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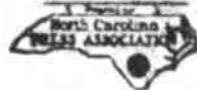
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A Successful Record

The average pastor today is expected to devote about as much time to civic affairs as they do to the work of his church.

This trend has been growing for many years, and today it is more in evidence than ever. The demand of a pastor's time, however, puts a double load on him. But then we do not know of a single one that is shirking this new demand, because they accept it as part of their program.

This editorial was prompted by the record of Rev. L. G. Elliott, who resigned yesterday as pastor of the First Baptist Church here to go to Roxboro, in the heart of North Carolina's flue cured tobacco belt.

The records of the church here show a substantial growth in membership, activity and gifts during the slightly less than six years in which Rev. Mr. Elliott has been pastor. This speaks well for his ability as pastor and leader, as well as for the progressiveness of the church.

Rev. Mr. Elliott gave freely of his time and energy to the many civic demands which were placed upon him. In all fairness to him, and other pastors like him, he did not undertake the civic duties at the expense of the church program.

We feel that it is fitting that pastors take the lead in civic work, as it gives prestige to the work, and very often allows the pastors to see life from a different angle than through the painted windows of their study.

Rev. Mr. Elliott and family have made many friends here, and have contributed much to the betterment of Haywood county. The citizens of Pearson county can expect as much as the Elliott family take up their work there with a record of success chalked up for them back in Haywood.

Claim Stock Car Races Bad

The group making a study of ways and means of curbing accidents on North Carolina highways have publicly criticized stock car racing.

The group pointed out that young men witnessing the races have an urge to see what the family car can do on the open highways. The sentiment of the group is strongly against such entertainment and no doubt the 1951 Legislature will be called upon for action to put a stop to this form of entertainment.

Unjustified Hoarding

As the grim realization that there is a "shooting war" in progress, the average American's thoughts turn to the last war and some of the economic changes which it brought—namely scarcity of certain goods, and rationing.

Almost daily one hears rumors that tend to stir the imagination, and in some instances has stirred buying of those things which were not readily available during the last war.

Right here in Waynesville there has been evidence of extra buying of tires and sugar. A limited amount in each instance, but enough to prove that the average person is thinking of self-preservation in the event of another inauguration of war-time measures. Many promised themselves that never again would they be "caught short" of essentials.

A rush into the market for items that will be hoarded will bring on a condition which will eventually mean hardship on everyone. Before rushing out and buying more than a normal supply, perhaps it would be well to remember that if and when rationing comes again, that each person will be made to give an account of the inventory of scarce goods on hand. The government learned a lot during the last war about rationing, and experts have been working on ways and means of plugging "loop-holes" which were much needed last time.

The Right Approach

Judge J. Will Pless, presiding judge at the July term of superior court here, expressed our sentiments on several occasions during the past week as he heard cases in which defendants were charged with driving while drunk.

Judge Pless emphatically stressed the fact that there is no excuse under heaven for a person to drive while drunk, or even partly drunk.

He told one defendant: "If you drink just a thimble full of beer, wine or whiskey, do not drive for even one yard—it is dangerous to yourself and everyone else."

We have often said before, and shall continue, that the curse of drunken driving will have to be broken by the courts. The full extent of the law will have to be given when passing out the sentences. Of course, and here again we agree with Judge Pless, too often the innocent are the ones who are hurt most when an effort is made to punish the guilty.

Take for example, a man charged with driving drunk. It is his family who usually suffers when he has to pay out \$150 to \$200 and have his driver's license revoked. The family often does without necessities of life, because the average person arrested for driving drunk cannot conveniently pay heavy fines and court costs.

The sooner the public learns that they cannot drink and drive and get by, the better off everyone will be. We feel that Judge Pless is approaching the problem from the right angle, and we feel his attitude and efforts will bear fruits.

No Surprise To Us

The news of the re-election of Charles E. Ray as chairman of the N. C. Park Commission did not come as any surprise to us. In fact, we would have been very much surprised if he had not been re-elected.

Mr. Ray, and his associates on the Park Commission, have accomplished a lot in the brief three years the Commission has been established. They have worked much harder than the average person will ever know.

The Commission is composed of an able lot of men, and with Mr. Ray as their continued leader, we can expect even greater accomplishments in the future than ever before.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO Oral Yates goes to Raleigh to accept a position in the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Agriculture.
3 YEARS AGO Officials of the National Park Service, State Highway officials, and civic leaders of this section meet for discussion of development of eastern area of the Smoky Mountains Park.
10 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers

Capital Letters

Editor's note—The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author, and not necessarily those of this newspaper.
BEAUTY PLUS—North Carolina love life is highly unusual. There is no closed season on them. In the summer they parade on the beaches, and in the fall they high-step before football thousands in "Semper Fidelis" and various Sousa airs.
RESIGNATION—J. B. Moore, State prison head, resigned as of July 1. He said that charges brought against him to the effect that he had used prison labor for work at his home would seriously effect his usefulness as prison superintendent.

Voice of the People

Do you think the United States should use the A-bomb to stop the Korean war?
O. A. Young: "Yes, I agree with the senator from Texas; give the Communist a week's notice, then if they don't cease firing, drop it. I believe all veterans will agree."
V. L. Reno: "I wouldn't want to say. It's too serious a matter to decide without a very careful consideration of every angle."
Bill Porter: "That decision should be left to the discretion of the top military men, who should be in a position to know."

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do you practise what you believe?
Answer: Yes, although you probably don't think so. The ideas and ideals which you profess to believe in, but admit you are unable to live up to, are not really beliefs; they are defenses against facing the fact that your unconscious mind has not accepted the rules which your conscience tells you should live by.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can childish "aggression" be tamed?
Answer: Yes, says Mrs. Beata Rank of the Putnam Children's Center, Boston. Aggressive behavior in a child does not mean that he is incurably destructive. It means only that his personality is not yet well enough organized to stand the frustration of his immediate wishes and to wait and plan for long-range satisfactions.

Rambling 'Round

Bits of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier
They were the sheepest and most beautiful pair of hose she had ever owned, and when she received them as a gift she promised herself they would be saved for a very special occasion. That great event arrived and she donned her very best raiment—and the hose. The completed ensemble gave her quite a thrill. As she turned from the mirror, her hand accidentally struck a tiny silver pin tray on her dresser and it fell—on her hose at exactly the only possible angle at which its sharp edge could cut her hose, and start eternal ruin to her treasured gift.



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
U. S. Ahead in War Planes
World Red Cross President Mum on Praise by Russians
WASHINGTON—The Air Force and the Navy may be developing the world's fastest fighter planes and the world's best bombers, but they are lagging far behind the British, and for that matter, our own air lines, in transport planes.

POINT OF NO RETURN



SWIVEL-HIPPED SWISS—The International Committee of the Red Cross, made up of about 25 Swiss citizens, may have Western sympathies, but they aren't admitting it—at least not in power-words with democratic leaders.
MARSHALL ORDEAL—Gen. George C. Marshall indicated the other day that the long questioning he underwent in connection with the congressional Pearl Harbor investigation ranks high among the ordeals of his life.