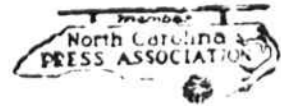


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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

- A careless word may kindle strife; A cruel word may wreck a life; A bitter word may hate instill; A brutal word may smite and kill; A gracious word may smooth the way; A joyous word may light the day; A timely word may lessen stress; A loving word may heal and bless.

—Bible Friend.

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.—Beecher.

Progress At WCTC

Western Carolina Teachers College has taken another major step in its movement toward becoming one of the State's institutions of higher learning. The announcement this week by President Paul A. Reid that the college has added a graduate division with work leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Education, comes as good news to the thousands of friends of the institution.

Situated as it is in the delightful scenic and climatic heart of Western North Carolina, it should now draw many more students for the regular college course and to those seeking to do their graduate work in so delightful surroundings. Summer school work in the hot centers, such as Chapel Hill and Nashville, has been very trying. With the opportunity now to study, rest and relax in the cool breezes, Western North Carolina will certainly be attractive to those seeking to do graduate work during the summer months.

Dr. Reid and his committee are to be congratulated upon having taken the necessary steps for bringing the college up to the standard of being recognized as ready to offer the degree.

Response Is Good

The response to appeals for funds to help pay the hospital and medical bills of little Charles Simms has been most gratifying. Almost everyone approached, individuals, and clubs alike, have given something. The little fellow has made such a gallant fight, and apparently has won, that the people have opened up their hearts to his need and responded splendidly.

Charles is now up and running around the hospital but it isheartrending to see his little arm and shoulder gone. He lost his right arm, and his side is almost straight from his neck down, not having a shoulder or stub of an arm left.

The Woodmen of the World, Rotary Club and other clubs have taken a keen interest in the little fellow and they hope to see some program worked out for putting Charles through high school and on through some college or vocational program for making him a self-supporting person when he grows up.

Parking On Mill Street

It appears to us that the citizens of Sylva are going to have to demand some drastic action regarding unlimited parking on Mill Street. This narrow street has become so congested it is almost impossible, at times, for traffic to pass and at other times traffic is held up be-

"Socialized Medicine Is No Bargain"

You would hardly expect a head of a big labor union to be against Socialized Medicine since most labor unions lean strongly toward socialized ideas, but William L. Hutcheson, General President United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and Vice president of the American Federation of Labor, in an address before the Joint Session of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 7, made the following remarks: "I am against socialized medicine. So is the organization which I have the honor of heading. At the twenty-sixth General Convention of the brotherhood held in Cincinnati last September 1, 300 delegates, representing better than 54 per cent of the total membership, voted down a resolution to support the National Health Program. This probably does not jibe with the feelings of a good deal of the rest of labor movements because much of the pressure for "free" medical care is coming from labor organizations. But it does reflect my sentiments and the sentiments of our recent convention.

"Saving a dollar has never been distasteful to me. In fact, I like to get as much for my money as the next man. That is one of the reasons why I oppose socialized medicine. It is no bargain. It looks cheap the way the backers present it, but when you dig down under the fancy layer of propaganda frosting you find that it can be mighty expensive. The British people have already discovered this fact. The July issue of International Labour Office, contains some very interesting data on the operation of the National Health Service in Britain. I quote a few lines of that report:

"The total (gross) cost of the National Health Service in 1948-1949, the first year of operation, greatly exceeded the original estimate. This was 265 million pounds, as against a revised estimate of 368 million pounds, with a net cost to the taxpayer of 278 million pounds. The revised estimate for the year 1949-1950 was 450 million pounds as against an original estimate of 352 million pounds. For the 1950-1951, the cost is estimated at 484 million pounds; in 1946 when the Bill was passed, the service was believed to cost 167 million pounds a year.

"If the day ever comes to America when Uncle Sam usurps the power to dictate to doctors under a health plan, it will be a sad day for carpenters. Adequate housing is still an unsolved problem in this country, especially for the poor. If it is logical to nationalize the medical profession to get more medical service for the poor, it is equally logical to nationalize the home construction industry to get roofs over the heads of the lower income groups.

"I do not know much about doctors, but I know quite a bit about carpenters. They are an independent lot. They want to work where and how they please. The first bureaucrat who told a carpenter he had to work in Little Rock when he wanted to work in Lancaster would be gumming his food for lack of teeth. Carpenters want to be free agents; free to work where they want to; free to negotiate the terms of their wages and working conditions through collective bargaining; yes, even free to leave the industry and try their luck at something else if the spirit moves them.

"They will retain these freedoms only so long as all other groups retain theirs. Socialization is like a wolf with a tape-worm; once it starts gnawing, it never can stop. Socialized medicine would only be the first bite out of our free enterprise system; it would not be many years before the carpenters would be feeling the teeth of socialization on the seats of their overalls. Any way you look at it, socialized medicine is no bargain and the carpenters want none of it."

DENVER, COLO., MINING RECORD: "Expressing fear that the United States government policy of deficit spending is making the nation fiscally vulnerable from within and perhaps so greatly extended as to be militarily vulnerable, U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia suggests that the country put on the brakes. He said the nation's only hope for survival is in free enterprise, but the President and our leaders are still insisting upon expansion of costly socialistic legislation."

cause of an unbroken line of cars and trucks parked next to the curb on the South side. If parking meters are needed in Sylva they are needed most on Mill street.

"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

"Snow! Winter's here! Time for Farmer Brown to start cutting and skidding."

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What can I do to help our nation in a great hour of need? Each of us should be asking this question. We can't leave it to our political, military and spiritual leaders. They can't do it without our help.

We are facing a great spiritual crisis in addition to a military and political crisis. Our very existence as a free nation is at stake.

The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World has published seven suggestions for the man in the street "as you read your newspaper or listen to the radio, as you talk to friends and business associates, or as you think over the situation alone."

What A Layman Can Do!

- 1. Have faith in God, in man, in yourself—faith in the ultimate victory of right over wrong. Have faith in our leaders and in God's ability to use them for His purpose. 2. Be an island of calm confidence in a world of turmoil—not blind wishful thinking, but belief in the power for right of a God who cares. 3. Be friendly to everyone you meet. Throw a pebble of kind-

ness into the pool of human relations to help overcome hatred.

4. Pray repeatedly, realizing that you are using an overwhelming power for good. Use spot prayers more and more frequently during the day to try to beneficially condition destructive situations as they are reported.

5. Practice the exclusion of doubt and fear from the mind. Keep a record of constructive thoughts put into words during the day and of destructive thoughts not uttered. Be sure the balance at evening is on the positive side. (Be spiritually positive in your thinking and praying.)

6. Develop the consciousness that there is a constructive answer—no matter how depressing events may seem.

7. Look upon yourself as a child of God, made in His image—then love your neighbor as yourself.

These suggestions are printed in leaflet form and are designed for wide use such as office bulletin boards, plant publications, mailing enclosures, church bulletins and for distribution among friends and associates. Copies may be had by writing The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, 347 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. The price of the leaflet is 2 cents each. We recommend these to business heads for distribution to their employees; to pastors for distribution in their churches; to leaders of all groups who are interested in helping to lead our nation away from war and destruction.

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14).

A quick look AROUND W.N.C.

FRANKLIN — The board of county commissioners Monday unanimously passed an order to sell the county's property on West Main street to the Nantahala Power and Light company for \$15,000.

The power company, which plans a new home on the lot, proposes to erect a two-story office building and a one-story service building on the lot at a total cost estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

The board's action was acceptance of an offer of \$15,000 cash made by the power company in September.

WAYNESVILLE — Between 100 and 125 men are scheduled to begin work the first of the week on the 22 units of Balsam Manor Apartments, on the 3-acre tract just back of the high school. The project represents an investment of about \$250,000. The buildings will be brick veneer.

Albert W. Drake, superintendent in charge of the project, told The Mountaineer that he expected to have brick masons laying brick the

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY Early in December, certain sections of Florida voted on a proposition which would allow whiskey, beer and wine to be sold on Sunday. It is now prohibited in these places from Saturday to Monday. The big argument of those who favor this proposition is that it will stop the bootlegging of whiskey on Sunday. They claim that it will not materially increase the consumption but will only legalize the business and allow the state and town to get the tax which is now going to the bootlegger.

That is always the favored argument and it is always supported by the manufacturers and distributors of the whiskey. If it did not increase the sale of liquor the manufacturers would not be interested in the change.

There are those in this state who would also favor the sale of whiskey on Sunday. — Mount Holly News.

A BOMB NOT SUFFICIENT

Winston Churchill has made the statement that only possession of the atomic bomb has prevented Red Russian troops from over running Europe.

This is only an opinion of Mr.

first of the week, and within a week's time start erecting framing.

The apartments will be eight buildings, of the one story garden type construction. There will be 22 apartments, consisting of two and three bedrooms each. The plans call for a large picture window in each living room, spacious closet space, complete electrical kitchen, and built-in cabinets. There will be 12 garages.

CANTON — At 12:30 p.m., daily thirty minutes past noon, the bells of the Canton churches will be rung for five minutes each day beginning on Friday, Dec. 8. The bells will signal a time for prayer by all peoples; the prayers are to be directed towards the peace of the world and the safety of all nations.

The plan is being inaugurated by the Canton Ministers Association in the hope that all church people will become aware of the need for God's help in the just working of the United Nations. It further shows an awareness of the need for penitence for a proper observance of the Christmas Festival.

The plan was adopted by the ministers at their regular meeting Monday.

MARSHALL — The State Board of Elections yesterday postponed until December 19 a decision on whether it will take action in a Madison County election row.

The row has resulted in a tense situation with two men, a Democrat and a Republican, each claiming that he is Madison's legal sheriff.

Whatever action is taken by the election board, the issue seems to be headed to the State Supreme Court for settlement.

By December 19, the elections board hopes to have before it the report of an SBI probe into alleged election irregularities in Madison. Then the board is expected to decide whether it will go into Madison for an on-the-scene investigation as requested by Republicans.

Churchill's, of course, but this theory finds a measure of support in a report made recently by the Royal Institute of Public Affairs, a group of distinguished Britons.

They concluded from their studies that fear of the atomic bomb might be a restraining though not a decisive factor in Soviet planning.

The Britons warned the West against a too firm reliance on the atom bomb and pointed out that it was no substitute for conventional weapons. Its strategic use early in a war, they admitted, might have a decisive effect but they argued that the devastation caused by such use would not necessarily break the will of the people to resist.

The chief value of the atomic bomb, they argued, was uncertainty as to whether and how it would be used. The highly centralized political and economic control directed by the politburo was especially vulnerable to atom bomb attack, they pointed out, but stated that it was useless to prevent Soviet aggression where done by proxy and where Soviet forces were not involved.—Times, Brevard.

Veterans Service Officers To Meet

A district meeting of Veterans Service Officers for the Western District of North Carolina Veterans Commission has been called for 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 15, in the American Legion Hall in Sylva.

The local Service Office will be closed Friday afternoon for this meeting.

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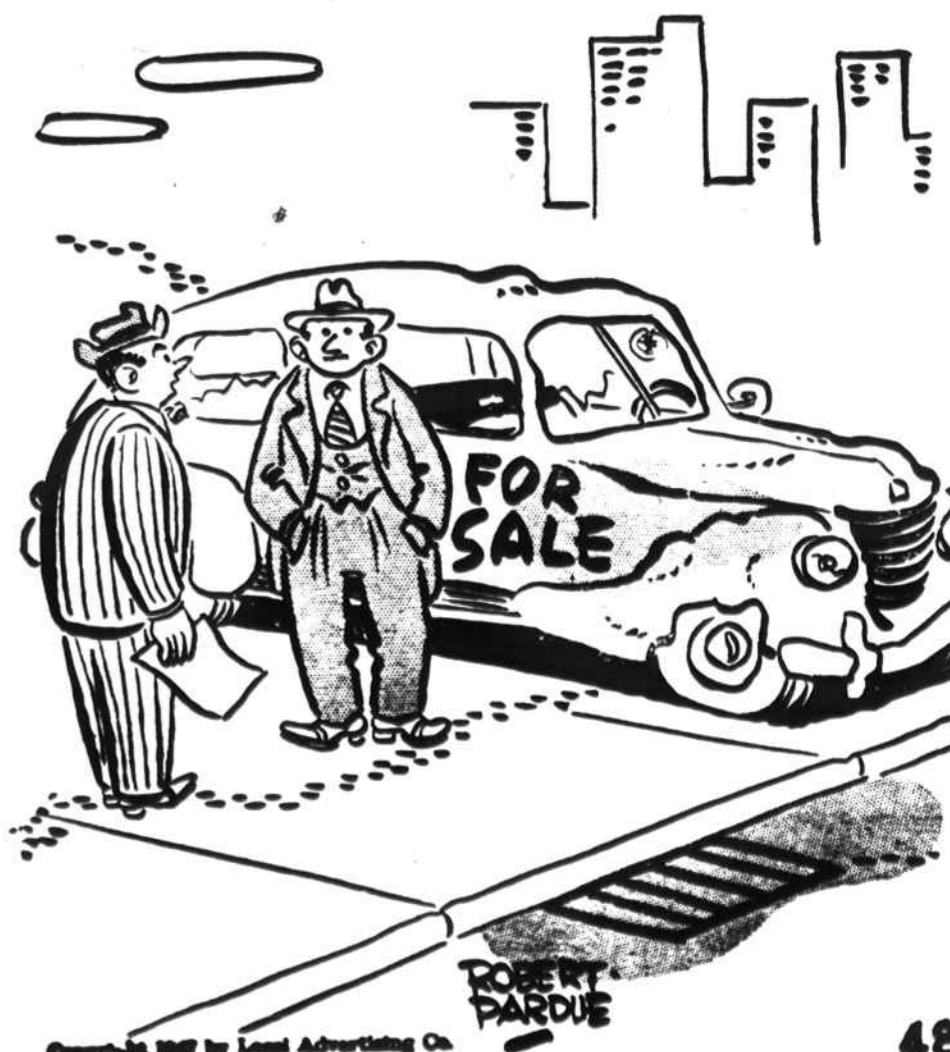
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