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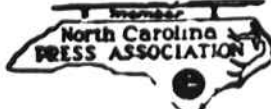
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GOALS FOR 1950

- (1)—NEW INDUSTRY.
- (2)—IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- (3)—HARD-SURFACING AS MANY ROADS AS POSSIBLE.
- (4)—AN EXPANDING HEALTH POLICY.
- (5)—A COUNTY FAIR.
- (6)—CONTINUING EMPHASIS OF TOURIST TRADE.
- (7)—DEVELOPMENT OF HATCHING EGG, TURKISH TOBACCO, AND CASTOR BEAN CROPS.
- (8)—HONEST, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT ON ALL LEVELS.

Why Be A Copy Cat

One misleading bit of propaganda in favor of compulsory health insurance for this country has its roots in Britain's experience with a scheme which is about the same in principle. It is pointed out that more than 90 per cent of British doctors have registered and are now working under the health act. Therefore, it is argued, the vast majority of British physicians must favor it.

That may seem a sound argument on the surface, but it won't stand analysis. In Britain, it had long been the procedure for doctors, when they wished to settle in some locality, to buy the practice of a doctor who had died or retired. These purchases represented a big outlay—up to twice as much as the annual gross income.

When Britain adopted national health act, she made the purchase of practices illegal. In order not to rob the doctors, she set up a large fund to compensate for the change. However, the catch was this: to be eligible for compensation a doctor had to enter the medical scheme by a certain date. If he didn't, he would get nothing. And so 90 per cent of the doctors registered in self defense.

Distinguished doctors—including

Disgraceful Hypocrisy

At a recent press conference, President Truman called for an electric power network for America. According to news reports this would include the great rivers and valleys—the Columbia, the Ohio and Mississippi, the Snake, and the rest. When asked who would transmit this power to users, the President answered, "The government will do it if necessary . . . private companies if they could do it as cheaply."

The significance of this is plain. It is simply one more phase of the campaign to socialize, step by step, all the power resources of the country; to give the government complete control over a service which is vital to the life of industry, agriculture, and the individual, and to bring to an end local control over a great local resource and taxable asset. The cost to the taxpayers would be gigantic.

It was said, it is true, that private companies would distribute the power if they could do it as cheaply as the government. But the whole history of government activity in the field of business is that honest accountings of costs are never made. Government exempts its business activities from taxation. Government gets the money for construction either free of interest or at an interest cost far lower than private enterprise can command. Government—as in the case of its projects—can charge off costs to flood control, reclamation, navigation and other activities, in order to delude the people as to the true cost of producing the electric power. Government business is free of all state regulation, and all state laws which govern citizens and private business. Government can create and maintain monopolies which wipe out all competition and such monopolies are exempt from all antitrust laws which apply to other combinations in restraint of trade. Government in business is the rankest kind of unfair, destructive competition that can be used to put private citizens out of business.

British, Americans, and others—have made careful studies of the workings of nationalized medicine. Almost to a man, they have reported a serious decline in the standards of medical care, insufficient time, and money given to research, and preventive medicine, and that doctors are burdened with so many patients that those who are really ill cannot be properly treated. On top of that, the costs, paid for out of taxes, have been excessive, and have greatly exceeded all estimates.

Socialized or regimented medicine, in other words, is second-grade medicine for which a big price is paid. And what is true of England would be true of this country if we wish to be a copy cat.

Some of our People's Opinions

What's yours?

What do you think of the idea of lighting the football field so that baseball may also be enjoyed in Sylva at night?

NED MORRIS—I like the idea. It gives everyone a chance for some recreation after store hours. And I believe that it will pay better than daylight games, more

people will attend.

CAREY R. SNYDER—I'm for it—if it won't tear up the sod on the football field. It think it would be a definite asset for the town.

PAT PATTERSON—I certainly think we should push the idea. We have the talent for a good ball club and night games would help gate receipts.

ALLINEY BRYSON—I like baseball, but don't believe it would be a paying proposition.

V. MADISON—I think it's a swell idea. It gives the players more time for practice, too, which

should mean a better team.

GEORGE SLOAN—I'd like to see the idea pan out. It would be good for the town, and could be made a paying proposition if we didn't jump into it too heavily at the beginning.

Reports from farmers and dairymen in North Carolina during 1949 indicate that there was an average of 359,000 cows (not including heifers 2 years old and over kept for milk but not yet freshened) or farms during the year.

LOADED FOR BEAR



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Trouble has a way of unbalancing people. Christians are not immune to it.

The more we look at a particular trouble, the larger and more difficult it becomes. It makes us forget past blessings and also how we have overcome past troubles.

When you come to Wit's End Corner there is only one sensible thing to do, turn to God.

Time after time I have counseled with those in trouble. When I ask them if God has ever failed them in the past when they fully turned to Him with a problem, the reply has always been the same: No.

God has a plan for every man for you and for me. That plan is the best one for your life; it remains for you to lay hold of it. So many of us want to make our own plans, see them work out our way, and we want it done quickly. God's plans are not to be hurried. The Bible is full of illustrations of that. Personal experience has proved it.

The Bible tells us that, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." It's amazing how the tangled threads of life are unknarled when we allow God to work for us and in us.

This is particularly true of Christians, but God never turns a deaf ear to anyone who honestly calls upon Him in faith. The 107th Psalm tells us that even, "fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities are afflicted . . . then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses."

If we could only keep constantly in mind that the Lord is with us every hour of the day and night, that He is ready to answer every question in his good time; that He will show us the way out of every difficulty.

God's plan for your life is yours for the asking and taking, if you have the faith to believe it.

As you read this tonight, if you are troubled and concerned about some problem, reach out and put your hand in the hand of God. Ask Him to take your life with its problem and show you the way you should go. Then lie down and go to sleep in that faith. Don't wake up in the morning and take the problem back to wrestle with again. Wait for Him to show you the next move, and wait until it comes. Then follow that leading. You will be delightfully surprised with the results.

EDITOR'S NOTE: You may

write Dr. Spough in care of this newspaper if you have a problem on which you seek advice. Please enclose a long self-addressed stamped envelope, and 10c if you want any of his leaflets.

CAN YOU REMEMBER?

5 Years Ago?

Mrs. Jennings Bryson has gone to Miami, Fla., to visit her sister, Mrs. Louis Mauney, and family.

Mrs. Homer Brown and children of Kannapolis have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Brookhyser and young son are spending two weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Parker and son, Bobby, of Knoxville spent last week-end with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paxton.

Pvt. L. H. Higdon is spending some time with his family at Cullowhee. He has been a patient at Fitzsimmons General hospital since returning from the European Theatre where he was seriously wounded. Pvt. Higdon has been in service for more than a year, having spent five months of that time overseas.

15 Years Ago?

Mrs. Dillen, supervising nurse for the district comprised of Jackson, Macon, and Swain will speak to the mothers who will attend the school for mothers being sponsored by the Sylva P. T. A. This is one of the schools being conducted under the district health unit.

Mr. O. O. Williams and children left Friday for Harriman, Tenn., where they will make their home. Mrs. D. D. Hooper accompanied them for a few days visit.

20 Years Ago?

Western Carolina Teachers college won the title of King of Junior college basketball when the team won the final game in the tournament played at Biltmore college last Saturday evening. I was the shooting of the easy going but nevertheless sensational Fincannon that turned the tide in favor of the Yodlers.

Last Saturday night someone entered the jewelry shop of Mr. John Parris in the post office building and carried off about \$800 worth of watches and other jewelry.

Guss Moss, Jack Stewart, and Leonard Potts, all of the Hamburg section, were struck by lightning last Friday afternoon on Mill Creek when they stopped in a house out of a storm. Moss was the most seriously injured being badly burned. Their three dogs

Your Child And The School

By Miss Lucille Hunt

The people of the United States believe that a high level of education is basic to their national future. Throughout our history our citizens have had a great faith in what the school can do for the individual. We have relied on our system of public instruction to build the foundation for a prosperous and enduring country and to provide individual opportunities for young people. These schools can perform this function only so long as the home and school work together for the single purpose of helping the child. We must study and work together.

Beginning Reading In Primary Grades

Children enter school with wide differences in their readiness for reading. Some are already reading signs and simple sentences while others are already resistant to reading. That is why the primary teacher must individualize instruction and provide a "lush" environment in which every child can find the experience he needs. This means providing many meaningful learning experiences, films, filmstrips, demonstrations, excursions, picture books, many pre-primer type books, and many opportunities for dictating and then reading stories about the interesting experiences they are having. In these ways children relate the wealth of experiences they have already acquired and organized to printed symbols. A child's progress in reading can be no faster than his ability to talk intelligently and to think with words. His reading ability is dependent upon his linguistic ability. This foundation is laid in pre-school years and maintained, expanded, and organized during school years.

After one year of school some children have made little progress. Slow learners who have not yet reached the mental maturity necessary for learning to read should be given more time and experiences for growing. Other children, who, in spite of high mental ability have not made progress in reading during the first year, need special attention. The following are a few of the possible things that may be done to help these slow learners:

1. By understanding and correcting specific conditions interfering with reading achievement.

2. By helping them to increase their self-esteem and their relationships with others and to make a general good school adjustment.

3. By helping them to get satisfaction from their reading experiences.

As we can see these are general suggestions that apply to the home and to the school. The teachers, of course, make individual studies of each individual pupil and try to find the child's interest in many ways. Parents can help, also, in many ways. The feeling of security that a child has in working at his own speed is invaluable. Just because a child is a slow learner is no reason for making undesirable comparisons of children in the same family or the child and some other child in the school or community.

Once again, fit the child's educational experiences to him just as you would fit his clothes or shoes. You would never punish a child because his shoes were not the size of his friend's. If he is doing the best he can in a given situation be sure he gets a friendly hand and a little bit of praise. On the other hand, if he is not working to the best of his ability then very definite measures should be taken at home and at school to see that he does work to capacity. This should be done regardless of school marks. Loafing is inexcusable in an expensive school system.

WEBSTER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cowan, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norman of Lincolnton were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall.

Mrs. Irone Coward has returned to Webster after spending the past several months in Winter Haven, Fla.

Mr. Jimmy Clements of Lenoir spent the week-end with his parents.

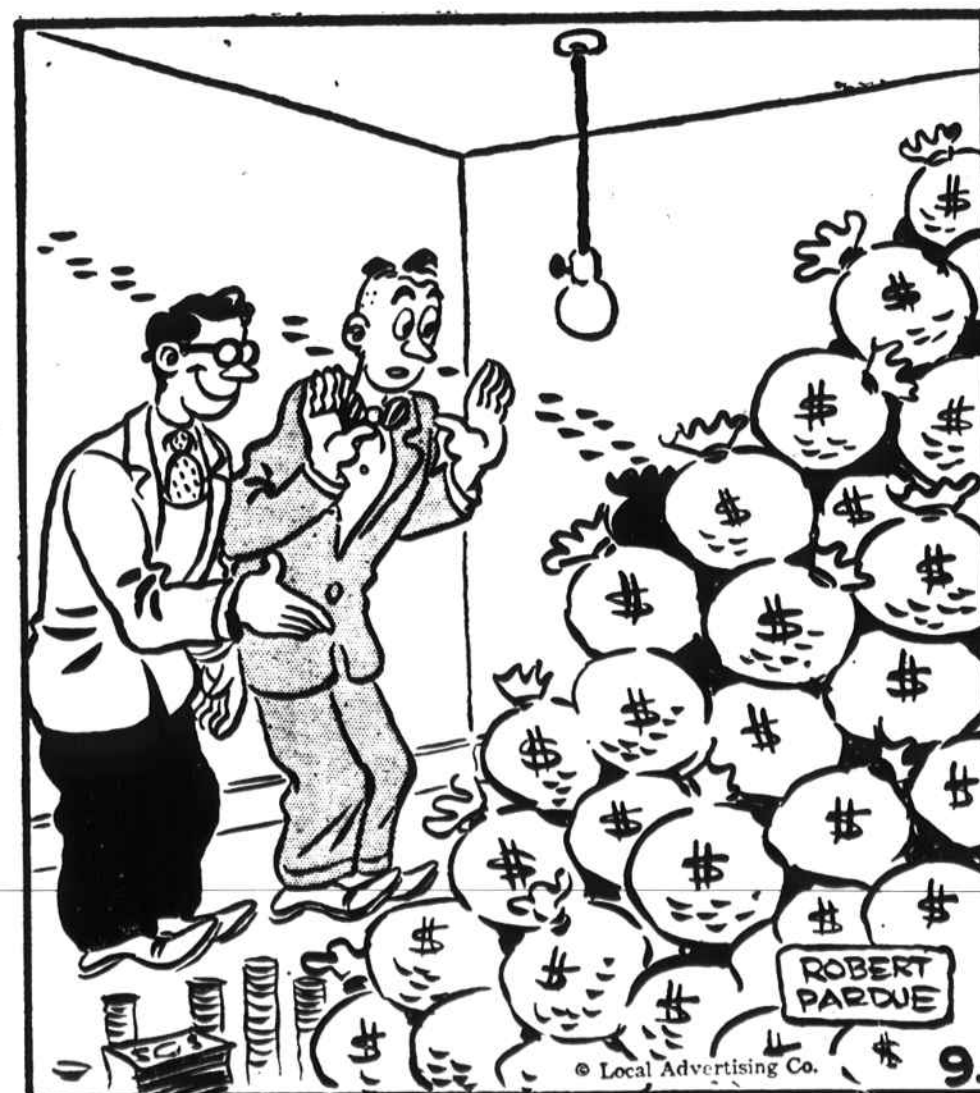
Fred McKee, who is employed in Oak Ridge, Tenn., visited his family over the week-end.

Mrs. Julia Cowan and two children of Asheville spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Penland.

The Mecklenburg County Demonstration Curb Market has acquired property and assets valued at \$25,000 since moving to its present location 10 years ago.

CAR-TUNES

by Kirk-Davis



"That's what I saved by letting KIRK-DAVIS CHEVROLET CO., INC. trade me one of their good used cars."

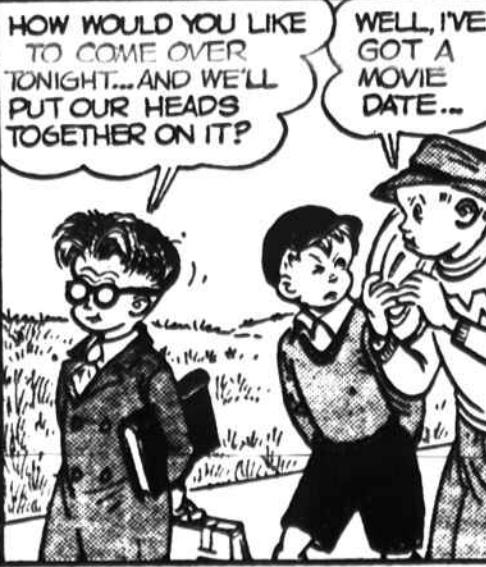
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MUGGS AND SKEETER



BY WALLY BISHOP

