

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