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GETTING OFF TO A BAD START

The hundreds of sportsmen and wild-life enthusiasts in the counties west of Buncombe were given little encouragement to continue their support to the new program since Governor Cherry failed to appoint a man from this section to the commission. Nearly all of the trout streams, most of the lakes, and a great deal of the hunting area lies in the section included in the counties of Jackson, Haywood, Macon, Henderson, Transylvania, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay.

Mr. Furr of Buncombe county is recognized as a real sportsman and may be a very competent man for the job. He may be in sympathy with the many changes in management and policy that are greatly needed, however, he will have to prove himself to the boys out this way as he is under the influence of groups in Buncombe county who did not favor the separation bill, providing for this new board.

The members of the Wildlife clubs in these western counties worked hard and faithfully for the new board, and their efforts should have been recognized by the Governor in his appointments.

There will be other appointments in years to come and the wildlife club members of this section will no doubt see to it that this section is remembered. However, in the meantime, we must all support the new board if it is to succeed in the building up of a wildlife program for the state. If it fails in its initial efforts, going will be hard as the opponents of the separation bill are no doubt awaiting such an opportunity to try to wreck the program.

THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Due to the alarming rate of increase in fatal traffic accidents, Governor Cherry and the State Safety council are calling for a mobilization of the citizens of the state in a program designed to curb accidents and to make our highways safe and useful instead of arteries of death and destruction.

In an open letter to the people of North Carolina, Governor Cherry says: "We are confronted with a serious condition—traffic tragedies continue to happen hourly, and are increasing at an alarming rate.

"That something must be done is acknowledged by every thinking person.

"Being fully conscious of these conditions, I recommended to the General Assembly and it enacted certain measures that I believe will contribute much toward reducing traffic accidents and deaths.

"All that we may do by improving and tightening our traffic laws will not give us a great deal of relief unless we have the full cooperation of all the people.

"With this in view, last June I called a State Traffic Conference to consider this vital subject and on the recommendation of this Conference, I named the State Committee for Traffic Safety to devise ways and means of enlisting the public and preparing a comprehensive traffic safety program.

"Many meetings have been held by this Committee and it has been incorporated as a non-political, non-profit, non-partisan organization and so organized, as to include all people."

The program worked out by this Committee contemplates: teaching adults and students how to drive; conducting safe driving course in schools; driver testing with accurate devices; providing technical service to communities; the renewal of drivers licenses after examination; the inspection of all motor vehicles; the building of safety into highways; the certainty of punishment for traffic violators;

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—In seeking evidence to show the necessity of a reorganization of the executive branch of government, congressional committees have uncovered some fantastic mistakes made by various bureaus. Elimination of overlapping bureaus and staffs is the prime purpose of H. R. 775, a bill which would establish a non-partisan committee to study the situation and report back to Congress what governmental duplication and deadwood has accumulated since World War I.

Rep. Clarence Brown (R), Ohio, is author of the bill. It will be sponsored in the Senate by Henry Cabot Lodge (R), Massachusetts.

Cited below are a few of the mistakes and errors Congress has uncovered in governmental operation:

For two years the American Battles Monuments Commission was regarded by Senator Harry Byrd (D, Virginia), as his favorite government bureau, as it reported that it had only one employe. Then it discovered it had 38 unreported employes, who had been traveling outside the country.

The prize mistake was made by Postmaster General Robert Hannegan. After submitting his report to Congress, he discovered 53,000 "lost" employes he had forgotten to report.

It is said in Washington that it requires 10 bureaus and 10 staffs of experts to draw, approve and countersign a government check. Yet the list of fantastic mistakes which have been made would fill a good-sized book. Clerks, veterans, farmers entitled to a bonus, and who may have been entitled to 30 or 50 dollars, have received checks ranging from \$300,000 to \$5,000,000.

When the recipient returned the check and pointed out the mistake, he has frequently continued to receive a check for the same amount for a number of months.

Present setup of the executive branch of the federal government says United States Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, "is a hodge-podge and crazy quilt of duplications, overlapping and inconsistencies, with their attendant extravagance.

"The most necessary thing that I know of today along government lines is a thorough-going reorganization of the executive branch of the government. It should be done scientifically, but once the decision is made, then a bush ax or a meat cleaver should be used."

It is now recognized that the outstanding reason why the various attempts to reorganize the executive branch in the past have failed, is because it has been asked to reorganize itself. In the Brown-Lodge bill, Congress has decided to do this job itself, with the help of the public.

This bill provides for the establishment of a commission to make a thorough investigation of the executive branch, whose expenses account for 99 per cent of the cost of running the federal government, and recommend a reorganization that will promote economy and efficiency in the transaction of public business.

The Commission will be thoroughly representative. It will consist of 12 members, of which six will be citizens from private life and six will be public officials, all appointed on a bipartisan basis. Four of the members will be selected by the president, four by the president of the Senate and four by the House.

The commission will not make its report until January, 1949, after the new 81st Congress has been chosen and president has been elected. This will prevent the work of the commission from having any connection with the 1948 political campaign.

improvement of state and local traffic laws; increased state highway patrol and local traffic forces (the patrol has been increased by 210 this year); recognition for the best traffic safety records.

Judging by the experience of the past five years, if this program is successful it will mean an economic saving to North Carolina corporations and their employes, professional interests, and others of at least \$140,625,000. It will also save 3,125 lives during this period, and prevent injury to 19,370 others.

Since the success or failure of this program will mean life or death to so many of us that we should give it our 100 per cent support.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Prayer changes things, even if it does sometimes seem to take a long time. Recently a man, whom I had on my prayer list for almost ten years, "came through" and gave his life fully to his Lord. As a result, he is a new man. I recall another one who ran away from my prayers for upwards of ten years. He is now a new man with a completely changed home life. Both of these cases involved alcohol.

Now a reader brings me another case out of his own personal life. His father was an avowed atheist, denied belief in God, the Devil, Heaven, Hell. However, the son became an earnest Christian, grew to maturity, married. All the while, he was earnestly praying for his father's conversion and salvation. The son's prayers continued daily for about twelve years. Then community-wide evangelistic services were organized in their town, rotating through the different churches.

One evening upon coming into the church late, the son and his wife were surprised and delighted to see the father seated ahead of them. After the sermon when the minister asked those who wanted prayer to be offered for them to raise their hands, the son prayed earnestly, "Knock him to his

knees, Lord! Knock him to his knees, please." Then, to the son's joy, the father raised his hand for prayer. When a later altar call was given, the father came forward and professed his faith in Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Knowing that his father was an individualist, the son and his wife quietly slipped out of the church without informing the father of their presence. The next day the son came to his father and told him how happy he was to have him accept Christ. The father seemed surprised that the son knew, as he had "slipped away" to go to church. Great rejoicing followed in that household, the father living a completely changed and new life. He was brought out of his selfishness and stubbornness to the prayers of his son over a long period of years.

These incidents are related to encourage those who have loved ones for whom they are praying. Perhaps they have been praying for them for a long time. Don't give up! Remember, that "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much in its working," and, "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Bert Moses of Erastus, operative case, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Wade Williams of Bryson City, operative case, reported to be doing nicely.

Little Jennie McGuire, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold McGuire, tonsilectomy, is doing fine.

Mrs. Frank Young, operative case, of Sylva is doing all right.

Miss Arlene Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford of Balsam, operative case, is doing nicely.

Mrs. James Brown of Sylva is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Alex Howard of Tuckaseegee is receiving treatment.

Mrs. E. G. Lombard of Highlands is in for treatment.

Mrs. Carl Fisher, Route 1, Sylva, operative case, is getting nicely.

Mr. James Cox of Dillsboro in for treatment.

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Breedlove of Glenville on June 14.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Battle of Whittier a daughter on June 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brooks of Dillsboro a daughter on June 17.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Slagle have announced the birth of a son June 16. He will bear the name of Henry Philip Slagle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings of Glenville a boy on June 15.

On June 12 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Crisp spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jennings of Waynesville at the Jennings camp on Lake Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goodall of Roanoke, Va. arrived Tuesday and will spend a week with Mrs. Goodall's mother, Mrs. Ellen Bryson, and other relatives.

PRISONERS ESCAPE AT HIGHLANDS

FRANKLIN—Law enforcement officers in Western North Carolina, East Tennessee and North Georgia Tuesday night were engaged in a search for two prisoners, described by State Prison Director Kyle K. Matthews as "dangerous," who fled from a rock quarry three miles from Highlands on Buck Creek road Monday.

The men were listed by prison officials as John Spivey, 36, sentenced in Guilford county in 1938 to serve five to 10 years on a charge of attempted rape and given an additional 25 to 30 years in 1942 for kidnapping a prison employe; and Robert Stewart, 27, sentenced in Buncombe county last December to three to five years for breaking, entering and larceny.

Matthews said that in March, 1942, Spivey and five other prisoners, using a gun smuggled into a prison camp, took a prison employe as hostage and forced their way to freedom. They were recaptured a short time later.

Prison officials said the break Monday was made when the two men dashed into a laurel thicket on the edge of the quarry at which they were working. George McGee, foreman, is reported to have fired two shots at them as they fled.

Prisoners Escape While Working At Quarry

Search is being made for the capture of three men who escaped from a rock quarry about 9:30 Wednesday morning where they were being worked, being prisoners of the state prison camp at Whittier. The quarry is located about five miles above Tuckaseegee in Canada township. Prisoners who escaped are reported to be Cooke of Mecklenburg county, Howell of Roanoke Rapids, and Hampton of near Asheville.

LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

J. S. Seymour, instructor in the sociology and education departments of Western Carolina Teachers College, left Cullowhee yesterday to become a member of the summer school faculty at the University of South Carolina.

The Methodist Woman's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Cary Allison on Wednesday, June 15, with Mrs. J. F. Freeze as leader.

The B. H. Cathey chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, entertained the members of the Junior chapter with a picnic at the home of Mrs. J. B. Ensley on last Thursday.

A number of Kitty Dean McGuire's friends gave her a surprise birthday party last Thursday evening at the home of Kathleen Hooper.

Harold Grindstaff has arrived from the University of North Carolina to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grindstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carden attended the Gibson reunion in Bryson City last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones and small son, Mrs. A. O. Allison, and Hazel and Bobby Allison have returned from Chattanooga and Cleveland, Tenn.

Too Late For Classification

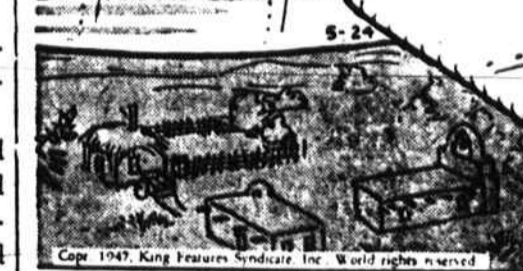
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Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Stovall and family and Mrs. J. P. Stovall went to Atlanta Sunday to see Mr. Stovall's sister, Mrs. Ruth S. Head, who is a patient at Piedmont hospital.

Hogs excel all other farm animals in the efficiency with which they convert feed into meat.

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