

### Boy Scout Campaign Fund

We have a great number of scrap-books, and in them we keep pictures and clippings which we treasure from our experiences in the past. Some of these pictures are from our scouting days, when we had the privilege of being a Scoutmaster. The pictures of our camp, the mealtimes, and the fun times bring back happy memories. But our greatest pride in this is that we had some small share in a movement which has meant so much to thousands and thousands of fine boys who grew into men of high ideals, character, ability and made great contributions to their communities and country.

We were reminded of all this when we noted in a recent issue of the Journal that there was a campaign on in

Davie county for the Scout fund. From personal experience we commend this work as being one of the best investments a community can make. The Scout movements attract boys who have worthy ambitions, and scout leaders are qualified to direct these ambitions in the right way, train the boys in ways and things that are useful and constructive. Real pleasure is one of the greatest contributions which can be given to a person, and along with the useful training goes a deep pleasure, even while working at the serious purposes of Scouting. Scout experiences are always treasured by men who passed through this period of life. Scouting helps boys to develop and express their latent qualities and ability into men of fine character and constructive citizenship.

### Where Are We According To Prophecy?

I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I have been a student of the Bible for more than half a century. Surely the world is ripening for destruction.

Listen to what Jesus said while He was here on earth: "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the Ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt. 24: 37-39)

The world became so very, very wicked in the days of Noah that God sent a flood and destroyed the human family, except Noah and his family—eight in all—who entered into the ark which God told him to prepare. Never in all history, so far as I know, has the world been so wicked as it is today, except in the days of Noah. How wicked, wicked the nations are now! Fornication and adultery, drinking and drunkenness, strife, hatred, crime, nudity, murder, disobedience to God, fighting and preparing to shed the blood of millions, or bomb humanity by millions, is in process as I write these lines.

Someone said recently if somebody speaks of a girl today as a "good girl" the young people will laugh and make fun of it. Of course there are exceptions. However, the vast majority of our young people today, and older ones, too, are bent on sin and wickedness. Thousands of our churches are vacated, especially on Sunday night, while multitudes are

frolicking, drinking and dancing, or looking at every ungodly scene that television brings into their homes, and thinking mainly of pleasure and having a big time, with no thought of the coming of Christ and the final judgment when "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalm 9:17).

St. Paul looked through the telescope of prophecy almost two thousand years ago and said: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, (unrestrained, unchaste), fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (II Tim. 3:1-5).

What a picture of our world today! Dark? Yes, but no darker than facts reveal to us, and will continue to reveal. How every Christian needs to pray and trust God; and be ready for the coming of our Lord! How every sinner needs to repent and seek God before it is too late eternally! Writers tell us it is later than we think. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." Read often the 91st Psalm and live in it. I read it daily and carry a copy of it in my billfold wherever I go.

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### Religion In The Here And Now

Rev. Norvin C. Duncan

"From sorrow, toil, and pain  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship  
reign  
Throughout eternity."

This old familiar hymn expresses the longing of the human heart to escape the pain, sorrows and hurts of this world, and an entrance into the life after death. It is the looking forward to life after death in another kind of world. It is an honest, laudable prayer, yet we keep asking ourselves if that world to which we are looking might be closer than we think, and that such a world is to appear in the dedicated, purposeful,

sacrificial living of those who profess and call themselves Christians. For, certainly, some of that world is included in the ideal of the Kingdom of God which can appear in this present world in the personal life and social endeavors of Christians. Our Lord taught us to pray for a kingdom coming upon the earth—God's rule in the lives of men and women dedicated to living out their professed principle. People who actually live out here and now the principles embodied in the Sermon on the Mount, will incur the enmity and violence of the world, but as they suffer perfection and pain they will be bringing in the Kingdom.

We keep looking at this world in its beauty, and the people who live in it, those who live out their professed beliefs, and we see the possibilities of a Kingdom on earth where we shall be free from sorrow and pain, and where labor becomes a joy. Christians should take the initiative for love, and by complete dedication accept persecutions and tribulations as part of the setting up of the Kingdom. Those who today, or in any day, seek to establish their own wills by hatreds, prejudices, and violence are creating a hell, not heaven upon the earth. Satan is the prince of hatreds and prejudices; God, in Christ, is the Prince of Heaven, and those who take the initiative for love, and suffer the cost of witnessing, become workers with God in the redemption of the world.

That Kingdom is not OF this world. It is from above but it should be IN Christians who are set to transform the world. Only as Christians lose their lives in outgoing to save the world can they find life—"THY Kingdom come; THY will be done ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

## SENATOR JORDAN REPORTS

By Sen. B. Everett Jordan

WASHINGTON -- A recent survey conducted in Asheville shows that there is a great need, especially among young people, for a better understanding of how our free enterprise system works.

In our worldwide struggle with communism we sometimes forget that the very foundation of our way of life and our system of government rests on a strong free enterprise economy.

In an effort to find out how well acquainted people are with the workings of free enterprise, the Asheville Sales and Marketing Executives Club has just completed a survey among high school seniors.

The results were very interesting in many respects, and they showed that there is a definite need to carry on a continuing effort to keep all our citizens well informed about how our free enterprise economic system works.

One of the basic principles of economics is that any nation's standard of living is determined primarily by the productivity of its citizens. The more people produce, the better they live.

In the Asheville survey, a total of about 1,200 high school seniors took part, and the answers were somewhat surprising and most enlightening to this question: "What do you think is the surest way to raise the country's standard of living?" Twenty-five per cent said to increase wages, another 22.1 per cent said to lower prices, and 25.6 per cent said to increase productivity.

Although it would seem that a higher percentage would feel that it is essential to increase productivity in order to raise our standard of living, another question put to the young people showed they had a healthy respect for individual initiative.

This question was: "Should an individual try to produce all that he reasonably can or just about what the average man does?" A total of 75.9 per cent said they felt an individual should try to produce all he can while 15.3 per cent said about average was good enough. Another 8.8 per cent said they had no opinion.

In all, the survey included 20 questions that deal with many aspects of free enterprise, and as a result of the survey the Asheville club pub-

### Tech Displays

#### At State Fair

RALEIGH -- What is beyond high school for you? Is it college-trade school? A good job, a poor one or none at all?

With North Carolina's system of community colleges, industrial education centers and technical institutes, almost anyone can choose the right sort of education within his means.

To aid the applicant who seriously wants and needs more education, the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges has planned a comprehensive exhibit to be shown at North Carolina State Fair this October 11-16. This display is designed to give the fairgoer an understanding of the fields covered by the three types of schools and the effectiveness of their instruction. By study-

ing this graphic story, he may then be better equipped to select the type of higher education best suited for his needs.

## VETERANS CORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veteran's benefits may be obtained from any VA office.

Q—How do the new public laws affect the rehabilitation training of disabled veterans?

A—One of two new public laws approved August 26th extends for ten years the eligibility of seriously disabled service-connected veterans to complete rehabilitation training needed to overcome their handicaps. The second new law increase allowances paid to disabled veterans in the rehabilitation program, to offset a 30 per cent cost-of-living increase since 1948.

Q—Are all veterans eligible for the FHA home-buying assistance made possible recently by Congress?

A—No. Only those veterans

who have not used their GI entitlement for a GI insured or guaranteed mortgage or for a GI direct loan.

Q—Has Congress extended educational benefits to peacetime or "Cold War" veterans?

A—No. Although several bills carrying these extended benefits have been proposed in Congress, no final action has thus far been taken on them.

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