want could come only after their defeat of the West and establishment of a world Communist dictatorship.

VICTIMS OF PARANOIA

In the view of the dedicated Communist whatever helps him advance toward this conquest is peaceful, good, and true. It is hard for us to understand what makes the Communist mind tick. To our way of thinking, Communists must be the victims of a type of paranoia, so different from ours is their concept of law, philosophy, and economy. We are appalled to discover that these concepts appear to be far more convincing to them than the evidence of the facts.

This element of self-deception is at the very core of Communism. If the leaders in Moscow and in Peiping were merely hypocrites we could understand-and counteract -their tactics. But we are confused and often tricked by the Reds because they are so adroit at combining the techniques of hypocrisy with the virtues of sincerity.

DENIAL OF HUMAN DIGNITY The rise of Communism has led to the murder of individuals and of nations, as the dignity of man has been trampled underfoot. The tragedy is that in the eyes of the Communists such murders are moral and righteous. Hence the great evil of Communism rests in its basic concepts, which entail total rejection of the Supreme Being and the materialization and bestialization of man. Communism denies the inherent value and the uniqueness of human personality. It seeks to build an edifice that will effectively destroy every civilized, moral, ethical, and

spiritual standard. It would indeed be foolhardy for us to underestimate the potential influence for evil of this system. But perhaps it would be even more foolhardy for us to underestimate our own ability to destroy our American way of life through indifference, incompetence, and-

TREND TOWARD SOCIALISM

During this 20th Century, the general tendency in the United States (as in many another country in the world) has been to limit the area within which a man can do what he will and to expand the area in which the State acts on behalf of its citizens. In the minds of many people, this is a good thing. Others are equally sure it is a trend in the wrong direction. At any rate, at one time or another many of the principles of the socialistic or paternalistic state have been endorsed by a majority of the American

But in an America which is yet reasonablyfree, we can still criticize the laws which have so greatly enlarged the powers of the State. Such criticism is surely warranted as the field of private decision is being steadily narrowed. Unfortunately, however, expanding government has caught the imagination of our people, blurring their sense of initiative and self-reliance as well as their fear of the cost and weight of administrative machinery. Maybe that is why we are such easy prey to Communist blandishments.

| rect say in the spending at the local level.

WE ASK that you consider the new courthouse proposal strictly on its merits. Do not reject it immediately because it will mean an eventual tax increase. Do not accept it simply because it will add an attractive major building to the Laurens County landscape. We just-ask that you study the proposal and give it serious thought before you vote.

R. L. Plaxico of Clinton was chairman of the committee which drew up the proposal. Under his leadership, the committee has done a good job.

There is much to recommend the

For example, considerable thought was given to grouping offices which have related duties. The efficiency of these offices was a prime concern and it shows in the final proposal.

Another attraction is the planning which went into the jail portion of the building. The jail is designed for maximum security and allows for juveniles to be held in areas away from adult prisoners who may be hardened criminals. This latter consideration is an excellent

The proposed site was well-selected. It is very near the center of population in the county and is within easy driving distance from all points in the county. It would take only a few minutes to drive from Clinton to the new courthouse site. Plenty of parking space is planned. Undoubtedly, there would be a considerable saving of time to do business in the proposed new courthouse when compared with running through that ring-around-the-courthouse traffic and then finding a parking space at the current courthouse.

THERE are those who do not wish to abandon the current courthouse. We feel that something should be done to preserve that building through some useful purpose. However, the idea of renovating the current courthouse to continue as a courthouse does not compare well with the new courthouse plan. In the long run, it would be more expensive. As Sen. W. C. (Bill) Dobbins of Joanna pointed out recently, if the current courthouse is renovated, that will be an expensive project and in 10 years we will be faced with a courthouse problem again. Ten years from now, construction costs undoubtedly will be considerably higher than they are now.

Plaxico and his committee and the county delegation have volunteered to go anywhere and speak to any group to explain the proposal and answer questions

We suggest that civic clubs and other groups accept their offer. If you have a question or doubts about the proposal, ask a member of the committee or the legislative delegation.

A Salute To Mrs. Pitts

The selection of Mrs. P. M. Pitts as time since TV became the make no effort at all to help Clinton's "Career Woman of the Year" electronic babysitter. brings a well-deserved honor to a woman versely affect well-adjusted brings all this into our

As secretary of the Greater Clinton versity scholar Chamber of Commerce for the past 14 Schramm. He believes any In the last three months years and secretary-treasurer of the television show is potentially two dreadful cases have been Greater Clinton United Fund for the past 10 years, she has worked behind the force parental values. scenes in two organizations which are in- "Child psychiatrist Dr. Ner room of their home. In an strumental in the progress and welfare Littner, says, 'A constant other case a teenage boy of the community.

Her many other activities have been children, especially teenag- as they watched television. noted previously and the list is long-with their own violent feel- not help but associate crime long enough to be a busy schedule even ings. A TV diet that stirs up presented as entertainment

In addition to all this, she has reared harder for them to grow up.' fact. three fine sons who have realized major "Dr. Jerome L. Schulman, Parents who are careful" accomplishments in their own individual Children's Memorial Hospital their children through the

It is gratifying to see the spotlight than violence, I'm more con- about the diet received of public attention fall upon a woman cerned about TV as a substithrough the eye and ear. who has worked quietly and without ac- tute for living. (The average You may have copies of claim on so many worthwhile projects.

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Stories Words

William S. Penfield

Admiral

The word "admiral," which denotes a naval officer of the highest rank, came from the Arabic word "amir," ruler or commander.

There were a number of "amirs"—amir-almuminim, commander of the faithful; amir-alma, commander of the water, etc. European writers adopted "amir-al" as one word-"amiral" —and used it as a title for a commander

The English, influenced by Latin words beginning with "adm," inserted a "d," which resulted in the present form—"admiral."

Parents Should Watch

"Terror-Vision Is On Again Will TV's Increasing Diet of Brutality Have Harmful Effect on Children?" is the headline of a recent newspaper story. Here are some

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the harmful effects of crime ing costs. and brutality on TV and the motion picture screen, we might take a look at the events which are happening COLUMBIA - Former Alain the world today. When in bama Governor George C. the history of man has there Wallace, who is being menever been more brutality, tioned as a possible thirdsadism, murder, lust, rob- party candidate for President bery, and even the scientific in 1968, will speak at the extermination of millions of Township Auditorium in Coindividuals in concentration lumbia, Saturday night, Nov. camps, than in the past 50 18.

EVERYDAY

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

COUNSELOR

TV violence, this fall there's streets, in the subways of more nayhem committed in our big cities, perpetrated in our living rooms than at any full view of bystanders who the victim.

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child, one study shows, my bulletins No. 76, "Play watches 5,000 hours of TV by With Children," and No. 81, age 18.) We are becoming a "Home Prayers," by writing people who sit in front of to The Everyday Counselor in television instead of talking, care of this newspaper en-TV is the big mother-narco- closing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and While the specialists debate twenty cents to cover print-

Wallace To Speak

The address, which will be We are witnessing unprece- under the sponsorship of the dented indifference in the Wallace Forum Association suffering of our fellowman. of South Carolina, is part of We read of crime on the a nation-wide tour by Wallace.

Age Limit Raised For Vet Benefits

Effective Oct. 1, the maximum age limit for sons and have been up for grabs in a daughters of veterans entitled series of hearings and related to Veterans Administration actions, educational financial assistance was raised from 23 to 26. The liberalization is provided in a new law signed by the President last Aug. 31, on real estate deals and a according to Haward Watkins, bunch of back bills and pend-Laurens County Service Offi-Eligible for this help under

the War Orphans Educational Maryland, Affiliated Distillers Assistance Program are the Corp. of New York, and Cansons and daughters of veterans who died or were permanently and totally disabled as the result of a serviceconnected injury or illness, Watkins said.

They may receive grants from the VA up to \$130 a month for 36 months of approved, full-time college or vocational training. Lesser grants are paid for three

quarters or half-time training. While an 18 to 26 age limit generally applies, a young person may begin school before age 18, and, in certain instances, continue after age

Marriage is not a bar to this

Colonial-Nelson Bankruptcy Case

By THE CHONICLE'S Capitol News Bureau

COLUMBIA - One of the

Starting in March with the getting was good. filing of the \$1,301,103 bank- According to the wording in 807.95.

A special master, Robert J. Foster, a professor at the University of South Carolina Law School, was appointed by Federal Judge Robert Hemphill to handle the Colonial-Nelson case.

After whatever series of hearings are necessary to establish the facts of the case, Foster will report back to Judge Hemphill with his findings. Then the battle between the lawyers begins before the judge. There could be several hot summers and cold winters ahead before final disposition of the case is

Nelson's troubles began in March when a bevy of creditors forced his alcoholic bevthe financial rocks via the bankruptcy court.

Since then Colonial's assets

On Sept. 19 Nelson took the plunge personally. In his petition he listed a parade of suits which were in progress ing actions from liquor suppliers like \$699,000 owed to Majestic Distilling Co. of ada Dry Corp. of New York.

Nelson listed as secured claims \$332,000 and unsecured claims of only \$8,807. And in addition to the \$699,000 there were miscellaneous items of \$12,000 and \$44,068.64.

To offset his total listed indebtedness of \$1,051,807.95 The Old Timer

tional toys is still a pencil." in state history.

Nelson could list only \$50,-

In the Colonial suit, a batch most unique, and the largest of creditors allege that Nelin sum, bankruptcy cases in son, seeing that there were the history of South Carolina headaches a head, showed is underway in Columbia but some preferential treatment it has received scant public by allowing some other creditors to get theirs while the

ruptcy petition of Colonial that petition, Colonial com-Distributing Co. of Columbia, mitted one or more acts of the complicated case was bankruptcy in that while it further compounded in Sep- was insolvent it "... 1-made tember when the president of or suffered preferential transthe company, Ellison Theo- fers . . . 2-transferred or redore Nelson, and wife Marion moved assets which were Lucile Perry Nelson, filed a subject to warehouse receipts personal bankruptcy petition ... 3-suffered or permitted which was likewise in the as- creditors to obtain a lien upon tronomical bracket - \$1,051- various assets through legal proceedings . . ."

Colonial was a bonded whisky warehouse and is one of only two in the state. Running a bonded whisky warehouse is not like running a bonded cotton warehouse, says the Attorney General's office. And here is where the question

gets complicated. "This is the first time it has come up," said state's assistant attorney general Everett Brandon who is handling the state's interests for Commissioner of Agriculture W. L. Harrelson, who is responsible for bonded warehouses.

Big money is involved in any warehouse doings since one is dealing in large-and expensive - lots. And hardly anyone walks around with erage wholesale business on that kind of pocket change or has that much in a readily available checking account.

Hence, loans against sales are common. What's in the warehouse is the security.

The state takes the position that in this case security is identified by case, size of bottles and brand. It seems the special master takes the position that a case of bottles by any other name is a case of assets to be shared equally. Colonial's case is complicated and Nelson's personal

attorneys, private and public, are clamoring for their share of what's left. Meanwhile, Capitol News Bureau has learned that another unique and massive case, this one a personal in-

come tax action, may soon

be announced from the Green-

financial troubles will add to the problem. Creditors and

ville County area. Insiders say that Internal Revenue Service adding machines are putting together figures and totals approaching the \$ 2.5 or \$3 million mark. According to some of the best legal minds, this could make the case the larg-"One of the best educa- est personal income tax suit



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