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### Centralized Control

Those educational leaders who pointed out the weaknesses of the school system as administered in this State by county and local units barely two decades ago should visit Raleigh today and see what a hodge-podge system of control is now in effect. Top-heavy with commissions, boards and agencies, the educational system in North Carolina is marked by about as much confusion as ever existed back in the old days when each county tackled the big problem from its own peculiar angle.

A proposal is now being advanced to centralize the system into the hands of a seven-man board. Probably the proposed plan would relieve the situation, but in shifting authority and power in Raleigh it would possibly be a good thing if some of the power and authority were shifted back to the counties, or at least enough power and authority should be returned to the counties to lift the title of figureheads from the board of education members.

There is no objection to control system for synchronizing the efforts advanced in behalf of education, but under the system in this State the people are almost without the right to appeal from rulings arbitrarily set by the school lords. In striving for better educational facilities, the people have all but surrendered their rights under a system that is marked by confusion in the high places.

### Education Squabbles in the High Places

Several weeks ago the State Board of Education approved a history book for use in the elementary schools, rejecting one written by Dr. A. R. Newsome and Dr. Hugh Lefler. The Newsome-Lefler book was rejected after the State Textbook Commission had unanimously recommended it as the best available text to be adopted for class-room study in North Carolina history. The text selected by the State Board of Education was written by Jule B. Warren, secretary of the N. C. Education Commission.

The textbook commission and the board of education knew the books and were in a position to act for the public. The squabble over the selection of a text was of no direct public concern, but it did attract public attention.

Now, the State Board of Education comes along and virtually bans the Newsome-Lefler

text from the public school libraries. It would appear that something is wrong either with the book or the board of education.

Could it be that the Newsome-Lefler text deals with rotten politics in North Carolina? Could it be that at last a true history has been written about the Old North State, and that the high school lords are determined to keep the people in the dark by suppressing the true facts? Could it be that commission "cuts" are involved? It is only right and proper for the board of education to explain its action to the people who are now waiting for an explanation.

### Feeding the German War Machine

Elkin Tribune.

American sympathy for the beleaguered people of Europe is understandable. We cannot be complacent in the presence of hunger and famine and human misery. If other issues were not involved, if they were hungry through providential causes or even the victims of their own failure to provide, we would be plastering the seas with vessels loaded with their needs.

But there are other issues involved—double-barreled issues that could easily fly up and hit us in the face.

The president of the commission for relief in Belgium says the food supply in that country is "fast approaching a crisis" and quotes a fellow-American fresh from Brussels as saying, "Belgium would need 300,000 tons of wheat and large quantities of fat and frozen meats to carry over to the next harvest. . . . The same conditions are said to prevail in the other German occupied countries of Europe. They have been raped of their necessities to be poured into the maw of the German war machine.

Suppose the British blockade is lifted, in the name of humanity, and the immediate needs be made available, what will be the results? That is easy to answer. To the extent the blockade is lifted, to that extent will the war be lengthened. For long before there is famine across Europe, Germany's war machinery will be shorn of its offensive power. Whatever we do to make it easier for Europeans to live and hope for a brighter day, it will only serve to place that day farther and farther away.

To minister to the needs of the workers in Belgian steel mills, French aircraft plants and Czech armament works, who are now taking orders from the invaders, means that we are only aiding Hitler to win while spending our dollars in the hope that he will be defeated. It is not enough to say that these are unwilling workers and unfortunate in the service to a hellion. True they are in poor position to rebel without being shot at sunrise, and therefore they deserve our utmost sympathy. But we have something at stake, too.

If these unfortunates could be made to understand that over here in the United States and Canada are five hundred million bushels of wheat in bins that could and would be released at the first ring of the peace bells, don't you think they would all but break the chains of their slavery in order to hasten the day of peace?

Germans, too, were feeling the gnaw of hunger until their leader reached over into the neighbors' granary and fed them. Maybe they, too, might bestir themselves if they could envision this relief. But just as long as we insist on feeding and clothing those who should be Germany's charges, by every rhyme and reason and by every rule of war, we will be deferring that uprising which Hitler's friend Lindbergh admits is the only thing that stands in the way of a German victory.

A groundhog that would stick his head out of a comfortable hole and into a world like this is too crazy to predict the weather.—Elkin Tribune.

## A Task for The Church . . .

By REV. JOHN HARDY  
Church of The Advent

The world today is starving and perishing for lack of inward spiritual resources, knowing no inner springs of power, healing and renewal. What new strength would man bring to his task, what new power of sacrificial service, what trust and forgiveness if the living Christ were enthroned in the heart and mind of our societies. There are no words in which we can express what transformed spiritual quality would thus be released into the life of man. And the church exists primarily and always to be a fellowship of the Holy Spirit—of men and women redeemed by Christ, enabled and guided by the grace of God—called into being by God's act through Him. It is the society of the Eternal Kingdom, keeping open the channels of the spirit to the "powers of the world to come" for the redemption of man's life. This is its only weapon—to be trying to make more men and women Christians, and to nurture them in Christ's faith and love.

To say this brings the Christian life back to its true source of power and guidance. It is the life that is ever turned God-wards and lived in the companionship of Christ. We are so anxious and troubled about many things, so beset with the problems of Christian conduct as to be forgetful of the one necessary thing. The very complexity of the world today and the urgency of the demand it makes upon us should recall us and the whole Church universal to the elemental Christian simplicities of faith and prayer and reliance upon God, and trust in the power of the living Christ. "All things are possible to him that believeth." In the secret places of prayer and communion we breathe in a new life—of men transfigured and a world redeemed, of faith and hope and charity that "abide," of a Power and Presence with us all the days, ever able to "make all things new." We move from man's despair to God's promise, from man's bankruptcy to God's initiative, from earth's failure to the divine victory. "His is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever."

Perhaps this means that the first need of the churches, if they would Christianize the world for God, is to help revive in the rank and file of their membership the capacity for vital prayer and worship. It is no good urging people to say their prayers. Most men today, including a great many Christians, have long ceased to be able to do that. Nearly all the influences that play upon us conspire to starve and thwart the inward life, and traditional methods of prayer and meditation have ceased to serve their purpose. What we need most now is a new technique for keeping open the windows of the spirit to the life-giving communion with the Father and the companionship of Jesus Christ, so that men and women living in the world and giving themselves to its right-ful tasks and claims, may keep their lives "hid with Christ in God." Thus amid the problems and limitations of the earth they may rule their lives by the citizenship which is in Heaven; and living in the world may be partakers of the victory which overcomes the world.

## CHURCH NEWS

### PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held at all Presbyterian churches in the county Sunday. Rev. Piephoff has selected for his subject here, "Why Doesn't God Stop the War?"

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The World a Field." Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "What the Bible Says About Justice." Woman's Council presents the missionary play, "In Times Like These," by Alma Newell Atkins. Junior Choir meets Monday, 7:15 and the Senior choir at 8 p. m. Mid-week service, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Third chapter of Acts will be studied.

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Quinquagesima Sunday. The Collect. O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake.—Amen. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Ash Wednesday, the Penitential office and address at 7:30 p. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m. Thursday. The union service for the World Day of Prayer will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday at 3:30 p. m.

### ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 Sunday night. ed to serve their purpose. What we need most now is a new technique for keeping open the windows of the spirit to the life-giving communion with the Father and the companionship of Jesus Christ, so that men and women living in the world and giving themselves to its right-ful tasks and claims, may keep their lives "hid with Christ in God." Thus amid the problems and limitations of the earth they may rule their lives by the citizenship which is in Heaven; and living in the world may be partakers of the victory which overcomes the world.

### METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Prayer and mission study, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

### RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will be present. The public is invited.

### A Child's Courage

A little girl's courage makes the piano standing in our home seem very dear. After General Sherman and some of his soldiers marched into my grandmother's childhood home and carried off some of her family's possessions, they started to take the piano. Before doing this, though, they asked her to play a tune. Not hesitating, the little girl marched over and merrily played. But the tune she played was . . . "Dixie". The soldiers cheered and left her her piano.—Inez Frank, Calhoun County, S. C., in Progressive Farmer.

Miss Whitmore Gillam, of Windsor, visited here Wednesday.

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County, In The Superior Court. County of Martin against Fred Sam Biggs and Others. The defendants, Arthur Wiggins, Emma Simmons, Lou Pearl Wills, Fannie L. Wiggins and Euzela Allen, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to foreclose the taxes on land in Martin County in which said defendants have an interest; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear be-

fore L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the completion of this service of publication by notice and to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 8th day of Feb., 1941. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court, Martin County. f14-4t

### NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Washington Division. In Bankruptcy No. 753. In the matter of: Nina Fleming McClees, Individually, and one of the Partners of the Quality Grocery Store, Williamston, N. C. Voluntary Bankrupt. To the Creditors of the above named bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, 1941, the said Quality Grocery Store of Williamston, N. C., was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held in the office of the undersigned in Williamston, N. C., on the 25th day of February, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

### WHEELER MARTIN

U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy. Williamston, N. C. February 11, 1941. f14-2t

### DR. V. H. NEUBORN

OP-TOM-E-TRIST Please Note Date Changes Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, March 11. Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plymouth office, Womble Drug Store, every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Tarboro Every Saturday.

## Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday	February 23-24
"CASE OF THE BLACK PARROT" with William Lundigan and Maris Wrixon	
Tuesday	February 25
"DOUBLE FEATURE" "Ride, Kelly Ride," Marvin Stephens, Rita Quigley "Range Busters," John King and Roy Corrigan	
Wednesday-Thursday	February 26-27
"GIRL IN THE NEWS" with Margaret Lockwood and Barry Barnes	
Friday-Saturday	February 28-March 1
"YOUNG BILL HICKOK" with Roy Rogers and Gabby Hays	

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