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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are many ways in which God calls men to fulfill His purposes. He may speak to us through some inner voice or through some thought that comes to the mind as we read His work or as we open our hearts to Him in prayer. He may challenge us by revealing to us the needs of others. But whatever may be the means He uses, we can be sure that He does call each of us. How important then that we keep our minds and hearts sensitive to Him, that when He calls we may be quick to hear and eager to respond.—Selected.

Abusing The Fountain

The new Memorial Fountain built at the West end of Main Street and dedicated to the memory of Jackson county service men and women of the two World Wars is a beautiful sight, especially at night with the colored lights reflecting through the water. The fountain was built after much hard work by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary. Time and money were given by many local people to see the Memorial become a reality, a memorial fitting to the memory of our heroes.

A few people seem to have little regard for the memory of those who made it possible from them to enjoy the liberties and freedom of this land. They have a habit of driving by the fountain and pitching their empty whiskey and beer bottles in the pool made by the fountain. City street forces have to clean this trash from the pool quite often. Small children also have a habit of pitching rocks in the water which is another abuse that should not happen. A number have been seen playing in the pool which is prohibited. Parents should tell their children to refrain from doing these things, pointing out to them why the fountain was built and what it represents.

City authorities say that if the abuse doesn't stop they will have to cut off the water. We surely don't want that to happen.

To all those who do these things thoughtlessly or otherwise... remember your relatives and friends who suffered and died in our battles for freedom... If you do, we know that you will want to help keep the fountain sacred to their memory.

Saving For Independence

What you save today may help bring you independence in the future. So why not start the saving habit during the United States Treasury's forthcoming Savings Bonds drive? With the Liberty Bell as the symbol and "Save for Your Independence" as the slogan, the big bond selling drive will kick-off Monday night at 9 o'clock with talks by President Truman and others over national hookups.

A decade of prosperous days have been predicted... a veritable decade of opportunity for Americans. It will be a good time to strike a happy note on the "Old Liberty Bell" with your dollars for your future.

W. J. Fisher, U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman for Jackson County has announced that he expects many Jackson citizens to buy bonds during this campaign.

Political—Pure And Simple

President Truman is now on a ten-day rail tour of the North and West, making rear platform talks to people at "whistle stops" along the way. The White House has overworked itself in trying to inform the taxpaying public that the trip is non-political. Mr. Truman says he just wants the bosses, meaning the voters, to see their hired man. Politics... pure and simple, we call it.

Building For Youth

Jackson County 4-H members will soon have their own club camp building at the State Test Farm in Haywood county and it will be because their fathers, mothers and friends helped them do it. A truck load of carpenters, helpers and women went over to Haywood yesterday to build the camp. At press time we had not learned how much progress they had made but we are willing to venture a guess that it was almost, if not completed.

A number of firms of the county gave lumber and other building material for the camp building. This, coupled with the free labor of the friends of the boys and girls gave, assured the success of the venture. The boys and girls have already done a big job of raising money for their camp. When they go up there this summer to enjoy a few days recreation and training they can feel proud that they had a hand in bringing it about.

You Can't Socialize Morals!

An editorial in American Druggist, signed by John W. McPherrin, takes a new approach to the socialized medicine issue. It deals with efforts of the British government to reduce the cost of its health service, and then says, "Nevertheless, the cost of free health continues to climb... It would appear that not every patient, doctor or druggist is as noble and unselfish as the social planners have presupposed... Failure to realize that human nature doesn't change overnight has created grave problems for the Britons... The same kind of a free health scheme in America would bring just as much greed to the surface..."

"We have been overlooking something of social significance in our free competitive system. It seems to supply the only natural and effective curb on human greed. For example, if a druggist doesn't have the good sense to conduct himself properly, his competitors will soon get his business. We believe that the same principle applies to doctors and hospitals wherever they exist in adequate numbers."

"We believe it might be possible to socialize medicine—and everything else—if we know how to socialize morals." Humanity being what it is, it will be some time before even the most advanced planners figure out how to socialize morals. Until then, we'd better hang on to the best and fairest social and economic system the world has yet known.

Mother

"Your cheery smile, your helpful ways,
Your steadfast faith in me
Have shown me just how full of love
A mother's heart can be,
And nothing I can ever do
Can possibly repay
The debt of love and happiness
I owe to you today."

Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day when we should pause to honor and pay tribute to her. The above verse should be the sentiment of each of us. Let us remember Mother on Her Day and every day.

Have you noticed the nice show windows of the Sylva stores. All have dressed their windows, displaying their merchandise for Mother's Day gifts. They are a credit to any town of this size or larger.

The Industrial Arts display in the window of Professional Drug store of the class at Western Carolina Teachers College shows the progress being made in this department at the College. Some very fine work of arts in this type of craft is displayed by the students, which is filling a big gap in training of our young people at WCTC.

War-wrecked Europe is expecting a record influx of American tourists, loaded with those Yankee dollars. The Old World's ruination may yet prove its salvation!

- 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.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What do you do with complaints? Do you make them to others, receive them from others, or do both?

I once read the story of a clergyman who kept on his desk a special note book, which he had labeled, "Complaints of Members." But the book contained nothing but blank pages. When one of his parishioners called to tell him of the faults of another, he would say, "I have a complaint book here. I shall write down the things you say. And when I take the matter up with the official board, I shall tell them of your complaint."

The sight of the complaint book and the ready pen had its effect. "Oh, no, I don't care to have you write it down, not that I made the complaint!" And no entry was made.

The clergyman kept the book for forty years, opened it thousands of times before complaints and never had occasion to write a line in it.

We would all be more careful of what we say, if we knew it was being made a matter of record with our names attached. Yet the Bible records the words of Jesus, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Interpret that as you will. It reads to me like some kind of record is being made of the things which we say. We record and reproduce the human voice now on mechanical devices. Who will say that everything we utter may not possibly be recorded somewhere.

If you must complain, then get a complaint book and write down your complaints there, or use the method of the complaining prophet Jeremiah—he went in his prayer closet and did his complaining to the Lord.

If you can't receive complaints with a smile, pass them off, then get a complaint book. If that doesn't appeal to you, then try a pin cushion and fasten each complaint into it with a pin. If the complaint makes you especially angry, then jab the pin into the pin cushion a half a dozen times for good measure.

I try never to forget these lines of an old poem by Will Carlton, which I have often quoted before in this column:

"Boys flying kites haul in their white winged birds.
You can't do that when you are flying words.
Thoughts unsaid often fall back dead.
But God Himself cannot unsay Tommy Price of Charlotte, vice-

them when once they're said." Each one of us should include in our morning prayer the petition of the Psalmist, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Then try to remember that you learn far more in life by listening than you do by talking.

A quick look AROUND W.N.C.

MEDICAL UNIT TO OPEN IN CLAREMONT

NEWTON—A modern new building to house a physician's office and drug store has been completed in Claremont and plans for the opening have been perfected.

Dr. and Mrs. Rex W. Spears have moved into their apartment upstairs in the building, and a dentist's office in the same building is also completed, but a dentist has not yet been secured.

Dr. Spears, a twenty-nine-year-old physician, who has been practicing in Ft. Madison, Iowa, will open his office in Claremont within the next few days and will begin his practice as a physician and a surgeon.

He is a graduate of the University of Utah, and did special work at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., prior to going to Ft. Madison.

Mrs. Spears is a registered nurse and plans to assist her husband in his practice.

The new physician will practice in Claremont and vicinity where there has been no practicing physician living in over thirty years.

STUDENTS END 2-DAY CONGRESS

CANTON—The two-day session of the annual district North Carolina Student Council Congress, which attracted more than a hundred high school students from various sections, ended with the election of officers at noon Saturday.

Delegates attending the convention, featuring the theme of "Working Toward A Better Student Council", were entertained at a recreational outing, square dance program and banquet at Camp Hope Friday evening.

There they heard Dr. Walter T. McFall, Asheville, president of the North Carolina Dental Society, talk on "Student Council Activities." He was introduced by Dan Matthews of Canton high school.

New officers are Doty Robinson of Mooresville, secretary; Ronald Dickson of Shelby, president; Tommy Price of Charlotte, vice-

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

ELECTION BRINGS TALK OF "THIS" COUNTRY

The coming primary and election is causing a great deal of talk about the welfare of our nation, where we are headed, etc. The most disastrous thing about these conversations is the expression that people are using when they refer to the United States of America. You hear people say, "The trouble with 'this country' is we are going socialist," or it may be some other criticism. However, the bad sign is that we are saying "this country" instead of "OUR COUNTRY."

We don't like the phrase "this

country" as applied to our United States of America. It's OUR country—that is, every true and loyal American's country, and we prefer to have it called that.

The very phrase itself should cause politicians to wake up and turn some of the functions of the Federal government back to the States. Then the States should turn some power back to the counties. The government is so big now that it staggers our imagination. Naturally more and more people say "this country" instead of "our country." It's because we are becoming more and more as school children needing guidance instead of full-fledged citizens who need only opportunity, or at least that is the attitude Senators and Congressmen are taking.

With all of its social leanings America is "our country"—not just some place we might happen to be living in for the moment. It's "OUR" home, the home of our children—our America, "OUR" country — and let's call it that! —Mount Holly News.

PERSONALS

Rev. C. M. Warren and Miss Pauline Snelson are in Chicago, Illinois, this week attending the Southern Baptist convention.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. McClure and daughter, Nadine, of Akron, Ohio, arrived Saturday to spend a week with relatives in Sylva and Waynesville.

Miss Dixie Nell Southard and friends, Georginia Sanchez of Havana, Cuba, and Digna Garcia of Pov Las Villas, Cuba, students at Montreat college, visited Miss Southard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Southard, over the week-end.

Rev. Cecil Watson of Youngsville will be the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Watson. While here he will occupy the pulpit of the Sylva Baptist Church at the morning worship hour.

Sgt. Alex L. Southard, Jr., now stationed at Fort Bragg, arrived Saturday for a few days' visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Southard.

Rev. W. H. Wakefield returned Wednesday from Louisville, Tenn., where he spent three days with his father and other relatives.

president; and George Ponder of Hendersonville, treasurer.

MURPHY FFA WINS SECOND PLACE

MURPHY — Murphy School's Chapter of Future Farmers of America won second place in a livestock judging contest conducted by the Nantahala Federation of FFA clubs at the Mountain Experiment Station at Waynesville on April 29. Bethel won first place.

Murphy's team members were Guy Dockery, Garland Kephart, J. B. Gentry, and Elmer Taylor. Other teams competing were Franklin, Bryson City, Robbinsville, Waynesville, Fines Glenville, Hayesville, Clyde, and Andrews.

Murphy's dairy judging team, composed of Homer Raper, Lowin Nations, and Frank McDonald, won third place in the contest.

RAPID PROGRESS ON HIGHWAYS

Construction of secondary roads in this state will reach an operational peak this summer, according to a statement recently released by the state highway department. At this time the commission has under contract 339 projects—an increase of 73 over last year—152 of which are under the bond program.

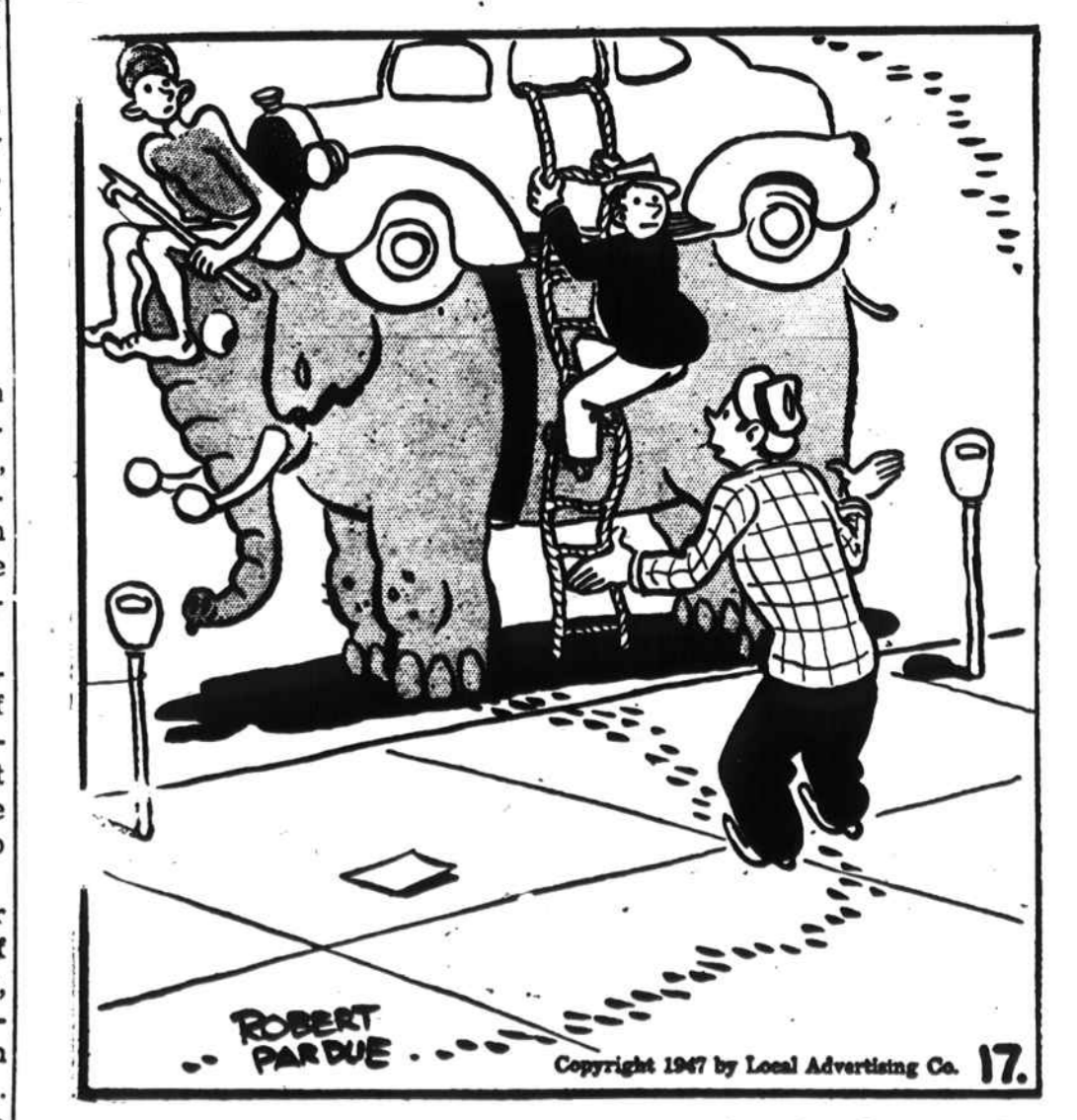
Indicating the sharply stepped up tempo of road construction in this state since January, an average of more than two contracts a day have been let. Competition for the work has been brisk and prices satisfactory.

On the first of this month all but \$9,000,000 of the first \$50,000,000 borrowed had been allocated to specific projects and some of the \$75,000,000 segment has been pledged.

If the state can maintain this pace throughout the summer, it seems fairly certain that thousands of miles of roads in this state which, during bad winter weather in the past have been impassable, will be able to carry normal traffic in any kind of weather. It is to be hoped that in locating new roads the department will endeavor to run them where they will serve the largest number of people and at the same time keep in mind that they also serve as integral parts of a state system.

If that is done, we believe the majority of our people will be satisfied when the last project has been finished. —Forest City Courier.

CAR-TUNES by Kirk-Davis



"But wouldn't it have been much simpler to have KIRK-DAVIS CHEVROLET CO. reline the brakes?"

MUGGS AND SKEETER

