Impact Lifted Middle Span From Sides

Closing

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afternoon.

"The crews are working today to make sure there's no chance of anything falling," Campbell said. "They are adding some support to the span and we should be able to open 150 later today."

The driver of the truck, John R. Musgrove of Beach City, was not injured in the accident and the truck, owned by Expresseo, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn. was only slightly damaged, Officers from the License, Weight and Theft division of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles charged Musgrove with failure to comply with a permit and hauling oversized equipment.

N.C. Highway Patrol First Sgt. Bill Malcolm of Mooresville said Trooper Steve Wexler investigated the accident and turned the case over to the License, Weight and Theft division.

Malcomb explained that the operator of the truck had a permit to carry the oversized load, which with the truck was about 15-feet high, and the permit mapped out an exact route for the truck to follow. When the truck left the route, which called for him to avoid the bridge by using the ramps up to U.S. 21, the operator was in violation.

"He was all right until he went off the prescribed route," Malcolm said. "He had a permit to carry the load, but only on the DOT-approved route."

Malcomb said the truck driver was following a vehicle carrying a *pole the same height as his load.* When the pole made if safely under the bridge, the driver assumed his load would also clear.

"I guess the pole must have slipped down a little bit," Malcomb said. "The driver still thought he could make it."

Changes

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as advertising director 17 years ago. He has been assistant general manager during Chamberlain's tenure as GM.

Carrington lives on Shearer's Chapel Road with his wife, Donna, and their two sons, Chris, 17. They attend Broad Street United Methodist Church, where Carrington is a former Sunday school teacher and former member of the administrative board.

With his change in responsibilities, Carrington has realigned leadership of the Tribune advertising staff. He has named Mrs. Lou Sullivan his administrative assistant, and Mrs. Annette Newton acting advertising director. Newton and Sullivan are members of the Tribune advertising staff.

The Tribune-Gazette general manager coordinates the work of 36 persons. Advertising services of the two papers are combined, but they maintain separate news operations.

Recent additions to the staff include Mrs. Cathy Austin, accounting manager; Mrs. Susan Mitchell, classified-news typesetter; Mrs. Elizabeth Luther and Mrs. Donna Fuller, receptionists who have additional duties in bookkeeping and circulation.

Ferguson Passes; Rites Friday At 4

A former Mooresville resident — Norman Kenneth Ferguson, 82, of 108 Maxwell St., Huntersville — died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

A native of Moore County, Mr. Ferguson was born on Nov. 15, 1904, a son of the late Samuel A. and Gertrude Hartsell Ferguson.

Surviving are: the wife, Mrs. Mary Hager Ferguson; two sisters, Mrs. Dixie F. Talbot and Mrs. Jessie F. Allen, both of Statesville; one brother, George Alexander Ferguson of Greensboro; one stepson, Tony F. Kennerly of Moore, S.C.; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Sandra Widenhouse of Greensboro and Mrs. Donna Matthews of Huntersville.

Funeral services for Mr. Ferguson will be conducted at 4 p.m. Friday in the chapel of the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. S.M. Dorton of Huntersville and Dr. Ronald A. Koonts, pastor of Mooresville's Central United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Willow Valley cemetery in Mooresville.

The family will receive friends at the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville tomorrow (Thursday) evening from 7 until 8:30 o'clock.

Linwood Club Busy With Local Projects

Members of the Linwood Homemakers Assocation met at the J.R. Curtis home on Rocky River Road September 10. Mrs. Curtis greeted the guests and invited them to the spacious living room, which was truly a room with a view. From the windows, the ladies could see many blooming flowers and farm animals resting in a nearby pasture.

The club president conducted the meeting of the club which had not met since the month of June. Twenty-two members answered the roll call and one visitor was welcomed. Two members were recognized for Sept. birthdays and it was reported members read 167 books during the summer.

For the devotions, Bea Matheson read one of Helen Steiner Rice's beautiful poems entitled "Daily Prayer Dissolves Your Cares." After the pledge to the flag, the group sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Marie Lindsay led the educational program and Bea Matheson had charege of the making of a beautiful infant outfit for a hospital gift. Each member brought a needle and thread and helped to finish the baby garments by sewing on elastic, hooks and eyes.

Following the treasurer's report, the meeting was turned over to Ruth Greco, a naturalized American citizen. She told of her early life as a Jew in Germany just prior to World War II and later married an Italian Catholic. Her life story is very interesting.

Florence Brawley gave the early history of the club and how it grew from a room built onto a school house to the present building that is enjoyed very much today.

The club members were reminded of the Council meeting in Statesville, Sept. 29. She noted that the club members are very involved in community projects such as meals on wheels, cookies for the Red Cross Bloodmobile as well as helping during the bloodmobile visits.

After the club collect, the meeting adjourned and a fellowship hour was enjoyed with the hostesses Mrs. Curtis and Mary Culp serving refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, cake, toasted pecans and refreshing punch.

Humphries

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ninth grader at Mooresville Junior High School.

Residents of 218 West Stewart Ave., Mooresville, the Humphries will be moving to Kannapolis in the near future.

Benfield Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit James R. Benfield, son of Randy and Judy Benfield of Mooresville, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill.

During Benfield's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Benfield's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

Having completed the course, Benfield is eligible for three units of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

Benfield joined the Navy in June 1986.

Hangars To Be Built

Six local aircraft owners plan to build hangars at Lake Norman Airport, and they welcome more participants.

Frank Rader of Davidson is directing efforts to provide the facilities on the field off Perth Church Road west of town. He said this week that per-unit cost of the enclosed, connected T-design hangars is more attractive if they can be built in blocks of 10.

Rader said each hangar owner is putting $3,000 into the organization. This will cover initial construction, he said, and "provide a small cushion for inevitable incidental expenses."

Hank Shook is serving as treasurer for the group. Rader said airplane owners interested in the arrangement should contact Shook by Sept. 22.

"We want the hangars in place by Thanksgiving," Rader said this week, "so we're going to have to close out subscriptions late this month in order to move the project along."

The Lake Norman Aviation Club leases the 16-acre field from Crescent Land and Timber, and the club is managing the airport. Owners of the hangars will pay the club $30 monthly tiedown fees.

LN Squadron To Sponsor Attic Sale

End-of-summer housecleaning will generate plenty of interesting merchandise for the Lake Norman Power Squadron's attic sale Sept. 19 in Cornelius.

The sale, sponsored as a fundraising event by the power squadron, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of First Union National Bank in Cornelius.

Unique and hard-to-find items discovered in attics all around Lake Norman will be among the items for sale during the annual fundraiser. Each year the sale has grown and this year, according to Jim Hovelson and Joyce Vukela-Mayer, co-chairmen of the event, the selection of foods will be the finest in recent years.

The funds from the sale will be used to help finance safe boating *classes and free information about* boating provided by the power squadron.

NANCY LITTLE HUCKS
Interior Designer

Named Designer For Brunswick Golf-Water Resort

A former Mooresville resident, Mrs. Nancy Little Hucks, now residing in Myrtle Beach, SC, has been selected by Litus Corporation of Myrtle Beach as the interior designer for Lockwood Folly, a 500-acre multi-million dollar golf and water resort at South Brunswick Islands, NC.

The project will offer golf course, waterway and river homes and homesites, also golf villas and luxury condominiums.

Litus is one of the leading marketing firms on the east coast with offices in Myrtle Beach, Charleston, South Brunswick Islands and St. Simons, GA.

Mrs. Hucks, the daughter of Claude Little of Myrtle Beach and the late Mrs. Little, is a former designer with Carolina Interiors in Kannapolis. She is presently with Island Interiors at Garden City, SC.

Artoberfest

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numerous prizes — a porcelain doll by Rachael Bonney, two prints by Richard Newton, a gnome by Tom Clark, a framed print from Lake Country Gallery, an overnighter case by Merle Norman and a $25 gift certificate by Wooten Jewelers.

A donation of $1 will make a person eligible for one of the prizes.

The Artoberfest will also give the public an opportunity to see the recent improvements that have been made at the Center.

Ordinance

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get the ordinance in place."

Knox said he and Town Manager Rick McLean have looked at the ordinance, which was included in a report from the Internation City Management Association, and believe it could be effective in Mooresville.

"I think it is a darn good ordinance and it's something we need," Knox said.

"It has all the major components," McLean said. "It might have to be tailored to fit our community, but that's why we have the town attorney looking at it."

McLean said the ordinance could be used to provide an outline for the local ordinace.

"What I'm hoping is by using that ordinance as a foundation, the town attorney will not have to re-invent the wheel to come up with what the town needs," McLean said.

He added that while the town currently has guidelines pertaining to the maintenance of private property, the guidelines do not cover all situations.

"In some instances, I fell like we don't have a strong enough ordinance," McLean said. "This type of ordinance would take care of those instances."

The ordinance, if adopted, will create a set of guidelines for the town to use in identifying and dealing with unsightly or potentially hazardous conditions on private property inside the town.

Knox said having the ordinance on the books will make it easier for the town to respond to "nuisance situations."

"I get plenty of complaints about this type of thing and most of the time, when we go see the people about it, something gets done," Knox said. "But this ordinance will give the town overall control to act without having to wait for complaints."

Knox said the majority of the complaints he has received has involved renial property, but he emphasized that the ordinance will be used throughout the town.

"We're going to clean up the town," Knox said. "It's just not fair for a few people to ruin an entire neighborhood. We're going to do whatever we can to make sure people take care of their property. That will be a big plus for everybody."

Knox said he is hoping Pope will have some information about the new ordinance ready for discussion at the board's October meeting.

Arson

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that when the call was received, the occupants were reported to still be inside the dwelling. However, when units from the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene eight minutes later, Stevenson and his two children were out of the house.

Mrs. Stevenson was at work at the time.

Gallyon said that because of the strong smell of a flammable liquid within the kitchen and around much of the rest of the four-bedroom dwelling and because the fire had more than one point of origin, the fire was determined to be an incendiary rather than an accidental one.

Gallyon had words of praise for the Shepherd firemen for their quick response and credited the telecommunicators at the Iredell County Communication Center in Statesville with doing a good job in settling down the caller and getting the information necessary to get emergency units to the scene.

The Lake Norman Volunteer Fire Department and the Mooresville Rescue Squad also dispatched men and equipment to the scene.

Schools

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been held. Monday at South Elementary School, Mayor Joe Knox and Dr. Sam Houston, superintendent of local schools, joined the entire student body for a flag raising ceremony.

This morning at Park View Elementary School, Sen. Robert Brawley was the guest speaker for flag raising festivities.

At Woods Elementary School, special events have included a presentation by a naturalized U.S. citizen from India and many in-class discussions focusing on varied aspects of the Constitution.

Senior and Junior High students have been made aware of the special week through a variety of in-class activities.

Local students, like students throughout the country, were scheduled to take part in the national recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance today during a national television special featuring President Ronald Reagan.

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Thompson Passes; Rites Friday At 2

Paden Moore Thompson, 65-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 7, died at his home at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday.

A native of Iredell County, Mr. Thompson was born on March 5, 1922, a son of the late John G. and Ardie Robinson Thompson.

He was retired from the U.S. Army.

Surviving are: two sons, Paden Moore Thompson Jr. of Statesville and Elvis Thompson of Mooresville; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Dean Ritchie and Mrs. Donna Stallings, both of Mooresville; one brother, Basil Thompson of Mooresville; six sisters, Mrs. Wilma Corriher of China Grove; and Mrs. Naomi Ingle, Mrs. Annie Freeze, Mrs. Maron Brawley, Mrs. Amelia Hager and Mrs. Almonta Stafford, all of Mooresville. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Thompson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. Dale Holcombe, pastor of the Rocky Mount/McKendree United Methodist Charge, officiating. Burial will in Iredell Memorial Gardens, south of Statesville.

The family will receive friends at the Neill Funeral Home tomorrow (Thursday) evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Dick Skaff's Father Dies In W. Virginia

Moses George Skaff, 73, of South Charleston, West Virginia, died Tuesday.

He was the father of Dick Skaff of Mooresville, president of Southern Constructors Inc. of Mooresville.

Dick Skaff is the oldest of five surviving sons. Others are: Dr. David Skaff of Lexington, Ky., Ronald Skaff of Charleston, S.C., and Douglas Skaff and Moses George Skaff Jr., both of South Charleston, West Virginia. Eleven grandchildren also survive, three of them living in Mooresville.

Funeral services and burial will be in South Carleston, West Virginia, Friday.

Training Center Groundbreaking This Afternoon

Preparation of the Iredell County Firemen's Association's training center will begin, symbolically, at 6 p.m. today.

Eddie Neel of Mooresville is president of the association. He announced a groundbreaking ceremony on the 11-acre site on Winston Avenue in Statesville. He said guests at the brief program will include officials of governments of the county, Mooresville and Statesville, all of which are contributing financially to the fire training facility.

The association acquired the tract two years ago. It has been cleared, Neel said, and grading will be the next step. The 600-member association is made up of municipal as well as volunteer firemen of the county, and training facilities will be used by all.

Neel said planned facilities include a fire tower and a driving course. The training tower will enable firemen to conduct training in rescue, use of nets and the new Baker Life Chute, a flexible tube through which people can slide from tall burning buildings.

Post 66 Calls Friday Session

Mooresville American Legion Post 66 Commander Jimmie Houston has called a meeting of its membership for 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the hut on North Main Street.

Houston said the program will be under the direction of Irvin Brawley, a Vietnam veteran and chairman of the post's Americanism committee. He said Brawley welcomes suggestions on improving the community's traditional Veterans Day program.

The Nov. 11 observance, originally Armistice Day, is sponsored here by Gresham-Baker American Legion Post 66, Torrence-Frontis American Legion Post 394 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1072.

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A Weekend Explosion Of Color

Blue skies over green hills of Iredell will be filled with a rainbow of color this weekend as the 14th-annual National Balloon Rally unfolds at the Statesville Airport west of the county seat.

The Statesville Chamber of Commerce expects 160 hot-air balloons to participate in the event that will include a variety of entertainment and activities in the air and on the ground. More than 50,000 persons are expected from Friday through Sunday.

Mooresville Jaycees will have a fund-raising dunking booth on the field, craftsmen will display their wares, number of bands will perform, clubs and churches will provide food, Navy skydivers will perform.

Mass balloon ascensions are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Friday and at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is $5 per carload Friday, and $15 per car the other two days.

Bridesmaids' Luncheon Fetes Miss Templeton

On Friday, September 11, Miss Mary Elizabeth Templeton was honored at a bridesmaids' luncheon at the noon hour at The Tower Club in Charlotte. Hostesses were Pat Schaffer, Ruth McCaskill, Sandra Vaughn and Jan Rosser, all of Charlotte.

The bride-elect being an artist presented her attendants with various pieces of pottery.

Bridal attendants enjoying the courtesy with the bride-elect were: Ann Templeton and Barbara Templeton, sisters of the bride-elect: Ruth Blackley, sister of the groom; Martha Echols Mixon, Kerry Kemp Rowley, Lenore Champion, Anne Kent Lowe, Jennifer Dolby, and Rebecca Cornwell Chamberlain.

Other guests were Cathy Magee, Betty Ballard Magee, Eleanor Templeton and Martha Blackley, mothers of the bridal couple and Lottie Todd and Helen Templeton, grandmothers of the bride-elect.

Luncheon tables were appointed beautifully with basket arrangements of fresh mixed flowers.

Miss Templeton and David Blackley's wedding date is Saturday, September 12, at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. The ceremony will take place at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dartt Dies Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Olive Jean Dartt, 53-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 4, died at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Born in Potter County, Pa., on April 29, 1934, Mrs. Dartt was a daughter of Robert and Madeline Flynn Empson of Westfield, Pa.

For the past three years Mrs. Dartt had owned H&R Block Company in Mooresville.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are: the husband, Vern Dartt; one son, Jay Dartt of Mooresville; one daughter, Mrs. Joy Dartt Howard of Mooresville; three brothers, Wallace Empson of Osceola, Pa., Wayne Empson of Woodhall, N.J., and Frank Empson of Westfield, Pa.; four sisters, Miss Onnalee Empson of Montour Falls, N.Y., Mrs. Wanda Scherrette of Brush Prairie, Wash., Mrs. Claudia Moon of Westfield, Pa., ann Mrs. Rebecca McCaig of Jasper, N.Y. Four grandchildren also survive.

A private family service is scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the E.C. Cavin Memorial Chapel of the Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. Jimmy Tate, pastor of the Community Foursquare Church, Mooresville, officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the Cavin Funeral Home Thursday evening from 7 until 8:30 o'clock.

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JC Membership Campaign Begins

Mooresville Jaycees are looking for more than a few good men and good women. The club wants all it can get between the ages of 21 and 39.

Tuesday night, local JCs launched a membership drive with a 7 o'clock dinner at their hut on South Academy Street. Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox and Walt Jones, a local lawyer, were guest speakers. Both are former members of the club.

Rock Pickard is chairman of the 30-member club's membership campaign.

Cornelius Church Planning Hot Dog-Hamburger Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Cornelius Church of God will sponsor a hamburger and hot dog sale this Saturday, Sept. 19, from 12 noon until...at the church.

Served with the hamburgers and hot dogs will be cake, pie and drinks.

The patronage of the public will be appreciated and all proceeds will be used to furnish the church Fellowship Hall.

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Local Focus On Healthy Heart Foods

The Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and the one-year-old Mooresville Heart Association will join forces with local supermarkets this weekend to emphasize heart healthy foods.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the local Heart Association, with help from the local medical center, will set up stations at local supermarkets to help people find out about foods that are healthy for their hearts.

The local activity is part of the nationwide American Hearts' Food Festival, being celebrated this week. The focus of the week-long festival is to make people more aware of the kinds of foods that are good for their health.

The special local events will begin Thursday and continue through Saturday. Each day, Heart Association and hospital personnel will be on duty at local supermarkets helping shoppers make healthy food decisions.

The healthy food experts will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. They will be at Food Lion on Plaza Drive Thursday, Harris-Teeter on North Main Street Friday and Lowes on Plaza Drive Saturday.

In addition to the advice counter, heart-healthy foods will be designated in the supermarket shopping areas throughout the week.

Services provided by the local medical center will include advice from registered dietician Virginia Edmiston and free cholesterol checks before lunchtime.

Members of the local Heart Association will also have brochures filled with food information and recipies for heart-healthy dishes.

Church Of God Ladies Ministries Plans Fundraiser

The Ladies Ministries of the Mooresville Church of God [illegible] conduct a fundraiser in the [illegible] fellowship hall on Cooper Street.

The ladies will be selling individually and there will be a big variety of items on sale.

A table may be rented by calling 892-8909 days, 663-5770 evenings.

There will be yard sale items, crafts, baked goods, and candy.

Also, ham biscuits, as well as hot dogs, will be on sale from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated.

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So what business does the National Guard have in other countries? Whatever your thoughts, it's tough to disagree with Rep. Coy Privette of Kannapolis, who made the trip, and who said he'd rather our Guard combine training with meaningful work that helps people than go through make-believe exercises at Fort Bragg.

Mooresville Matheson Making Mark

Mooresville has another place in the literary sun. Don Matheson has published his first novel. His "Stray Cat" came out last month from Summit Books. An easy, compelling read, it's billed as a mystery. It is, sort of, but the fast-paced plot lets the reader in on most of its secrets while keeping the characters in the dark. Suspense is sustained through the 224 pages as the main players search for light through a tunnel fraught with danger.

Older Mooresville heads remember the Matheson brothers John, Gordon and Ken, Mooresville Mills honchos for several years immediately prior to Burlington Industries' acquisition of the plant in the mid-fifties. Don, 39, is a son of Gordon and Martha, both dead. Don was born here and lived here until the family moved to Sunbury, Pa. in 1954. He is a nephew of Mrs. Esten Matheson Bohannon of Charlotte, whose late husband, Ernest, also was a Moor Mills official.

Don took a degree in philosophy from Vanderbilt and made a big lick in business. He became a Boston-based regional manager for Kendall Company, a Colgate Palmolive division, directing a 25-member sales staff covering the eastern half of the country. When he decided to quit chasing cows and become a full-time writer in 1985, he was national accounts manager for Kendall. He and his wife live in Easthampton on Long Island, where they enjoy sailing their 36-foot sloop.

Charlie Gamble, Don's leading character in "Stray Cat," is a "nopey," a burned-out salesman who said thanks, but no thanks to the aforementioned race. Charlie lives on his sailboat in Boston Harbor.

In a note with a review copy of the book, Don says "my earliest memories are of growing up in Mooresville. Family friends may enjoy seeing that I'm alive and well."

Ellen Still Stimulating Young Minds

Meanwhile, Ellen Johnston-Hale, former Mooresville resident and former North Meck High teacher, continues as one of the stars of Writers-in-the-Schools that began as Poetry-in-the-Schools in the late sixties at the urging of the N.C. Arts Council. Ellen, who lives near Chapel Hill, has published at least two volumes of poetry.

No less an authority than Sam Ragan, North Carolina's poet laureate, gave Ellen a pat on the back last week in his Southern Accent column of The Pilot, his fine Southern Pines newspaper. He said he worked with her in the beginning of Poetry-in-the-Schools, and he is pleased that she still is stimulating young minds throughout the state. He commended her remarks a few weeks ago at an awards luncheon for middle school students in Richmond County.

Writers Wailing Over Loophole Loss

Many writers, by the way, have organized a crying club and are trying to whip up public sympathy over what they insist is maltreatment by the IRS. Until now, a person could call himself a writer and deduct all expenses during a particular year that he could show were writing related. This included such as extensive travel to "get the feel" of whatever distant place was being written about—or under consideration as a subject. Deductions were allowed even if the writer never earned a penny from his writings. Not a bad dodge for real writers, and better still for dreamers whose income came from other jobs or sources.

That loophole was closed in the most recent attempt at tax reform. Now writers' deductions are tied to income from the particular piece of work from which the deduction is claimed. No writing income, no writing writeoff. If that seems fair you haven't heard the wails and teeth-gnashings of real and make-believe wordsmiths who insist the change poses a threat no less serious than demise of the written word.

So it was with considerable relief that I read The New Republic's TRB:

"The new rules sounds harsh, but in fact it is sound tax policy. Expenses for a book are like an investment. You don't get to deduct an investment when you make it. Instead, you subtract the amount you invested from your gross revenues, when they come in, to figure your net profit. Any time deductions are allowed ahead of the income they relate to, you have in effect created a tax subsidy.

"They're treating authors the way they treat a manufacturer of toasters,' complains novelist William McPherson. That is correct. A fair tax system is one that treats everybody the same, even writers. You don't hear toaster makers warning that Americans have browned their last Pop-tart."

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