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Needed: More Adult Recreation

The popular opinion abroad that our country is a "fat America" is not unfounded or unfair. The work we used to accomplish by physical strength is now done with our minds, exacting a toll on our mental state instead of our bodies. The farmer still puts in strenuous hours but much of the time he spent plowing his fields is now occupied by trying new modern methods that will save time and energy. So it goes with other occupations. The housewife still walks miles each day but not quite as many miles as she used to. Even the secretary who expends an amazing amount of energy stumbling along on high heels doesn't compensate for her lazy leisure hours. The fact remains that exercise obtained while working is termed drudgery while exercising in organized sport is termed playing. This points to the fact that physical fitness probably won't be

achieved in the area without group participation in sports activities which are surprisingly scarce in area counties. Some counties already have a head start but more participation is needed to make the trend successful. Gates County, for example, had men's and women's softball teams from all sections of the county last summer and plans are to organize again this season. But this is only a starting point and involves only one sport. It is true that facilities are not available for every activity but in some cases all is needed is a practical idea. Why not organize a tennis club, a bicycling club or a saddle club? Roller skating and water sports should also be taken into consideration. We are a fat America and a nation beset by nervous conditions and tensions but that doesn't mean we have to stay that way.

Leaf Vote Should Be On Facts

Making decisions is no new task for the farmer. The complex business in which he is engaged daily puts his judgment to the test in a multitude of different situations. The advance of the agricultural sciences has made him more sure-footed in the moves which he makes. Still, even science cannot remove from the farmer's shoulders the burden of the final decision. Once armed with the facts, that is his and his alone to make. On May 4, 1965, the burden of the final decision rests with the flue-cured tobacco farmer. His mark on a ballot will write the future of the nation's tobacco industry in what has been billed as the most important referendum in the history of the leaf program. His choice will be between the present tobacco program and the move to acreage-pounding.

ballot will make his decision on the basis of fact alone. And the facts are clear. We have too much tobacco, and will continue to produce too much if acreage alone is controlled. Tobacco quality will never be at its best as long as the incentive is on the high yield. And the small grower will be forced out of business if drastic acreage cuts continue. Those are the facts. And no cries of "alarmism" can reduce the significance of those facts. The situation, clearly and simply, is critical. There is an urgent need for immediate action. There has been speculation, of course. Many persons firmly believe that failure of the referendum to carry will lead to the eventual loss of the price support program. This danger signs indicate that, indeed, this may be the case. Still, this cannot yet be termed a fact. Is it worth the risk to find out? The burden of that decision is the farmer's alone. Hopefully, every farmer who casts a

Not Accustomed To Tax Cuts

Midnight, April 15, the most unpopular time of year for taxpayers, has passed. But still, hundreds of thousands of law-abiding Americans have not filed their annual returns with the Internal Revenue Service. Reason is that IRS has allowed grace periods to "extremely hardpressed" taxpayers who "misunderstood" the 1964 tax cut. The confusion started last spring when Congress voted the cut, which had the effect of taking only 14 per cent from the average paycheck, instead of the 18 per cent of former years. This was done, solons reported to their constituents, so Americans would realize an additional four per cent of their paychecks which in turn would bolster the nation's econ-

omy. It developed, however, that when people sat down to figure their taxes, many found Uncle Sam wanted back part of that four per cent. In short, these people had been undertaxed, rather than overtaxed, as was common in the 18 per cent years. Hence, the backlog of honest taxpayers caught short when they discover, just prior to April 15, they owed more money than had been periodically deducted from their paychecks throughout the year. One doesn't like to complain about a tax cut, but the general public might have been better informed. After all, we're not accustomed to tax cuts.

The People Write:

Value Of ABC Vote Challenged

To the Editor: A referendum vote on establishing ABC stores and wine and beer sales throughout Northampton County is being planned for the near future. I would like to share one thought with the other citizens of this area. The sole purpose of establishing liquor outlets is to sell liquor. Ask any salesman for the beverage industry. He knows, and we should become aware, that every additional outlet means more liquor bought and consumed and more money for the industry. Is this what we want for this beautiful county? Is our desire for our young people that they should have easily available alcoholic beverages? Do we really want this for our families? Is this the way out of poverty for our poor and indigent? Please remember that first, last and always the avowed goal of the alcoholic beverage industry is to increase the sale of their product. Experience has proved that legal sales do not halt

booze legging. Try to imagine Northampton County as it would be if the referendum were to pass and beer and wine were available at the corner grocery store and filling station. Consider thoughtfully the character of the leaders who are pushing this referendum. Our young people are worthy of the highest and best of planning. Selfish considerations should have no place where individual and family life is at stake. I predict that not one family in Northampton County will enjoy truly more abundant life because of legal sales. I would predict, too, that any tax gain in the county would be more than consumed by costs directly resulting from liquor-produced problems. The financial gain will be enjoyed by the alcoholic beverage industry. For those of us who want, not what seems expedient, but what is good for our community and family, NOW is the time to stand up and be counted. Mrs. Agnes Cameron Jackson

Referendum A Moral Decision

To the Editor: Those who favor the legalization of the sale of alcoholic beverages in Northampton County seek to justify their position by pointing out that we are losing tax money to the counties surrounding us that have ABC stores. Let us not be deceived. People who oppose evil are never losers! The decision we are called upon to make is not simply between getting or losing tax money. It is a moral decision between what is right and what is wrong. Legalizing this evil would not make it morally right, it would make us morally wrong. Joining forces with the liquor industry and becoming an active part of the breakup of homes, the hungering of children, the fatal accidents and the immorality of the intoxicated, just to mention a few of the end results of alcohol, will bring prosperity and material growth to our county. But suppose it would — what would it profit us if we should gain the whole world and lose our

souls? The people of this county will not be entitled to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage! A. H. Lanier, Jr. Woodland What with the many and growing predictions that dire things in overlapping and increasing multiples will soon be happening throughout the world, the wiser a person is, perhaps the luckier he should consider himself. Instead of being resentful towards a persons who disagrees with you, shouldn't you be sympathetic towards him — for being so dumb?

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Who we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must have it in us or find it not.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON



Carlton Morris Writes— Youth Provides Greatest Untold Story Of Our Times



Over in Korea young people are marching to keep their country from becoming friendly with Japan and just a little while ago Japanese youngsters were marching to keep idle home and shouting, "Yankee go home." In our own land young people change the destiny of the nation by marching and chanting catch phrases. College presidents are ousted due to majority rule which some call mob rule. In 1964 they leave behind more than \$20,000 of parental money in court costs and fines and we brush it aside and smile indulgently and repeat the old saw about wild oats and the young. The world has gone mad about youth and sex and we all carry that the world belongs to the young and over half the world is under 25 years old. We look at the wild hairdos and female attire of the so called male of the species, some with tolerance and some with disgust, and we feel forced to make some comment one way or another and not being up on the latest trends in everything is worse than death. We look at the beatniks and some of us even lament that the world has treated them wrong. Some of us probably feel the world owes them a living and all they should do is sit around and read their terrible poems and try to do something to attract attention from the more mundane world where people don't know any better, but are willing and even anxious to make a contribution to the good things of life. All these things attract our attention or they seem to have the power and the glory that our television brethren do on. But in my biased opinion the younger generation has a greater story to tell, one that all media has overlooked. All these queer dressed youngsters get in the limelight one way or another, any paper in any community or all papers in all communities, take the time and trouble to do a series on all the young couples who have settled down in a world not of their own making. Without argument or fanfare, there are literally millions of youngsters who aren't the least bit interested in the wild capers of the surfboard crowd. Their trials and struggles to try to keep our family and home tradition alive is one of the greatest untold stories of our times. They get their thrills from making the final installment on the furniture. They spend their time trying to improve their living conditions, going to church and learning the meaning of life and ask no recognition. We often hear of the yellow peril or the red menace. We hear of missiles and rockets and wars and charges and counter charges until we begin to think the whole world has rushed forward to the very brink of perdition.

If it is to be saved, I agree it will be the youngsters who do it. Maybe not the wild and woolly ones who dole of notoriety and flaunting both the laws of God and man. But I do think that if there's hope, it will be through the solid youngsters, who have settled down and decided to do what is right regardless of the tide of opinion as portrayed by TV. relatives in Emporia. Mrs. W. F. Hill of Sunbury, Mrs. A. W. Simpson of Suffolk and Mrs. Marvin Barnes of Suffolk were Monday guests of Mrs. J. Weedie Hooge, Sr. Mrs. J. Woodie Boone, Sr., has returned home from Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where she underwent surgery. Her sister, Miss Virginia Parker of Norfolk is her guest during her convalescence. Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Edwards and children of Portsmouth were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. L. Warwick. Dr. and Mrs. Alton Bottoms of Canton and Mrs. C. J. Wyche of Henderson, were Sunday guests of Mrs. M. N. Carpenter, Sr. Vicky Glover of Morganton has been spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Glover. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Seymore and children, Teresa and Eddie, of Petersburg, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coyna. P. E. Kee has returned home from Chapel Hill after undergoing surgery and is doing well. Miss Sandy Taylor has been spending a few days in Greenville with Miss Peggy Hubbard.

Beads 'n Deeds

The Viet Congs have shot down some of our 1500-mp jet planes. It is thought they got sore with us about something.

R-C Editors Say ...

Dogwoods Are A Thing Of Beauty

By LAURA HARRELL Editor Bertie-Ledger Advance Windsor Some have a hobby of bird watching. This time of the year produces a whole new crop of tree watchers. From the first tiny buds to the full blown array of color there is an air of anticipation that just can't be denied. But then there is a feeling of sadness knowing that all too soon the beauty of spring will be gone. Standing quietly among the splashes of color are the dogwoods which are just coming into full bloom. Someone commented this week that the dogwoods always seem to bloom at Easter whether Easter comes early or late. Dogwood is the common name for a group of shrubs and small trees of which there are about 40 kinds. Fourteen kinds are native to the United States. The best known is the flowering dogwood and the prevailing color is white. Travis Tuck Jordan wrote a poem about the dogwoods which said: "In winter time the dogwood tree Sleeps in the woodland quietly, It stands alone, leafless and bare, As silent as a nun at prayer. But at the sound of whip-poor-will The dogwood blossoms on the hill, Come fluttering on the April skies, Like hosts of white-winged butterflies." His description is so true right now. They are fluttering like white-winged butterflies along the highways, around open fields and throughout the land. It was in 1941 that the state of North Carolina adopted the dogwood as its official flower. In her book, "Trees of the South," Charlotte Hilton Greene says some tree lovers believe the flowering dogwood should be made the official flowering tree of the South and that it should be given more protection. "For the sake of a world that is growing more beauty-conscious, it should be more widely planted along roadsides, in parks, gardens, lawns, and especially on school grounds." She adds, "The South has never learned to protect the greatest beauty of its springtime, the flowering dogwood. Perhaps it is because in this section it has been so common that most people seem indifferent to the danger of its extinction. There are many stories about the dogwood. The white flowers are not the white blooms but the tiny yellowish-green ones in the center of the bloom. The white petals are bracts or modified leaves. The real flowers later develop into berries. The dark notch at the tip of each bract is the remnant of the silvery-gray flower bud of the winter before. If you look at a dogwood bud in July, you will see that growth of the bract has begun and the growth continues through the late summer months and into the early autumn. Winter blankets or wrappings protect the tiny flowers from injury. They are lapped over each other, one pair inside and one pair outside. The dark notches are the tips of these winter blankets which grow into the white bracts which we see in April. One of the dogwood legends that has been handed down through the years is in the form of an anonymous poem entitled, "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree."

LOOKING BACKWARD

Interesting items reprinted from old files of The Roanoke-Chowan Times By MISS ESTHER CONNER Editor Emeritus

April 10, 1924 A Thought For The Week — Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. — Mark 14:38.

The road between Rich Square and Scotland Neck is said to be one of the finest sand clay roads in the state. Hundreds of people ride over that portion of it from Rich Square to the Roanoke — six miles — every Sunday. Some of the small bridges have not been built, but there is a way to get over. Work on the river bridge is continuing at a slow pace.

The annual visitation of the Oxford Orphanage singing class will be Wednesday, April 16. The concert will be given in the magnificent and spacious auditorium of the Rich Square public school building.

Up at political headquarters at Raleigh and Charlotte they are saying much about the result of precinct meetings held last Saturday. In this neck of the woods, no importance whatever was attached to the meetings last Saturday. Some precincts held no meeting.

The concert given at Rich Square by the Wake Forest College glee club on Friday evening was a grand success, the proceeds amounting to \$282.00. The Baptist Ladies Aid Society wants to thank all who were present, and trust that the hour was one of keenest enjoyment.

Horses and mules at our stables in Rich Square and Weldon. We solicit your business and promise fair and courteous treatment to every customer. See us before buying. It will pay you. Holoman Brothers, Rich Square, N. C., Weldon N. C.

April 9, 1935 Revival services are in progress at the Rich Square Baptist Church this week with services at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:45 at night. Rev. Carl M. Townsend, pastor of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, is assisting the local pastor, Rev. W. V. Tarlton.

On Thursday evening, April 9,

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