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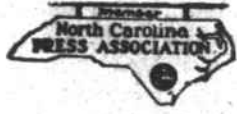
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Logical Location For Highway Office

The State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh last week decided to move the Eighth Division highway office from Lenoir to North Wilkesboro.

Because of the geographical makeup of the division, North Wilkesboro is an ideal location. The division extends from Forsyth on the east and includes Caldwell on the western end.

The highway division shops are located at North Wilkesboro and the office is to be located on the same property. It is logical that the division office and highway shops would be in the same locality for the sake of efficiency.

It is not practical for the highway division offices to be shifted around from county to county according to the residence of the commissioner representing the division. It is too great a task to move the office every few years, and it is too much to ask of the engineers and other personnel to be continually moving their residence.

Flood Control Continuous Fight

Citizens of the Yadkin Valley should be reminded that the fight for flood control has not been won and will not be finished until the retention dams are constructed and in operation.

A fight is now under way in the economy-minded congress for an initial appropriation with which to begin the flood control work.

It is up to the people of the Yadkin Valley to present to congressional committees facts which show that the investment for flood control would be sound and economical, and there are ample facts and figures to back up their demands for protection from floods.

The initial victory was won last year when congress approved the allocation for flood control in the Yadkin Valley. But that is only one step and the real test comes in getting an appropriation for beginning the work.

Representative C. B. Deane is pressing demands of the North Carolina delegation for an appropriation of two million dollars this year. This would begin the work and subsequent appropriations in yearly sessions of congress would assure its completion.

Continue the Work

This is Clean Up Week in this community. Much good has been accomplished despite all handicaps, but perhaps the greater benefit will come from education of the people to the importance of keeping up neat and attractive appearances.

Scarcity of labor and materials has hampered the clean up-paint up campaign. Some of the leading paint dealers have found difficulty in securing paint to meet present day demands. It has also been difficult for home owners to secure labor for repairs, planting, etc.

But the work can become continuous, and all property owners and tenants are asked to keep in mind the clean up-paint up theme throughout the year and lose no opportunity to make their community a better place in which to live.

A good memory test is trying to remember the things you were worrying about yesterday.

Meeting Fire's Threat

The President's Conference on Fire Prevention, which will meet May 6-8 in Washington, D. C., has a series of specific objectives.

It will study building construction, operation and protection, with a view to finding means of eliminating present dangers.

It will consider the wide field of fire prevention education, with particular emphasis on instructional aides for schools and colleges.

It will analyze the adequacy of fire-fighting facilities and personnel, and make recommendations for needed improvement.

It will explore the broad question of laws and law enforcement as they relate to fire prevention and fire safety.

It will recommend a plan for obtaining organized, aggressive public support of fire prevention activity in all its phases.

It will establish a program for continuous research with respect to fire, which will provide information on which laws and regulations can be based.

The Conference will mark the start of the most intensive drive against the fire menace ever undertaken. President Truman called it to meet a grave and immediate emergency. And it can do its job only if it receives the widest possible public support.

Henry Wallace is quite right about freedom of speech not being dead in the United States. Indeed, it's rearing to go in an effort to tell Henry something he ought to know.—Greensboro Daily News.

In Los Angeles the other day 6 automobiles piled up in an accident at a street intersection. Any less number would doubtless have been considered a reflection on the supercolossality of the municipality.—Greensboro Daily News.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR
By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Character is caught, not taught. Parents should remember that in selecting schools for their children. They should further remember that even in this modern industrialized world, character is more important than specialized training.

I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry from business houses concerning young people who have applied to them for positions. Invariably it is the character of the applicant with which they are concerned. Following character comes personal habits, associates, family background. All of this means that parents should be most careful in the selection of schools to which their children are sent, and should certainly know something of the teachers under whose influence they are. A letter from a parent seeking advice on a preparatory school on my desk now, and provokes this column.

In the first place, it is my conviction that children, if they are going to college, should receive their pre-college education in schools at home if possible. The home influence, if it is good, should be retained as long as possible. Too many parents are sending their adolescent sons and daughters to boarding schools "to get them out of the way," and to avoid parental obligations in adolescence. But if the home is broken, and it is necessary to select a boarding school, then by all means one should be chosen where character training is emphasized, and where teaching of religion is a part of the curriculum.

If the boy or girl is not going to college, but to a business school, the standing of the school in the community should be thoroughly investigated. Discover if the head of the school and faculty are "church people." Are they men and women of fine character? If the school takes the boy or girl away from home, be sure to investigate the boarding place and the character of those who live there.

There are many schools where the administration and faculty realize the importance of character training, and place it foremost in their courses of study.

It is during the first eighteen years of life that character is largely determined. It is caught, not taught, from parents and teachers, from associates. It is not learned from textbooks. The best textbook on character is still the Bible. Its place here is not questioned.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE—

Sign in a Chicago butcher shop window: "No long wait—No short wait." And in a signmaker's shop: "I was making signs before I could talk."

Sign on a little market in Van Horn, Texas: "We do no business on Sunday—and darn little during the week."

Sign on the door of the Lyons News office in Kansas City: "Don't abuse the editor—you may be crazy yourself some day."

Help Wanted: "Girls and men wanted on life preservers to bring our boys back." Worcester (Mass.) Telegram.

For Rent: "Large bedroom between two trolleys."—Shreveport (La.) Journal.

Good Things to Eat: "Curtains nicely laundered, cash and carry."—Jacksonville (Fla.) Times.

Lost: "Pay envelope at Rockingham race track Thursday afternoon." —Haverville (Mass.) Gazette.

Stolen: "\$25 reward for information leading to the arrest of the polecat who stole my rod from my car in front of Cowboy Bar."—Jackson's Hole (Wyo.) Courier.

NOT THERE ANY MORE—
A salesman taking his bride South on their honeymoon visited a hotel where they boasted of their fine honey.

"Sambo," he asked the colored waiter, "where's my honey?"

"Ah don' know, boss," replied Sambo, eyeing the lady cautiously, "she don' work here no mo'."

SOUGHT BETTER PLACE—

He: (At the movies) "Can you see all right?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Is there a draught on you?"

She: "No."

He: "Is your seat comfortable?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Change places with me, will you?"

KNEW ABOUT ERROR—
The Department of Taxation

received a typed income tax return from a bachelor who listed one dependent son. The examiner returned the blank with a penciled notation—"This must be a stenographic error." Presently the blank came back with the added pencil notation, "You're telling me!"

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NOTICE
North Carolina, Wilkes County.
The undersigned, having qualified as administrator, C. T. A., of the estate of John W. Gaither, deceased, late of Wilkes County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned administrator at 114 Patton Street, Morganton, N. C., on or before the 7th day of April, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All parties indebted to said estate will make prompt payment to the undersigned administrator.
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