

A pay raise for Congress?

In submitting his \$390 billion budget to Congress on Feb. 6, President Nixon included a proposal to increase the salaries of 100 Federal workers, including members of Congress. Under the plan, congressional salaries—already \$42,000 annually—would go to \$45,700 in March, \$49,000 next year, and \$52,300 in 1975.

Unless Congress votes the pay hike proposed by March 6, it automatically will go into effect. We believe the raise in the present form, should be vetoed.

At the same time, we admit there are good aspects to a proposal for higher congressional salaries: Salaries should be substantial enough to attract into politics the best men and women our country can produce. Any built-in insurance against a betrayal of public trust should be welcomed. Finally, although the 535 members of Congress already make considerably more than most of us, it is true they haven't had a raise in five years.

We remain convinced, however, that the bad aspects of the proposal outweigh the good. First, the current high cost of living—which is attributable in good measure to the spending wars of Congress—makes the proposal a bitter pill to swallow.

Second, we believe that at a time when light lighting is the order of the day for most Americans, a substantial salary increase for congressmen and other top Federal officials sets a very poor example. Many other citizens will be asked to scale down their salary

demands this year and Congress should lead the way.

Our biggest objection to the plan, however, is its "automatic" provision. If it is not canceled by Congress, the raise would automatically receive pay increases through 1979 regardless of the economic, public mood, or the health of the economy.

We believe that as American taxpayers, we should be able to elect stockholders of Congress, we should have the right to demand that they be based on merit and not on fiat. If Congress is really serious about the pay for most Americans, a substantial salary increase for congressmen and other top Federal officials sets a very poor example. Many other citizens will be asked to scale down their salary

Agree or Not

By S. C. Van Curen

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All Nicholas counties can help

A young lady from Nicholas county was heard recently to say that she'd like to be helping with the county's 1750-Bicentennial celebrations, but that she understood that only organized groups of people could help.

These celebrations and "The History of Carlisle-Nicholas" are projects in which all Nicholas counties can and should be participating. They are community efforts.

and will succeed only if individuals as well as groups of individuals, work together toward this common goal.

Our big celebration is set for June 23-26. That only serves a limited purpose. One—provide worthwhile entertainment for all age groups, two—stimulate community pride in Nicholas counties as they work together to make their Bicentennial celebrations a success.

Thinking Day

Feb. 22—celebrated in the United States as George Washington's birthday—is also a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in the U.S. and in 90 other countries.

Feb. 22 is Girl Scout Thinking Day, the birthday of Loretta Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, and of Lady Baden-Powell.

To honor their founders, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides have set aside this day each year since 1926 for activities and programs revolving around the theme of world friendship.

A Thinking Day Day was suggested by a Belgian Girl Guide leader at the World Conference in 1924 as a means of linking the World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides' expansion work and program development.

Thursday, February 23, 1974

The dedication of new additions will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church, Dr. Warner P. Baird, superintendent of the Carlisle and Nicholas County churches, will officiate. Rev. Betram M. Crook is pastor.

W.P. Stone has his residence on the hill south of town in R. R. Buntin Sr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts.

Charles Shroy was first pastor and Miss Ann Galbraith, second pastor at the meeting of the Thinking Day Fund through the Campbell House in Lexington.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1974

Thurs. Feb. 23 of this county, escaped injury when his automobile and an automobile driven by Kenneth Kirk of Hillsboro, Fleming county, struck the embankment. Kirk was seriously injured.

Mrs. Bel Cannon qualified in county court Monday as executor of the estate of her father, the late W. H. Roberts.

Hubbard Erdick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Erdick, was arrested on the 20th of this county for driving a 1963 Buick Wildcat.

MERCURY VAPOURS

24K Reader

Think you that the Mercury has a new microfilm reader some of the old issues may be read with great ease. Here-to-fore trying to read in the old files with their brittle pages was more work than fun.

At it again

Old Murphy has reared his ugly head again! Two weeks in a row Jimmy Smith has taken pictures with one of the Mercury's cameras and only after the second roll came to the printer now that he thought, come that, maybe, that little black and white camera he had turned to 'snitch' and that flip was over the news. That proved to be the case. Now we don't think of it anymore—we would have saved some embarrassment.

More powerful than a sackful of pills

Funny thing happened the other day when I was out for a walk about the sidewalks when I saw a sackful of pills. I was a little curious, a therapeutic object to me, I picked it up. I was a little curious, a therapeutic object to me, I picked it up. I was a little curious, a therapeutic object to me, I picked it up.

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Farm & Home

Staley Smith has been appointed general supervisor for Nicholas county and will have general supervision of the roads to be grown in Nicholas county this year under the federal program.

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The Jaycee Little League basketball team played make-up games Sunday afternoon. Team scores are as follows: First game—Horse 24, Joe Handshak 4; Horst—John Doyle 19; Terry Doyle 16; Jack Wells 4; Keith Loundon 2; Hawk—Todd Allan 7; Sam Dudley 6; Nathan Allison 1.

Sunnyside

Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Jackson (delayed)

Mrs. Calvin Milton and son J.B. were in Richmond last Saturday and brought her brother, Ed Crockett from the nursing home in Richmond to a nursing home in Moorefield. Many of his old friends have been in to see him. He's doing fine and happy.

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