

In 1917, the cooperative began under the direction and inspiration of a few local farmers who desired to decrease the number of middle men between them and their markets. The farmers progressed and organized themselves to form the Ogemaw County Livestock Shippers Association in 1918. Finally, with intense determination and dedication, these men continued the cooperative by revamping its structure in 1946. Today, the cooperative serves not only farmers but retirees, hunters, and pet lovers.

I want to join the people of West Branch in honoring those who fought to preserve the West Branch Farmers Cooperative's existence, services, and achievements. I also wish to thank them for their diligence and perseverance through difficulty and challenging times. I wish the cooperative the best of luck in the future, and look forward to their continued growth and success.

OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of the Republic of China on Taiwan's recent National Day, I wish to draw my colleagues' attention to a fine book authored by Taiwan's Foreign Minister, Fredrick Chien, and most recently published by the Arizona Historical Society, Arizona State University. Entitled "Opportunity and Challenge," this publication of speeches, statements, and interviews by and about Dr. Fredrick Chien is a chronicle of Republic of China's diplomatic travails and successes from 1989 through 1994. During this period, Fredrick Chien confronted challenges and opportunities nearly every day. Shortly after assuming office as Foreign Minister in the summer of 1990, Chien saw Saudi Arabia break off relations with Taiwan and later, South Korea also broke off its relations with Taiwan. Never despairing, Chien adopted a pragmatic approach to foreign relations, helping his country establish ties with new countries or re-establish ties with old friends. Since 1990, the Republic of China has seen its diplomatic fortunes improve, increasing its number of offices abroad and its participation in international organizations. Taipei's campaigns to win international friends are chronicled in the speeches, interviews given or essays written by Fredrick Chien from 1989 through 1994.

Among the many chapters, Chien's "A View from Taipei," first published in the 1991-92 winter issue of Foreign Affairs, is particularly noteworthy. In this article, Chien articulates Republic of China's pragmatic diplomacy which has allowed the Republic of China entry in several important organizations such as the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperations and membership in nearly 800 international organizations. Republic of China's growing international importance is a fact of global life, and exclusion of the Republic of China from official world forums is contrary to contemporary realities, Chien asserts.

What makes this publication different from other similar collections of political speeches and statements is the inclusion of a large number of articles originally written in Chinese

and published in Chinese magazines and journals. Here these articles have been expertly translated. Some of these articles discuss Republic of China's pragmatic diplomacy, some focus on Taipei's international aspirations, including Taipei's campaign to return to the United Nations, while others offer insights into Taipei's views on its eventual reunification with mainland China. They shed a great deal of insight into Fredrick Chien, the man, versus Fredrick Chien, the policy maker and diplomat.

One particularly noteworthy chapter contains interviews with Fredrick Chien's friends and colleagues. The interviewees provide interesting tidbits about Fredrick, the prodigy diplomat. While Chien's casual acquaintances may consider Chien too serious about his work, most people concur that Chien is a diplomat's diplomat who is always giving his utmost to his country. In fact, Chien's own autobiographical piece, "In the Universe There Is Absolutely No Easy Situation," summarizes Chien's own credo of life:

I am a public servant and I try my best in everything I do. If one day I discover that I can't contribute any more to my country I will consider giving my post to someone else. Otherwise, I will steadfastly keep to my post, any time and any where.

"Opportunity and Challenge" is a major publication. The materials by and about Foreign Minister Chien have a significance for practicing government officials and historians and other serious students of diplomacy everywhere. I recommend Dr. Chien's book to anyone seeking informed insights into the past, present, and future of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Congratulations to Dr. Chien personally and to the Republic of China on its 1995 National Day.

RAIDING THE RETIREMENT FUND

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend all of my colleagues who stand fast on balancing the budget and protecting retirees.

Republicans passed a bill to prevent the Clinton administration from using trust funds to support Government spending. Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle worked overtime to ensure that the Clinton White House would be able to raid the Social Security trust fund and other retirement funds to fund what the Democrats term "useful" priorities. I do not think most Americans consider \$47,000 to investigate journalists or \$1.7 million to hire a public relations firm for AmeriCorps—Mr. Clinton's paid volunteers.

Republicans in Congress are working to pass the first balanced budget in a generation and end Government's addiction to higher spending and more taxes. Democrats not only oppose a balanced budget, they voted to allow the administration to raid Social Security. This administration is willing to stop at nothing.

Mr. Speaker, we have to balance the budget honestly, not dip into America's hard-earned savings. I urge my colleagues to continue to stand firm.

HONORING THE 1995 GUM SPRINGS AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives my colleague from Virginia, Mr. MORAN, and me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to some outstanding citizens from Virginia. These are the people who have been awarded the Gum Springs Community Service Award. The awards will be presented at the Gum Springs Community Development Corporation 30th anniversary celebration on November 16, 1995.

The Gum Springs Community Development Corporation, formerly the Saunders B. Moon Community Action Association, is a private, nonprofit, antipoverty organization founded in 1965 under the Equal Opportunity Act originated as a component of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

Calvin Ferguson, an idealistic community activist, is being honored posthumously for his dedication to the improvement of his community and the perpetuation of his neighborhood's history. His contributions during his productive life were many. He worked to establish the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, with a swimming pool for use by neighborhood families. Mr. Ferguson played a vital role in preserving both the land and history of Gum Springs, including the establishment of Gum Springs Museum project. In addition, he was instrumental in the creation of the senior citizen and youth programs at Gum Springs Community Center.

Albert J. Triplett, Jr., a native of Gum Springs, has made many contributions to the community. He has played an active role in the Big Brother Mentoring Group in Gum Springs. He is founder of the Literacy for Life program for adults in the Gum Springs Community. He is also the coordinator of the male support group of the Gum Springs Children Center and the only male serving on the eight-member Gum Springs Children-Parent Committee.

Jube B. Shiver was inspired by a voice in his sleep in 1960 to "Get up—go build a subdivision." This dream led to the building of Randall Estates, a unique and successful housing development in Fairfax County which has existed for more than 35 years. Jube has had a long association with Gum Springs. His activities include serving as an area member of the board of directors of the Saunders B. Moon Association and director of the Saunders B. Moon Community Association. During Governor Wilder's term in office, he was appointed to serve as a member of the Virginia Small Business Financial Authority which helped create jobs and guaranteed loans for Virginia residents.

Mr. Speaker, we would also like to recognize Ms. Charlotte H. Branch, executive director of Gum Springs Community Development Corporation. During her 10-year tenure as executive director she has watched the community grow and change, and has the respect of everyone in her community.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in paying tribute to these fine upstanding

award winners for 1995. Their contributions to the Gum Springs community have helped all of the residents of that community. Their steadfast commitment is another example of the strong volunteer spirit which so enriches our country.

MILDRED CHEEK BROWN
CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment today to recognize a very special woman—Mildred Cheek Brown of Brandywine, MD. Mrs. Brown celebrated her 80th birthday on November 15, and I know you and all of my colleagues join with me in sending her and her family our very warmest wishes of friendship on her birthday.

Four years ago, I had the opportunity to stand here on the floor of the House and recognize Mrs. Brown's husband, Horace F. "Buddy" Brown, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. At the time, I considered it a privilege to have the opportunity to recognize Mr. Brown—if only because he had the good sense to marry Mrs. Brown. I consider it just as great a privilege to bring Mrs. Brown's upcoming 80th birthday to the attention of my colleagues.

Mrs. Brown was born in Hillsborough, NC, a small town located near Durham, one of nine children of Thomas and Electa Cheek. In 1937, Mrs. Brown came to the Washington, DC, area seeking employment. She rented a room in a boarding house and enjoyed meeting many of her neighbors. One neighbor in particular—"Buddy" Brown, who maintained a room in a boarding house next door to the then Miss Cheek—enjoyed her company. After a whirlwind 2-month courtship, Miss Cheek made Mr. Brown a very happy man by agreeing to be his wife.

While many marriage counselors contend that long, happy marriages are the result of long courtships, Mr. And Mrs. Brown might disagree. On October 29, they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary—proving once again that we should listen more closely to our hearts, and less to counselors.

Throughout most of their married life, Mrs. Brown worked as a homemaker—raising her three children, caring for her husband, and making some of the best vegetable soup, chicken and dumplings, and Pennsylvania Dutch filing ever to come out of a kitchen. In 1965, with her children grown, she went to work fulltime as a bookkeeper for Western Auto, a position she held until she retired in 1980.

For a portion of her life, Mrs. Brown suffered health problems. She survived three bouts of tuberculosis, which required two extended stays at Glen Dale Sanatorium in addition to one prolonged recovery period at her home. But as anyone who knows her knows, Mrs. Brown is a tender woman who can be tough when necessary—such as when confronting a threat to her health. In a battle between tuberculosis and Mrs. Brown, the disease didn't have a chance.

Since her retirement, Mrs. Brown has remained extremely active in her church, Im-

manuel United Methodist, where she has served as president of the United Methodist Women chapter, and on many church committees. She has also enjoyed spending time with her husband at their home in Brandywine, where they have lived for the past 25 years.

The Brown household is often the scene of many happy family gatherings at which several generations of family members join together. Those family members include Mrs. Brown's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Expected to join Mrs. Brown for her 80th birthday and her children: Frank Brown of Greensboro, NC, and his wife, Sue; Vicki Peckham of Washington, DC, and her husband, Arnold Levine; and Robin Bridges of Churchton, MD.

Also expected are Mrs. Brown's grandchildren—Frank Spasoff and his wife Anne; Chris Brown; Vicky Hawks and her husband Brad; and Emily and Andrew Bridges—as well as her great-grandchildren—Nick and Drew Hawks and Sean Spasoff. Another great-grandson is due in January.

Mr. Speaker, in this age when commitment is not as common as it once was, the 58-year marriage of Mildred and "Buddy" Brown remind all of us of its enduring value. In this age when love for others is often regarded as less important than love of oneself, Mrs. Brown's legacy of caring for her husband, her children, her extended family and her neighbors inspires all of us. And in this age when many proclaim that America's religious tradition is dying, Mrs. Brown's long and distinguished service to her church and its members—particularly its less fortunate members—proves that Christian faith and values are still alive and well.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in wishing Mrs. Mildred Cheek Brown of Brandywine, MD, a very happy 80th birthday and continued good health. And let us all wish her husband and her family many, many more kettles of Mrs. Brown's delicious vegetable soup.

FOUR WOMEN WHO MADE A
DIFFERENCE

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize four women who have played a vital role in the operation of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, CO: Mrs. Lorenza Manresa, Col. Suiko Kumagai, Col. Rita Geis, and Sister Michael Mary Eagan.

Fitzsimons serves nearly one million beneficiaries in a 12-State area and is on the 1995 base closure list. This hospital's long history of care for our Nation's military personnel is exemplified in these four women, all of whom still live—and serve—in the community they served with such dedication. I salute them and offer here a brief description of each woman's selfless contributions.

MRS. LORENZA MANRESA

Mrs. Manresa was born in the Philippines, where she began her nursing career. During World War II, she was attending to patients in a Philippine hospital when the Japanese burst into her ward as part of their invasion of that country. After becoming an American citizen following the war, she served with compassion

as a nurse at Fitzsimons for over two decades.

COL. SUIKO KUMAGAI

Col. Kumagai, known to her friends as "Sue," is a Denver native whose long experience includes serving as head of the 901—C medical school at Fitzsimons. Fluent in Japanese, Col. Kumagai taught Japanese personnel English during the Korean war so that they could care for wounded Americans in Osaka.

COL. RITA GEIS

Upon her retirement from active duty during the Vietnam war, Col. Geis was the chief nurse at Fitzsimons, capping 33 years of service to this country's military personnel. Col. Geis is now the historian for the Retired Officers Association and pursues numerous charitable activities. She has been honored by the Denver Archbishop Stafford for her contributions to charity work in the local community.

SISTER MICHAEL MARY EAGAN

Sister Michael Mary has been a nun for 50 years and is celebrating her Golden Jubilee this year. Her experiences reflect a tireless record of service. She is in charge of program development for the Catholic Archdiocese of Denver and is responsible for the Colorado SHARE program, which now boasts of over 200 sites throughout the State. Sister Michael Mary was principal of Cathedral High School in Denver and was the first director of the Aurora Housing Authority. It was at her initiative that the Fletcher Gardens senior housing center was built. She served on the Lowry Air Force Base redevelopment board and plans on contributing her time and talents to the redevelopment of Fitzsimons.

TWO OF OUR MOST BELOVED
TREASURES

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to provide environmental relief to the Nation by saving two of our greatest national treasures: the Everglades and the Florida Bay. The Florida Everglades is a unique region that enjoys a broad area of sub-tropical freshwater wetlands, which nourish the tropical marine environment of coastal bays and estuaries. If you travel on the water between the Florida Bay and the Everglades, you will be overwhelmed by the blue-green color of the water. Wildlife has flourished in the Everglades and Florida Bay areas, allowing people to enjoy their unspoiled beauty and profit from its generosity. Unfortunately, the Everglades is the most threatened U.S. national park, and the Florida Bay's lush seagrass meadows are dying as a result of the polluted water dumped into the Everglades by sugar growers. Three acres of Everglades' wetlands die everyday. Clearly, it is time to restore the Everglades-Florida Bay ecosystem for the benefit of the whole Nation.

Let me be clear that the first step in ensuring that the Everglades continues to be one of the Nation's beautiful national parks should be to end the U.S. Sugar Program. If sugar growers were forced to compete in the open market, approximately 20 percent of artificially profitable Everglades agricultural area [EAA]