

# The Daily Tar Heel

## Carolina Seen Notes To You

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## The Whole Armour

"Put on the whole armour of God," said Paul, in his brilliant metaphor to the Ephesians. Truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer are the equipment of a soldier of Christ. Yet, in another place in Paul's writings, he quotes Christ as saying to him, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." What do these words mean for us in 1950 A.D.?

They mean that the answer to all life's problems, from the threat of Communism down to the insecurity of a job are as nothing when we have Christ on our side. These words of Paul and of Christ tell us that it is through our wills that we can save ourselves from all perils—no matter how deadly or how great they may be. It was when man's will began to operate against God's will that man fell; and, it is only when we humble our own individual wills to Christ that we will have strength.

"Account thyself to be an exile and a pilgrim upon the earth, if thou wilt stand rightly and wilt profit." In his "Imitation to Christ," Thomas a Kempis wrote that we must serve Christ so completely that we become fools in the eyes of men who are content with being nice, respectable people. True Christians are determined, zealous, regenerated people, who fight with all their lives for Christ. When Christ talked about being poor in spirit, meek, humble, and being weak that He might be strong, he didn't mean that we were to be perverse monsters who shut ourselves up in cells to contemplate the niceties of spiritual union with God.

Christ meant that we were to arm ourselves heavily to fight in the world, and the chief piece of armour—the shield—should be faith. We are to have ultimate faith in Him alone, and are to be weak in the sense that our individual wills don't try to place other Gods before Him, but rather are tractable and geared to the will of God.

Modern man has falsely concluded that Christ was a Caspar Milquetoast, and that the real ultimate goal is material gain. We had been trying to prove that until a flaw appeared in our plans over a certain Japanese town. Even professed Christians have become content with listening to sermons about an earthly Utopia, and go right on leading happy, materialistic, prideful lives—happy, until that pride takes its inevitable tumble.

We have developed an immunity to Christian teachings about love, due principally to the same materialistic viewpoint which is so popular among Stalin-tainted Communists. It was the materialistic viewpoint which hastened the discovery of atomic power, and it will be the materialistic viewpoint with which we will struggle to save the world from annihilation.

Christianity has somehow been overlooked—in its true meaning—and replaced with platitudes about living a good life and finding psychological relief in the opiate folds of meditation. This is sheer nonsense. Christianity was never such an escapist or formula-filled religion. To be sure, true Christians have the deepest and most happy peace to be found on earth, but it is not because they have concluded that they are doing as well as can be expected and are going to Church every Sunday.

The reason for their secure and contented outlook is that they have faith—something which is rarely taught from the pulpits of our twentieth century churches. The true church of the living Christ is not composed of insidious, goody-good people who are trying to buy their way into heaven on their merits and good works. Quoting Paul again, "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

The church has become a fossil rather than a fighter. Due largely to the influence of sociological and philosophical reformists, and aided by a taste of experimental psychology, the church has ceased to be a living, evangelistic army of God. It is become, rather, an institution, draped in cultural prestige, political influence, and nauseous Utopianism. The church has in many cases set itself up as the haven and herald of social reform, when it should have continued to concentrate on the building and arming of Christian souls who are mighty and radical in the light of God's wisdom.

There is to be a meeting of the Students for Democratic Action Thursday night which will consist of an informal discussion on whether or not religious ideas have political consequences. Dr. Arnold Nash, Rev. Charles Jones, and Mr. Claude Shotts will meet with the club at 9 o'clock in Graham Memorial for this discussion, which will be open to all who are interested. The relation between religion and politics is an important issue today, and the question whether or not religious ideas have political consequences is a vital one. Christians already know the answer to this question, for Christians know that a little faith really does move mountains.

But the spiritual revolution which the world needs to make the solution of its problems more than theory will not come until more Sauls, overpowered by God, are changed into Pauls who can victoriously say: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."  
—Mike McDaniel

The other day(1) I was sitting in the Reserve Room(2) at the Library,(3) doing nothing in particular.(4) I noticed some books on the English 50(5) shelf. I took that course, or it took me,(6) last 1/4, and since I never had time to read any of the aforementioned(7) books while I was taking the course,(8) I thought it might be nice to glance through a couple of translations of the many plays to which we were exposed.

So I picked out a slim,(9) exquisitely bound(10) volume which explained "Antony and Cleopatra"(11) and a thicker, more dogeared book which explicated(12) King Henry IV, I. The slim volume, it said on the title page,(13) was authored by someone I'd never heard of.(14) He must be a pretty hot character, though, for he had enough degrees(15) to run up a quite respectable fever.

On the third page(16) was a list of books(17) to which the author admitted he had referred(18) for references.(20) Then came the preface, in which he elucidated(20) his exposition of "A&C." The preface (21) ended on page CLIII.(22)

Finally I got to the text(23) and I began to read it. Or I thought I was going to read it. But every time I began to understand(24) a sentence, I would see a little number after a word(25) and I'd have to stop, shift down to the bottom of the page, and read it. By the time(26) I'd finished reading it,(27) I'd forgotten what I'd read up above, so I'd have to start over.

The material was all most interesting,\* but I had other books which I had to read.\*\* So I regretfully bore the famous pair(28) to their resting place. No grave(29) upon the earth shall clip in it a pair so famous.(30)

The fellows who write those books are plenty brainy, but to us(3) unitates(32), it's all pretty baffling. Take me back to the book of the month club.

1. Sunday, Jan. 1.
2. The smoking room with no magazines which opens off the first floor mezzanine.
3. The big building with the magazines and newspapers behind which is a noisy, mud-filled excavation.
4. Studying.
5. Shakespeare course in which students are tested on their ability to memorize the plays, not to understand and enjoy them as entertaining works of art.
6. I passed the course, but didn't make the Phi Betes sit up and take notice because I didn't have time to read the play enough times to memorize every line.
7. English 50.
8. Ibid.
9. Relatively speaking, for it's only 10 inches thick. You should see some of the weighty tomes reposing in the reinforced bookcases.
10. So was Cleopatra bound. Anyway, Antony must have thought so.
11. Not to be confused with Antony Adverse or "Caesar and Cleo" by GBSHaw, a gent who appears old enough to be a contemporary of Shakespeare.
12. Synonym for explained. Got it from my Thesaurus, or is it Thesaurus.
13. Name of book usually appears on this page.
14. You've probably never heard of him, either, so I won't mention his name.
15. AB, AM, PhD, LLD, WCTU, and SOB. The latter title was written in in pencil. Apparently the typesetter had forgotten to set it and an editor had added it.
16. Page IV.
17. There were 127 of them. I doubt if he'd read more than two or three of them.
18. Copied from them. A plague on such plagiarists.
19. I just misplaced my Thesaurus, or is it Thesaurus?
20. He also threw some light on it.
21. All scholarly books have prefaces in which the author apologizes for writing the tome.
22. The exposition is 112 pages long.
23. About A&C, in case you'd forgotten. I had, while reading the preface.
24. At least I understood the four letter words.
25. Indicating a footnote.
26. Several hours.
27. The sentence. "Are you listening, prof?" "Professors quite insistent and touch on this subject."
28. A&C, not to be confused with A&P, another much maligned and criticized combination.
29. Poetic jargon for bookcase.
30. See A&C, Act V, Sc. ii, et seq.
31. Editorial jargon for me.
32. In the art of deciphering scholarly treatises.



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## Coming Events

**DREW PEARSON ON**  
**The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

WASHINGTON.—As a practical politician who has been through the mill, Harry Truman knows the hazards of legislating in an election year. However, he showed no signs of back-pedaling on unpassed positions of his Fair Deal program when he huddled with Vice President Barkley, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Sen. Scott Lucas and Congressman John McCormack as the new session opened. On the contrary he was full of fight and optimism—qualities somewhat less reflected by his legislative chiefs, who have been worried by a rising trend toward isolation and economy, popular resistance to higher taxes, a rebellious farm bloc, and a Dixie-Republican filibuster on civil rights.

Truman began by congratulating his Congressional leaders on the record of the last session: "On the whole, I think we made a pretty good record, and I am confident we will keep it intact during this session," he said. "By that I mean we should get the rest of the 1948 platform on the law books. I don't mean part of it—I mean all of it."

Truman seemed most emphatic about enacting the Fair Employment Practices Bill and other parts of the civil-rights program. Speaker Rayburn and House Majority Leader McCormack predicted the House would act quickly and favorably on FEPC. However, Senate Leader Scott Lucas, wearing his perennial look of a man with his finger in a mousetrap, dourly replied the odds were against Senate passage.

"Well, I am not afraid of a filibuster," declared Truman. "If we must go down fighting, let's have it that way. We have got to keep our promises to the people. They will be the best judges of who is right in the next election."

The President made one indirect concession, however, to election-year politics. He did not emphasize a substantial boost in taxes. Instead, he listened silently while leaders explained it would be wellnigh impossible to get a bill raising individual income taxes through Congress this year.

He also criticized the "hysteria" of big business for repealing wartime excise taxes on communications, transportation, luxuries, theatre admissions, etc. If excises are repealed, he insisted, there must be an offsetting increase in corporation income taxes.

The historic ivory gavel, used to rap every Senate to order since revolutionary days, almost didn't make it this session. Up until one minute before the opening bang, Frantic Senate pages and assistants couldn't find it.

The Vice President's new bride started the search when she asked to see the famous gavel. But it wasn't in its usual place.

**AP Newsfeatures**

**January**

**Word Puzzle**

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**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle**

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## TO THE EDITOR

### ON THE MOVIES

In answer to Mr. Vestal Taylor's remarks in last Thursday's Tar Heel that Mr. Smith's diet of "D" grade movies during the Christmas holidays was a grave injustice to the profession, may I say that I am sure that Mr. Taylor does not fully understand the position of a theater manager in a town such as Chapel Hill.

Mr. Taylor, if you were to remove the students or the University from the city of Chapel Hill, this town would quickly be classed as a small town, and you would be lucky to see any "A" picture on this theater's screen three months after it had been shown in every other city in this State.

It is not the policy of the Carolina Theater to slight the residents or students of Chapel Hill who are left here over the holidays by bringing them inferior grade pictures. But I'll ask you this, Mr. Taylor, if you were a producer of a major picture studio, would you allow your current major productions to be sent to a small town theater when it is known that over two-thirds of its patrons are not in town, and cannot patronize the theater? No, that's not smart business, and it certainly does not help the producer's potential box-office receipts.

Lets take a look at the so-called "D" grade pictures shown here in Chapel Hill during the holidays. On Christmas Day, the Carolina opened with the technicolor "A" picture, "Bagdad," simultaneously with its opening in New York, and then followed "The Story of Seabiscuit" and "Challenge to Lassie," both "A's" that played here only a few weeks after their premieres in New York.

I will concede to you that these aforementioned movies may not be classified in your mind as entertainment, and I will con-

cede that some very poor pictures played here during the holidays. But, Mr. Taylor, with the number of movies coming out of Hollywood each year, and at the rate that pictures are played here in Chapel Hill, it is not conceivable that Mr. Smith's diet of pictures can be top-grade every day; he has to play a poor one once in a while.

If there is still a sour taste in your mouth about the pictures shown here during the holidays, I'd like to advise you to take in the current programs being shown here in succession: "The Heiress," "Prince of Foxes," "On The Town," and "Dancing in The Dark." I think you'll agree with me then, Mr. Taylor, that Mr. Smith's diet of "A" movies are entertainment and do justice to the profession.

Lee H. Edwards

### WORTHY CAUSE

Editor: I was very pleased to read of a most worthwhile book drive that is being sponsored here by the University by the Y.W.C.A. and I.Z.F.A. Its purpose is to collect all kinds of used textbooks and rebate tickets that are to be changed for money to buy other textbooks. They are being collected for two places of learning, Haifa Technological Institute and the Hebrew University, that were not quite as fortunate as most of us at Carolina.

These two institutions lost more than 40 per cent of their books during the war in Palestine and are unable to get any more except through the generosity of the students who freely give their books to such drives as this. Our help is sorely needed and it will be greatly appreciated.

There was a drive sponsored this past Christmas to collect toys for European children. These toys were collected and given in the interests of peace in this world, so that the toys might make European children come to know Americans and like Americans. The toys would help them to forget the war and all its horrors. This book drive should be as overwhelmingly a success as the toy drive for it would certainly further the spirit of democracy and make it more appreciated and respected in a vital area of the globe.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our

generosity toward other students who are striving to help democracy get a foot-hold in a trouble spot of the Middle East. Success would show that such a fine and forward-looking university as Carolina has set its aim at something worthwhile.

Harry Lerner

### FEPC OPERATIONS

Editor: The successful operation of a federal Fair Employment Practices Commission probably does not rest anyway on the fines and imprisonments disliked by Senator Graham. The effective post-war experience of FEPC's in half a dozen states and cities shows that:

- (1) an adequately staffed commission provide with
- (2) the power to subpoena witnesses and gain access to employment records is equipped to aid employers and employees in working out satisfactory mutual adjustments.

The quiet, adaptive methods of negotiation and education have dissolved irrelevant barriers to jobs without damage to business and with the immense gain of making real for minorities the American ideal of equal opportunity.

In the mass production industries with which any FEPC is primarily concerned, "appearance and personality" are no more essential to efficient productivity than are the skin color and religious affiliation masquerading behind those terms.

An FEPC-aided extension of economic opportunity based on qualifications to do the job would not only increase American production but also impress the restless peoples of the world that democracy can provide justice, as well as liberty, for all.

Bob Blood

### THE THIEF

Editor: For the benefit of new men may I suggest that the Daily Tar Heel warn against the quarterly visit of one campus thief perhaps due this week.

No one should sleep with door unlocked; billfolds must not be left on desks or in trousers.

George B. McLeod

(Ed. Note: Unfortunately, the above letter contains sound advice, as a number of "fleece" students of last quarter can verify. The Daily Tar Heel joins with the author of the letter in asking that all precautions be taken against any possible thefts.)