

good family man, but he was also a long time friend of my father.

He is perhaps best known as the former owner of The Daily Times newspaper in Maryville, Tennessee, a scenic community in my District located in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains.

The Daily Times had a circulation of only 7,500 when Tutt took it over in 1955; by the time he sold it in 1989, circulation had grown to 22,000. A close friend of Tutt, Sam Kennedy, told The Daily Times on the news of his passing that, "He had the ability to understand what his people wanted. He knew how to produce a local, small daily newspaper that contained news that people were interested in."

He transformed the paper into the pride of Blount County, and it still operates today as a model newspaper, frequently being ranked among the top three newspapers in the Nation in penetration of its circulation area. It has also been recognized as the fastest growing daily newspaper in Tennessee.

When Tutt sold The Daily Times, he devoted the rest of his life to philanthropy. His support of educational institutions, charities, and various causes is too great to list in this space, but Blount County and this Nation are better places because of his life and work.

When trying to decide whether to support a cause, Tutt would simply ask one question: Will it help the community grow? He undoubtedly touched the lives of thousands of people in my District in many positive ways.

I offer my condolences to his two daughters, Nancy and Debbie; step daughter, Frances; five grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sister, Dot; and brother, Randolph.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Tutt S. Bradford.

I can think of no more fitting tribute to Tutt than to request The Daily Times article highlighting his life and accomplishments be reprinted into the RECORD below.

TUTT BRADFORD, NEWSPAPER OWNER,
COMMUNITY LEADER, DIES AT 94

(From staff reports)

Tutt S. Bradford, publisher/owner of The Daily Times for 34 years and a tireless community leader and philanthropist, died at Shannondale of Maryville Friday afternoon. He was 94.

Bradford became the fifth owner of The Daily Times in November 1955, and served as publisher until 1984. He continued as chairman of the board until the paper was sold in 1989.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by McCammon-Ammons-Click Funeral Home.

Gregg Jones, president and CEO of Jones Media, parent company of The Daily Times, said, "Blount County has lost a wonderful citizen, and my family and the staff of The Daily Times have lost a dear friend. Few have worked harder for the progress of this community than Tutt Bradford. He was never bashful about volunteering his time, leadership and personal financial resources to help Blount County address its challenges and fight for its opportunities. We all are better off because of Tutt's passionate love for his home. To his family we offer our deepest condolences for his loss as well as our heartfelt gratitude for having been blessed to have crossed his path."

SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Bradford was born in Columbia, S.C., the second of five children. His first venture into

print media began when he had a paper route as a child in the 1920s.

After his military service during World War II, Bradford moved into newspaper advertising. His successes led to his promotion to publisher of a newspaper in Cleveland, Tenn., then later as publisher of a Bristol newspaper.

In a 2008 interview with Daily Times reporter Linda Braden Albert, Bradford said, "When (the Southern Newspapers Group) bought the paper in Bristol, it was just barely breaking even. In five years, I made \$5 million. So the president of the company called me and said, 'Tutt, what would you like to do next?' I said, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'Well, wouldn't you like to own a paper?'"

Bradford replied that he would if he had the money, and he was offered the opportunity to purchase The Daily Times with financing from the Southern Newspapers Group.

When Bradford—who served as owner, publisher and occasionally, editor—bought The Times in 1955, circulation was 7,500.

He involved his daughters Nancy Cain and Debbie Bradford Moon in the publication. Jerome F. Moon, a native Blount countian and husband of Debbie Bradford, became president and publisher in 1984.

When Bradford sold the newspaper to the Persis Group of Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1989, circulation had increased to 22,000.

In the 2008 interview, Bradford said one of the highlights of his career at The Daily Times was bringing a new press to the company. A repairman working on the old press told him about a three-color unit that would do all the colors in one unit.

"Every time we did a color we had to clean off everything, rollers and everything, and put the right ink on them," Bradford said. "This way, they were put all in one unit like we have there now. It was really great." Bradford put in his order for one of the units and he said The Daily Times was one of the first newspapers in the country to get a press where the colors were "left in there."

"I knew him quite well," said Sam Kennedy, former owner of the Kennedy Newspapers and Columbia Dispatch. "He took the Maryville paper and literally outdid the Knoxville papers.

"He had the ability to understand what his people wanted," Kennedy added. "He knew how to produce a local, small daily newspaper that contained news that people were interested in."

COMMUNITY ICON

During his newspaper career and long after he retired, Bradford remained very active as a community leader and benefactor.

"Will it help the community grow?" Bradford asked himself when he needed to decide what causes he would support.

One such project dear to his heart is the Hearing and Speech Foundation, cofounded by Bradford and John Berry, owner of Blount Hearing and Speech Services, to provide such services for people who could not otherwise afford them.

"The reason I started the foundation was that my ears were blasted out during World War II," Bradford said in the 2008 interview. He sought treatment at many places for his hearing loss but none helped him until he met Berry. In 2003, Bradford was honored for his continuing support of the foundation.

According to long-time Daily Times Editor Dean Stone, Bradford also worked for funding for the still-uncompleted Foothills Parkway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. First it was to get the state to purchase the right-of-way for federal construction. Later it was for federal construction money.

Bradford also worked successfully to get Cades Cove placed into a historical district in the Smokies' master plan in order to preserve some of the structures and its open nature, protecting the Cove as we know it for the enjoyment of millions annually.

BECAUSE OF RELIGION

Bradford also served on the boards of many organizations. A few of the beneficiaries were Maryville College, Blount County Chamber of Commerce, Blount County Industrial Development Board, United Way of Blount County, Pellissippi State Community College and the Blount County Public Library.

In 1991, he was named Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

"It's because of my religion," he said. "The Lord said to love other people, and I have. I've really tried to help other people, particularly when they were down."

HONORING ARTHUR EDWARDS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Edwards who has been an outstanding citizen and a major figure in promoting the arts in Annapolis. His unceasing devotion to Maryland Hall, the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, ASO, and other art activities has raised the visibility and quality of those organizations.

When working with the ASO, Mr. Edwards embodied its core values. His commitment to the highest quality of music, outreach and engagement with the community, the cultivation of its legacy, and his creativity all helped to mold the ASO into the premier orchestra it is today. Through the Patricia and Arthur Edwards Family Foundation charitable trust, Mr. Edwards was able to fund the Orfeo Alliance, a partnership between The Key School and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra that produces an annual artist-in-residence program that benefits music education programs at Key School as well as artistic programs for the Orchestra. By supporting this program, Mr. Edwards ensured that the ASO would have a long term, tight knit relationship with its surrounding community as well as the opportunity to influence young minds through the arts.

Arthur has been a driving force for the betterment of the City of Annapolis and its citizens. He is the kind of person every community cherishes. Arthur's generosity with his time is well known and is only matched by his good humor. From the first day I met him, I have been amazed at the quiet humility of this man who has done so much for so many. The Annapolis area will forever be indebted for his outstanding work in bringing music and the arts to the community as a whole.

DITZA PEREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ditza Perez