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## BAPTIST PASTOR TERMS AUTO GIFT AT FAIR GAMBLE

Franches Sermon in Which He Says Drawing is Unrighteous

## THINKS IT ERROR OF HEAD, NOT OF HEART

Duty To God, He Says, Impels Him To Voice Disapproval—Will Visit Fair, But Will Not Accept Coupon—Would Rather Walk Home Than "Ride To Hell."

Rev. Ebert N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, believes that the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association's offer to give an automobile to some purchaser of a ticket to the fair grounds this week contains an element of chance which, according to his idea, is illegal and a method of gambling. Sunday a large part of his sermon was given over to his ideas along this line. From the pulpit he said:

I have been informed that the Harnett County Fair Association has purchased a new Overland car to be given during "Fair week" to some purchaser of an admission ticket; and that each ticket has an attached coupon bearing a number and conveying the right of a "draw" for the car, and thus giving to every visitor to the fair a chance to win the car. The more tickets that one may buy the better the chance for one's winning the prize.

As a teacher of morals and of religion I am impelled to say, and I would not be true to myself or my Lord if I did not say, that I could not conscientiously accept the car on such conditions, nor can I see how one can win with moral or religious approval. I do not believe in gambling, but I do believe in the truth of the matter. It is, essentially, an advertising scheme, an effective one; and the more effective the more deserving of censure. As an advertising scheme it succeeds only as it induces the purchasing of tickets that would not otherwise be bought. As a scheme for advertising it will be a failure financially if it does not cause the buying of at least one thousand tickets that would not, apart from the chance of winning the car, be purchased at all. For those who may purchase this extra thousand tickets, and thus expending some \$500.00, it is manifestly the element of lottery, the buying of a chance, and the form of gambling involved in the scheme that make it effective as an advertisement.

"I am planning to purchase tickets to the fair ground, not because I want a new Overland, but because I am expecting to get the worth of the money invested. Hundreds of other like-minded people will do the same thing; and to such it will not be a case of gambling or lottery. But, on the other hand, those who purchase tickets because of the chance element, and who would not buy them if the winning of the car were not involved, are gamblers in the sight of God. Such buying is condemned by the laws of the State and Nation, and cannot be justified before men or God. Those who purchase tickets with a pure motive ought to vindicate that motive by repudiating the ungodly scheme. As for myself I shall tear into bits the coupons attached to my tickets, when I buy them, and thus vindicate my own motive.

Those who are impelled by the motive of the gambler to buy tickets ought to stay at home and pray, for God will bring such into judgment. I feel that I must utter this protest in the name of the people in Harnett County that live righteous. When the effectiveness of any advertising scheme lies in its appeal to the gambling instinct, or to the greed element of human nature, it is to be condemned as unworthy of a people that fear God and love righteousness.

No thoughtful man with spiritual insight into the nature of things can fail to recognize the demoralizing influence of any thing that smacks of gambling, of anything that magnifies chance and places it above the will of God. One had better be right than "lucky." Gambling is contrary to the biblical teachings as to the stewardship of money. It encourages men to gamble with God's money; it is blind to spiritual values; and it encourages selfishness. Those who truly fear

## DEMOCRATS OPEN FIGHT IN EARNEST

State Chairman Norwood Arranges Speeches in Every County of State

The "off year" campaign will be on in earnest next week, with State Chairman J. Dava Norwood planning broadsides in practically every county in the State. Speaking engagements for 50 of the 100 counties of the State have been announced by the chairman and others are pending in all counties save a scattering few where fairs or other local conditions make next week a poor time for political rallies.

The best that Democracy has in the shop, which means the oratorical talent of the State, will be put into service next week, with a few leaders not available for service then, scheduled to speak later in the campaign. Speakers announced yesterday include: Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the Navy; Attorney General James S. Manning; Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle and H. S. Ward, State Auditor Baxter Durham, O. Max Gardner, former Lieutenant Governor, and J. W. Bailey, prospective candidate for Governor; formerly Speaker Dennis G. Brummitt, former District Attorney E. F. Aydest, Aubrey L. Brooks, former candidate for Senator; former Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, Judge Francis B. Winston, and Colonel Albert L. Cox, J. M. Broughton and Charles U. Harris, all of Raleigh.

While next week will see the war of Democracy raised in virtually every county of the State the heaviest booking made at the headquarters are from October 20 until the close of the campaign. In addition to Josephus Daniels, O. Max Gardner and other speakers who have engagements for this week, Governor Cameron, Harwood, former Congressman

every county in the State, but will also see the only invasion of the State by an outside speaker, United States Senator Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, being scheduled to speak at Salisbury on Friday and at Reidsville on Saturday.

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Such a questionable thing is calculated to encourage lawlessness in the county. As a servant of Christ I am not primarily concerned about the legal aspects of the matter. However, some of our ablest lawyers declare unhesitatingly that the Fair association in carrying on this form of lottery is making itself liable to indictment under the laws of North Carolina. Any form of gambling is conducive of a spirit of lawlessness. Good citizens should cry out against any thing that encourages the development of a cessary of gamblers. In the name of good citizenship I voice this protest.

I believe heartily in the Harnett County Fair Association; I honor the noble men that control its policies and determine its methods. I would be the last man to wound the feelings of a single one of them personally. I think their action in this matter is a mistake of the head rather than of the heart. The association as a public institution is amenable to public approval or criticism.

I heartily believe in the Harnett County Fair. I shall support it, and encourage others to do so. But, if it is to be a choice between large gate receipts and good morals, I am for good morals. If it is to be a choice between pleasing the directors of the association and pleasing the Christ that commissions me to speak the truth, I have made my choice.

As one called to be a religious and moral leader, I would urge every one to stand by the Fair Association, supporting it every good and helpful thing; but no man would I urge every man who stands for God, and for good morals to use every opportunity for disapproving and condemning all that hurts human character or repudiates the name of Christ.

Permit me to say that I have not spoken hastily as to this extremely important matter. The matter has marked out to me in unmistakable clearness my path of duty, and I could go no other way and still follow Him. He is calling all that love Him to show by word and act their loyalty to Him, to the end that such a thing shall not be countenanced by the people of Harnett county.

## RALEIGH PAGEANT TO BE INTERESTING

St. Mary's School Campus Scene Of Big Fair Week Feature

An unusual attraction in Raleigh during fair week will be the religious pageant, "The Cross Triumphant," which will be given Tuesday afternoon and night, October 17th, last, on St. Mary's Campus. In case of rain it will be given in the city auditorium. More than 800 persons from all parts of North Carolina will take part in the pageant.

The pageant is a series of moving tableaux showing the history of Christianity in Old England and America. It is based partly on history and partly upon tradition, and written by Mrs. Marietta Mudgett Andrews, of Washington, D. C. The opening play, sponsored by Mrs. T. W. Stogden, shows Joseph of Arimathea, who had fled to the British Isles in the first century, planting there the staff of Christianity cut from the tree of the Crown of Thorns.

Then follows the early days of persecutions of Christians, and the sixth century scene in the market place of Rome, where children of England are sold, and the Benedictine Monk, Gregory, touched by the sight of the slavery market, resolved to carry the gospel of Christ to England.

In the fourth picture, Gregory, having become Pope, fulfills his earlier resolve, and sends St. Augustine, where, in the Kingdom of Kent, he is welcomed by Queen Bertha, a French Princess, whose husband, King Ethelbert, accepts for his dominion the faith of the Crucified One.

This picture will be sponsored by the Community Players of Raleigh. Through the period of early Christianity in the British Isles, the theme of religious fervor sends its way up to the scene of the Crucifixion, when

St. Walter Raleigh comes to Roanoke, North Carolina, thus opening the way for the church in the New World, Christian baptism being administered to Virginia Dare.

Particularly interesting will be the fifteenth picture showing the founding of St. Mary's School in 1842 in Raleigh. The thirteen original students arrive in a stage coach drawn by four horses, and loaded with trunks, hand boxes, and fodder for the horses. Dr. and Mrs. Albert Snodden, founders of the school, are present to receive the girls.

Through the Civil War period, and up to the recent days of conflict, goes the thread of the drama. The climax is reached in the "Christmas Story of No-Man's Land," where the entrenched dough-boys behold the spirit of Christianity hovering above the battle-field. Shining with a new light, "The Cross Triumphant," beckons from a nearby hillside. Climbing the steep ascent is a little child, followed by the people of all the ages, saints and sinners, kings and beggars, all nations and all faiths, gather on the hillside in the shadow of the Cross.

## A CATHOLIC MISSION

Will begin in the Sacred Heart church on Sunday, October 15th. The sermons to be preached by the Rev. Father Reginald Lumsden, of the Pastoral Fathers, will be of interest to members of all denominations. All are invited to see, hear and judge for themselves Catholics in the preaching and the practice of their religion. The mission will open at the ten o'clock mass on Sunday morning and close on Friday night. A special sermon will be preached each night at eight o'clock. The subjects will be as follows:

- Sunday night: "Our Souls and Our Ambitions."
  - Monday night: Marriage and Birth Control."
  - Tuesday night: "A Message From the Dead."
  - Wednesday night: "What Happens To The Soul After Death."
  - Thursday night: "A Story of Infinite Love."
  - Friday night: "The Catholic Church and Her Enemies. Is She Guilty of the Charges Made Against Her? Be Just and Hear Both Sides of the Case."
- The 15,000 negro farm boys enrolled in crop and livestock clubs in 1921, under the direction of agricultural-extension workers, raised products valued at \$220,000, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture.

## SHADOWS OF GREAT FUTURE HERE

Heavy Showings of Attendance And Interest With Program

## WEATHER FORECASTER SAYS FAIR WEDNESDAY

All Exhibits Here Opened With Products Of District Farmers, Home-Made Tractors, Midway Closed With Great Showings

Under the leadership of Mrs. Dunn this morning's fair opened with a heavy showing of attendance last night. The weather, however, is expected to be a little better today.

Other many features of the fair are planned for the opening of the fair. The fair will be held at the fair grounds, and the fair will be held at the fair grounds.

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## LEON CONVENTION

Kaiser And Littleton Stage Fifteen Round Fight At New Orleans, October 16.

New Orleans, Oct. 5.—It will be the Army versus the Navy when Fay Kaiser and Happy Littleton stage a fifteen-round decision fight for the middleweight championship of the American Legion during its national convention here, October 16th. Legions were in the Army are backing Kaiser, while Littleton's supporters include thousands of former "gobs."

Kaiser has an enviable war record. As first sergeant, he led his company over the top at Montaucon and was wounded in the shoulder shortly after going into action. He refused to return for first aid and stayed with his company, applying for treatment only after his unit had attained its objective late in the evening.

Kaiser fought Bob Martin, A. E. F. heavyweight champion for the title at the Olympic games in Paris and gave the champion a close run for the belt. He has since defeated Martin at Boston as well as Herman Miller and Ray McMillan.

Littleton's war record is also good. He served four years in the Navy as a first class seaman. He was on the battleship Louisiana and served on two mine sweepers in the North Sea. While in the Navy, Littleton defeated Howard Trumbly, Atlantic Fleet heavyweight champion. Littleton has fought Joe Chip, Betting Ortega, Billy Shado, Bob Roper and Chuck Wiggins.

MRS. GODDARD ENTERTAINS Mrs. Ellison Goddard entertained the Home News club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Autumn flowers were used throughout the hall and garter as decorations. There were three tables of bridge and refreshments. The following club members and special guests—Misses L. C. Stephens, E. M. Pittman, Wm. Pearsall, Carl Fitchett, Carl Burefoot, Horton Gannon, H. B. Taylor, David Pearsall, G. M. Tishman, Harvie Lantz, of Oklahoma City, Claude Gardner of Washington and Miss Eschard of Clifford.

Miss Goddard assisted by her mother, Mrs. E. H. Pearsall, and Miss Fanny Goddard served delicious refreshments, lead tea and nutria.

Farmers in Independence County, Ark., have shipped cooperatively this year 15 carloads of hogs fed and standardized for shipment according to methods advocated by extension workers. A report to the United States Department of Agriculture over the total price offered

## PAVED HIGHWAY NORTH AND SOUTH

Chamber of Commerce To Co-Operate With Other Bodies From Virginia South

Plans to launch a campaign looking to the construction of a hard surface highway from the Virginia line to the South Carolina boundary across this section of the state were announced by chamber of commerce officials this morning following an informal conference between President Ellis Goldstein and other officers of the commercial organization and good roads enthusiasts of this city.

The plan of the Chamber of Commerce as outlined by President Goldstein is to get Weldon, Halifax, Whitakers, Battleboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Selma, Fayetteville and other towns which the proposed highway would connect lined up in mass formation for heading the highway project and for utmost cooperation in presenting the position to the state highway commission. To this effect, letters embodying the proposed plans are being sent to chambers of commerce and road enthusiasts in every town along the contemplated route of the road. Further conferences on the matter are to be held as soon as responses are received from these towns which are expected to join wholeheartedly in the campaign.

In announcing the campaign plans, chamber of commerce officials pointed out that steps were already under way for a Capital-to-Coast highway running east and west but that nothing at all had been said concerning a highway north and south which, they declare is badly needed and would prove of great benefit not only to eastern Carolina but to the entire state.

Those promoting the plan declare that the proposed road is vitally needed and that the project will be carried out by the state.

## OLD NORTH STATE SURPASSES WEST

Goldboro Man Returns From Oregon Prouder Than Ever Of North Carolina

Goldboro, Oct. 7.—"With superior natural resources, superior climate and kindred advantages the youth of North Carolina stands on the threshold of a veritable empire as compared with the vastness and emptiness which engulfs the wealth producing sections of the West," today declared George C. Royall, local manufacturer, who has just returned from the National Council of the Episcopal Church held in Portland, Ore. He further declared that business is not recovering as fast in the West.

Mr. Royall spent days investigating. Dropping off the train at Canyon City, he asked a grower about the orchards that loomed in view all around him.

"That's my packing plant," the stranger in a modest khaki working suit told him. He explained how the growing trees were loosened by huge troughs that bored the water from the river into the irrigation ditches surrounding the orchard, and how lateral ditches carried it to the soil under the trees. Mr. Royall questioned him about the market.

"See the canning factory over yonder?" the man told him. "If the market isn't good for the raw product packed as we pack it here, I send the apples over there."

Another man explained to him how the "Sun-kist" orange marketing corporation has perfected its marketing machine to the point where it knows the consumption of oranges in every town in the United States over 1,200 population, and commands the growers price for the oranges. And it came away with the knowledge that "before this co-operative system was established, one-half the orange crop of California was lost."

## MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION IS BEING ORGANIZED

Concern Will Manufacture and Distribute Electrical Switch

## IT IS INVENTION OF THOMAS L. VAUGHN

Enables Current Users To Turn Lights As Low Or As High As They Desire And Is Expected To Supplant Ordinary Appliance Now In Use.

A corporation with capital stock of \$1,000,000 is in the preliminary stage of organization here to manufacture and market an electrical switch invented by Thomas L. Vaughn, traveling salesman for a dry goods concern.

The company has not yet applied for a charter, but its attorney, Godwin and Williams, probably will apply for one within the next few days.

Mr. Vaughn's switch is a simple appliance through which the most powerful incandescent globes may be lowered to a half-watt power. It makes the turning down of the electric light as easy as that of the old incandescent lamp, permitting a corresponding decrease in the quantity of current consumed. The switch is no larger than the ordinary wall switch and cost very little more.

Mr. Vaughn has been assured that millions of them can be substituted as soon as they are manufactured. He has been offered large sums of money and royalties for the patent, but has declined to sell. Several cities and towns have endeavored to get him to locate his plant in them. So far he has declined all overtures to that effect. It is his intention to have the new manufacturing plant located in the State.

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Mr. Parker is popular among Dunn people. They remember his speech here two years ago. He pleased them and gave the Republican candidate. This opinion is responsible for the invitation extended him to open the fair this year. He will be entertained by his college friends Judge Robert L. Godwin, at the beautiful country home of the Godwin's just outside of Dunn. Judge Godwin is a brother of former Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin, who is chairman of the county democratic executive committee. The former congressman, himself, will introduce Mr. Parker to his audience at the fair grounds.

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