

# July 4 Is Time To Reflect On Freedom



LIKE MAN, YOU TAKE THE HIGH ROAD.

Tuesday is the day that the family will pack up and head for the beach. It's a national holiday and traditionally the time to relax and enjoy the lazy summer day.

Today, however, we would like to pause and reflect upon the meaning of July 4.

School children learn that July 4 is the birthday of the United States of America. They learn about the Declaration of Independence, Patrick Henry and the Virginia House of Burgesses, the Boston Tea Party, and so on.

Do all of these facts about the founding of the country and the rebellion of the colonies against the king really tell the story of America?

They tell the story of America during the late 18th century, but they don't tell the story of today.

Americans proclaim an undying loyalty to the same principles of freedom and the right to self-determination so eloquently expressed by Jefferson and his committee in that famous Declaration.

When it comes down to practice, however, it is sometimes a different matter.

The most turbulent example is the civil rights struggle and the violent reaction whenever it touches on the suburbs. Recent events in Warren testify to this.

## editorial

There are other and equally frightening instances.

FOR INSTANCE: motorcycles. It is not uncommon to hear the comment that they should be banned from the streets. While we have no great love for the noisy and dangerous vehicles, you can't ban them simply because you don't like them.

The anti-Vietnam demonstrations are another. Here, too, the comment is often made that they shouldn't be allowed. Why not?

An answer to that question is quite frequently that America's "prestige" abroad suffers. If such a thing as a demonstration is going to do absolute harm to this country, then maybe we aren't as great as we think we are.

The John Birch Society is another example. Members of this group are often fanatical and they cause extreme reactions. However, that doesn't mean that they should be banned.

Likewise the same is true for the Birchers — those who don't agree with them should not be gagged and stopped

simply because they don't agree.

It is worthwhile to point out to both conservative and liberal alike that the founding of this country was an open rebellion. The colonists became upset because the King and Parliament tried to make them pay taxes to support the government.

IRONIC ISN'T IT? Today, one might grumble when paying the taxes — which are far higher than anything dreamed of in the colonies — but we don't rebel.

The point of these reflections is that this country was born because the inhabitants were not afraid of striking out and trying something which had never been tried before.

America's rebellion was the first and led to several others, if you remember your history of that period.

The residents weren't that afraid of new ideas simply because it was radical. Today we shouldn't be either.

Whether it is the hippie, the motorcycle, the Negro or man's questioning of his government the idea should be examined and tried.

That's really what the right to self-determination means and it calls for a tolerance in attitude that is probably unequalled in the years of this nation.

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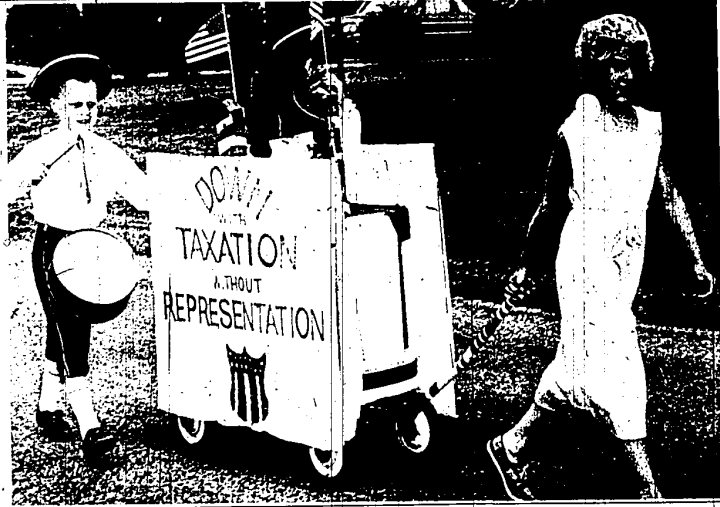
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### Subdivisions Get Set For The 4th

Patriotic themes about the history of the country will dominate the Independence Day celebration in the Kendallwood 1 and Colony Park Subdivisions.

This picture taken at last year's Kendallwood Parade shows how Bobby Lee, Karen Broadhead and Susan Lee took about the actions of the founding fathers.

Theme of this year's celebration is "Virginia's Contribution to American Independence."

In other subdivisions parades, bike contests, home decorating contests, and flower races are all planned as part of the holiday observance.

## Ripple Curl Cap for a Pretty Summer

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# Teacher Mourns Student

EDITOR:

know through her writing. The proofs for the publication of this short biography of Mr. Piche were given to Cindi, again, ironically and inadvertently, at the time of the early stages of her illness.

But it is the "aliveness" of the spirit that was Cindi Parsons which is her legacy. Charming, witty, keen of intellect, energetic, fun-loving, creative, artistic, kind, the music of her life must be the continuing symphony for all of us who knew her.

Farmington High has lost a distinguished alumna and the Farmington area, though it may not know it, has lost one of its truly fine young persons of imminent potential.

Expressing a maturity and a wisdom beyond her young years, another Farmington High graduate, Madge Hildebrandt, Class of '66, speaks of the beautiful serenity unique to poetry these words on death.

MORAL FROM THE GRAVE

It matters not the broken wing, the endless gray; it matters not my body's vacant room; it matters not that tomorrow is now today. Nor that my precious flowers will not bloom.

Jesus' example is the secret to harmony—he answers all man's problems without exception.

I believe God gave our soul a free-will so we would hammer each other into shape, then he will keep the best of us for his future plans and purpose, the reason.

Rabbi Wine must consider himself a modern intellectual who deems change vital. I hold up the challenge and surely sufficient change "Jesus is the Messiah." Or, course, this premise must be approached with open-minded intellectual curiosities, studying all evidence before any conclusion. Happily, Rabbi Wine will discover Jesus leaned heavily on Hebrew prophets and law. I would suggest even a non-Jew modern intellectual could find sufficient change.

BRUCE E. DUKE

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