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Ohio woman told the census enumerator that she had a forty-five billion dollar mortgage on her home. She erred. It was only forty-two and a half billion, but before Congress adjourns it probably will fix it so she didn't lie.

Saturday's Primary

Saturday the voters of North Carolina go to their precincts to choose the candidates for both parties in North Carolina. Unless history is reversed, this responsibility falls more heavily on the Democrats than the Republicans, for they, in fact, will be choosing the next Governor when they name their candidate.

Therefore this business should be taken seriously. Every qualified voter should go to the polls and express his preference. And he should go there prepared to cast an intelligent ballot. You probably couldn't select a bum Governor from among the ten men who are running for that office. Yet some one of them more nearly meets your approval than another. By all means vote for him, and thereby cast an honest ballot. To allow someone else to choose for you is not and should not be the American way. And right now, more than ever before we should all dedicate ourselves to the task of making democracy work, else we will be inviting the same sort of mess, eventually, that Europe is afflicted with. If you would make democracy work, you should start at the ballot box, and the sooner we awake to that fact the sooner and surer we will be of that accomplishment.

It is our considered opinion that with authority from the General Assembly, the State Board of Elections, composed of Democrats and Republicans, has sincerely tried to work out a plan for fair elections. In gratitude for that the voters should not only go to the polls and vote but each one of them should take it upon himself to help make this and future elections honest and fair. That to, will help tremendously to make democracy work.

Unprepared

Much water has gone over the dam since back yonder when embattled farmers "grabbed" their old fowling piece from above the mantel and crouched behind stone fences and picked off one British regular after another until their ranks were distressingly thinned. At that their old rusty muskets were not conspicuously worse equipment than that of their enemy.

Yet there are those who rely on comparably crude defenses in this modern day. Even William Jennings Bryan liked to think that American courage was enough, and constantly reminded that a "million men would leap to arms over night," in defense of their country. But pray tell us to what "arms" they would leap? Why to arms that would be comparable to a pile of rocks of throwing size against those guns the Revolutionary regulars wore. For in late days we have seen the modern world at war; have seen successful blitzkriegs that mechanized forces accomplished while we took our morning's exercise.

And America is not equipped for that kind of war—simply because we never anticipated the need. Living at peace with our neighbors with only imaginary lines marking our borders, we have been complacent in our fancied security. We couldn't conceive that the world could be so afflicted with hellions that our own security would ever be threatened.

We are not geared to high production of implements of destruction because we have been stressing conservation and construction, with no thought that humanity could sink so low under modern circumstances in which human beings have learned to love beauty and what measure of freedom has come to some of them and coveted by others. We are even impotent to help those across the sea who at last we have come to know have been fighting our battle for us. There is plenty of excuse for our slothfulness, but it cannot be counted an excuse now, if we fail to wake up and set our house in order.

The failure of the Allies to stem the tide of hellishness that has been set loose upon them, which seemed so improbable, now is more than possible, and with Britain's control of the seas removed, we alone would be left to hold the ramparts of the Western Hemisphere for civilization until mad-dogs slobber themselves to death and humanity takes stock of itself.

At last aroused from our complacency, this nation will proceed to its task with characteristic thoroughness. When again humanity calls for help, we will have the answer.

Not Even Pink

Taking note of David Clarke's request that the Dies committee give the University of North Carolina the once-over in its search for unAmerican activities; remembering that Chairman Dies probably will be too busy to get around to this little matter for some time, and assuming that the public really is interested in Mr. Clarke's latest fling at Dr. Frank Graham, The Charlotte News sent one of its ace reporters, Tim Pridgen, to Chapel Hill.

Pridgen was given free rein in his approach and in the recording of what he found, and at the University he found all of the cards on the table, face up, and to those who are interested in their University, Pridgen's findings as related in five installments, makes an interesting bit of reading.

We have the utmost confidence in Mr. Pridgen's ability to get at the facts and to reflect them accurately, and we are glad to take note of his conclusions, a brief part of which is lifted from his "postscript" that followed his articles published last week:

"There is no Communistic influence at Chapel Hill. That is, for every subversive threat there is an effective check-and-balance, and the Reds are no more menacing Chapel Hill than they are at the average American college. Moreover, until North Carolina itself goes fairly Marxist, the University is in no danger from that source, for the institution is tied to Tar Heel soil by a thousand bonds. . . My feeling, after having talked with faculty members, even those called Red, was that they are tremendously more interested in doing an honest job of teaching than in furthering a political cause of any kind."

In other words, wholesome intellectual freedom is the dominant quality of our University, and who, pray would have it otherwise? The University looks upon both conservatives and radicals as just so much education for students in training, for they know more about both by taking them apart to see what makes them click.

Knowing Tim Pridgen as we do, we'd rather accept his analysis of the situation at Chapel Hill, than any conclusion Martin Dies and his crowd can make, with all the help Dave Clarke can give them thrown in for good measure.

Would Change the Road Set-Up

Say what you will concerning Candidate Lee Gravely's contention that once in awhile North Carolina should have a business man for Governor instead of a lawyer, if you are not too politically minded you will be agreeing with him that there is room for improvement in the present North Carolina highway set-up—that part of it that has to do with highway administration.

Mr. Gravely asserts that "we must abandon the system under which we are building roads in ten little kingdoms of the State at the command of ten little rulers in the State." He reminds that the ten highway commissioners "exercise absolute authority over the expenditure of money allocated to him, decides how, when and where the money will be spent and from his decisions for all matched purposes there is no appeal."

That will not get Candidate Gravely any highway department votes, but these were lost to him anyway. Messrs. Broughton and Maxwell will preside over the division of that bloc of votes. But Gravely is looking at it from a business man's viewpoint, and to our way of thinking he sees it right.

Most of us remember when back yonder we were under the rule of these appointive princes who doled out the road money as they saw fit, and who craved the job for its power to bring road improvement to their own particular community.

Then the highway commission was put on another basis, with the members considering highway needs from a State-wide viewpoint, and with individual power slightly curtailed, certainly to the extent that their recommendations were subject to scrutiny and to appeal from sections that were being discriminated against.

When Mr. Hoey took office he insisted on going back to the old plan of portioning out the State to ten commissioners and returning to them their powers over highway activities, monarchical powers that brooked no interference from any prince in any other jurisdiction. If it has turned out that there has been something resembling an equitable distribution of highway activities, it has either been an accident or due to the fact that the commissioner has been conscientious and unselfish in his administration. Certainly it is a risk to take.

The federal government's part in North Carolina road-building may have curbed this tendency to spot North Carolina with favored road improvements, but it is a fact, as Mr. Gravely says, the commissioner is empowered to have the final say as to where these matched funds are to be spent. And under that sort of system, North Carolina will be lucky if its highway improvement program is co-ordinated and dove-tailed into state-wide needs.

One does not have to go far afield to see how the present system is working. In the majority of instances, the home community of the highway commissioner can be spotted by the noticeable improvements in the approaches to his home town, and in his own county, and which just as noticeably contrast with that of other sections in his district.

Candidate Gravely's pronouncement on this subject will appeal to a lot of voters who feel very keenly about this road matter, and who have reason to want a change from this political overlordship.

If the Nazis could fuel their war machines with the gas the propagandists use so freely, there wouldn't be any need to pester the neighbors about it.

Leader



Pictured above is Rev. W. E. Walker, pastor of the Pilgrim Church here, who is conducting a revival now under way. The meeting, which began last Sunday, will end June 2.

People's Column

The Tribune does not necessarily endorse any article under this heading but welcomes at all times communications of interest to its readers and the general public.

THE PILGRIM CHURCH—WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

Editor Tribune:

In beginning this article we wish to say that we are not writing in a spirit of controversy, neither are we endeavoring to cast any reflection or offense upon any church or person. But due to the false conception that many have regarding the belief and doctrine of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, we feel it our duty as well as our privilege to state as clearly as possible the foundation doctrines of our church. Since we have neither the time nor space to go into details, for the sake of brevity and clearness, we shall adopt the old Puritan method of writing the following, namely:

What We Believe and What We Do Not Believe

1. What We Believe—Here we shall summarize our doctrine by saying that we believe in a four-fold Gospel—Regeneration, Sanctification, Divine Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ. Of these four we consider the first two by far the most important. Let us notice these separately.

A. Regeneration is a glorious work of divine grace wrought in the penitent heart by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. This experience brings complete pardon to the soul and saves from all wilful transgression. As long as one remains saved he does not commit known sin. Titus 2:12; I John 3:8.

B. Sanctification is a second, definite, instantaneous work of grace subsequent to regeneration which perfects the believer in love toward God and man, and is synonymous with the Baptism of the Spirit. Rom. 15:16. This experience is obtained by simple faith in Christ, purifying the heart; whereas, Regeneration brings peace with God. Rom. 5:1; Sanctification gives the peace or love of God. Rom. 5:5. This does not give the believer Absolute, Adamic, nor Angelic perfection. Neither does it place him where he cannot sin, but it does remove all desire for sin from the heart by destroying the carnal nature, or old man of sin, according to Rom. 6:6.

This experience, which John Wesley calls perfect love, does not exempt the soul from temptation nor from unavoidable errors and mistakes. But it does give a perfect heart filled with pure motives. To commit sin knowingly is to forfeit the experience. As long as we are obedient to



Washington, May 20—With the first of the presidential nominating conventions barely a month away, hardly anybody in Washington even pretends to give any thought to anything but the possible nominees. As to them, one can hear the opinions of politicians in the National Capital, but it is not so easy to hear the opinions of the voters.

If the conventions run true to form, they will be controlled by the politicians. If the politicians control the Democratic National Convention, the belief is growing here that the nominee will not be President Roosevelt, but is much more likely to be the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull.

Mr. Hull's strength derives from confidence in his grasp of international affairs and in his management of American foreign policy in this critical time. His personal integrity has never been challenged. He is far from being a radical, is hardly even a mild New Dealer. He has a rugged, homespun background of Americanism. He is probably the only available American who was actually born in a log cabin, which is in accord with the best of the old American traditions. Vice-President Garner was also born in a log cabin, but it is generally conceded that he is now entirely out of the running.

Depends on Republicans
The choice of the Democratic Convention will depend, of course, to some extent upon whom the Republicans nominate a month

God we retain it. I John 1:7. The best evidence of this experience is a godly, consistent, christian life.

C. Divine Healing, we believe to be a sane, scriptural doctrine, and that it is the privilege of all believers who have the necessary faith to be healed through the efficacy of the Atonement. Matt. 8:17; 4:23. James 5:14-15.

D. The Second Coming of Christ is attested throughout the Bible, and as there are 196 signs which foretold His first coming, so there are 257 signs that foretell His second Advent. Some signs that are to precede His second Coming are found in Luke 17:20-30.

Although no one knows the exact date when He shall return, we must conclude from even a casual study of prophetic events that it is imminent.

2. What We Do Not Believe—A. We do not believe in the doctrine of Eternal Security, or "once saved always saved." Such teaching is unscriptural and tends to make believers careless in their christian life. Ezekiel 33:12-19; Acts 1:25; II Peter 2:20-22; 3:17.

B. The Pilgrim Church does not wish to be confused with the Modern Tongues Movement since we do not believe in the doctrine of Unknown Tongues, nor that speaking in tongues is any sign whatsoever of any degree of Christian experience. II Cor. 14:19.

C. We do not believe that a true christian commits sin every day in word, thought, and deed; for, as there cannot be an honest thief or a truthful liar, neither can anyone be a sinning christian. To commit sin is to be a follower of satan. Matt. 1:21; I John 3:8.

D. Contrary to the belief of some, although we teach Divine Healing to be the privilege of all true believers, we do not discourage the use of medicine, or the services of a reputable physician. In Christian Service,

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Our Church Motto: In Essentials Unity; In Non-Essentials Liberty; In All Things Charity.

earlier. There seems to be good ground for the belief that Mr. Roosevelt will decline a third-term nomination, even though it might be tendered to him by acclamation, without a ballot.

That is the strategy which the third-term advocates are following now, on the theory that no man could possibly refuse a nomination tendered so unanimously. But the fact is, according to those who think they know what is going on in the Presidential mind, that Mr. Roosevelt is tired, as every President has been at the end of a second term, and that he does not feel equal to shouldering the responsibility of leading the nation through a war period which may go on for several years with increasing threats to the security of the United States.

On the Republican side two facts stand out clearly. One is that Thomas E. Dewey continues to gain popular support and pledges of delegates; the other that the politicians of his party are moving heaven and earth to prevent his nomination. His latest acquisitions, the delegations of Maryland and Idaho, put him away in the lead in the number of votes he will get on the first ballot. There will be 1,000 votes, and he would have to have 501 to be the candidate. Nobody has been able to count a clear majority for him on the first ballot, but as things stand now he will have more than any other one of the leading candidates, and his friends are working the old "band-wagon racket" to try to put him across on the first roll-call.

States Vote Alphabetically
In a national convention the votes of each state delegation are taken in alphabetical order, Alabama first and Wyoming last. Just how early in the alphabet there will be a solid state delegation vote cast for Mr. Dewey nobody can tell as yet. The indi-

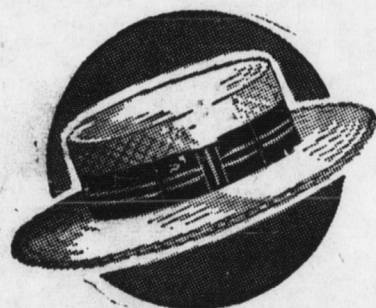
cations are that Senator Taft is more likely to get the votes of Alabama, Arkansas, and some of the other early alphabet states. The big delegations come farther down on the list.

But if a sufficient hurrah is made over the first Dewey votes, and there has been enough build-up for him to convince the delegates farther down the line that he is going to be the nominee, there may start a scramble to climb on the band-wagon, such as has succeeded in the past in nominating a candidate whom the politicians didn't want but the voters did.

The main objection of the politicians to Mr. Dewey is that they are doubtful whether he will play ball with them. He has not shown any of the symptoms of being a machine politician. The politicians would greatly prefer the nomination of Senator Taft. They are sure that his political education has been along strictly party lines and they are afraid that young Mr. Dewey has too many "progressive" ideas which do not conform to traditional Republicanism, though nobody has been able to quote him on anything which does not follow orthodox lines.

Young Men Key-Note
Young Mr. Harold Stassen, Governor of Minnesota, who has been picked to make the key-note speech at the Republican convention, is expected to outline a Republican program which tallies closely with what are supposed to be Mr. Dewey's ideas. The key-note will be that it is time for the young men to take charge of the nation.

Among these suggestions which Mr. Stassen has under consideration are that the Democrats, under the influence of Mr. Roosevelt, are much more likely to get this country into the war than are the Republicans.



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