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EDITORIALS

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Do Civil Laws Make a Sabbath?

A special committee of the North Carolina Merchants Association is making a study of business organizations' remaining open on Sundays. "Open on Sunday" seems to be a growing trend throughout the nation.

Thompson Greenwood, executive vice-president of the merchants association, says, "Information reaching our offices from various sources seems to indicate the situation will worsen if it continues in the present direction . . ."

This comment reveals that there is belief that Sunday retail business is a bad thing. Is it or isn't it?

Opinions differ. We do not see why any business, if it can close on Sunday, would want to remain open, but neither do we see a need for passing laws or setting up rules as to whether businesses may operate on Sunday.

Lots of businesses are open on Sunday — restaurants, drug stores, grocery stores, delicatessens, theatres the list is endless. Only within the past several years have "hard goods" stores taken to staying open. These are stores such as appliance outlets, wholesale houses, car dealers and other businesses which cater to leisurely shopping involving the family.

This trend is apparently viewed by some as "alarming". Alarmed are members of religious organizations, and some are the businessmen who see their competitors staying open on Sunday and feel they must do the same thing.

In today's paper is a report on Caro-

lina Telephone and Telegraph opera-

tions for the year 1957. Originating in

Carolina Telephone company offices,

this report tends to make the reader

believe that the phone company is mak-

The facts it sets forth are an attempt

It's nice to claim a lot of "firsta"

such as microwave systems and direct

distance dialing, but the telephone cus-

tomer wonders whether it's more neces-

sary to be "first" in modern advance-

ments or more necessary to give good

that modern innovations are necessary

to keep pace with other phone com-

panies and to prepare to give "good

solid service" in the future. If direct

distance dialing from Washington, N.

C., is the first of its type in the state

and one of the first in the entire south-

east, as the phone company says, it

seems as though Carolina Telephone is

way ahead of other telephone com-

ently, feel that regular maintenance

and service expenses are more import-

ant to a customer right now than being

able to dial directly to California with-

stockholder who received a dividend of

pared with dividends paid by other

out having to call the operator.

Other telephone companies, appar-

The telephone company will argue

to justify the phone company's request

ing fabulous progress.

for an increase in rates.

solid service.

panies.

To pass laws favoring a religious belief gets one in dangerous territory. Some religious organizations observe Saturday as the Sabbath. Some observe Sunday. The Saturday observers have as much right as the Sunday observers to press for closing of business places on Saturday!

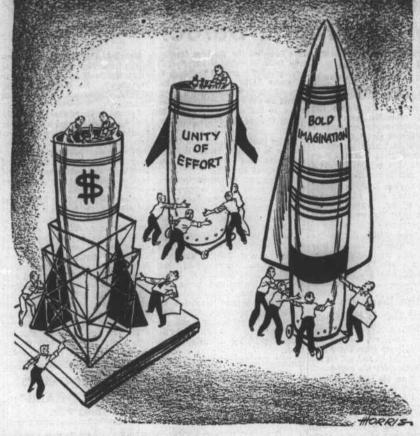
If a person's belief puts his Sabbath day on a certain day of the week, that person may observe the day in the manner he sees fit. If he doesn't want to go shopping or see a baseball game, that's his business. If he wants to spend the day in worship at a church of his choice, that's his business too.

Benjamin Franklin had a comment on religion. He said that a religion is probably a bad one if it has to call on civil law to support it.

"Blue laws" are not new to this country. They were prominent in colonial days. As years progressed they were not enforced. They remained on law books as a curiosity until re-codification in recent years has removed most of them.

Now the pendulum is swinging back again. We would certainly hate to be a member of any governing body or committee delegated to say which businesses shall remain open on Sunday and which shall not.

The decision lies in action by the people - not rules by the people. A man who does no business on Sunday will not stay open.



THEY HAVE TO BE ASSEMBLED TO WORK

Security for You ...

apply for the refund.

The

tax return.

no

fund

claim should be filed at the

office of the District Director of

Internal Revenue where you filed your income tax return. It should be made either on a Form 843

which you may get from your Dis

trict Director or on an amended

If you need help in claiming the refund, you can get it from the

internal revenue people. Incidentally, if you fail to claim

the Social Security tax overpay-

ment during the year in which you made it, you may claim it within

the following two years. After that,

paid your Social Security tax for 1956. You have until Jan. 1, 1959,

Although an employee may claim a refund if he paid too much tax

because he worked for two or

more employers, his employers who had to match the employee's

deductions may not claim a re-

such employer payments as part of the cost of running a business.

In 1955, more than 60 million dollars was paid out in refunds to 2,900,000 workers. The average refund was about \$19.

(Editor's Note: You may con-

tact the social security repre-sentative at the courthouse an-

sentative at the courthouse an-nex, Beaufort, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. He will belp year with

help you with your own particu-lar problem).

The Social Security law views

to make your claim.

o refund is possible. For example: Suppose you over-

Nearly three million people last year paid more Social Security tax vice collects the taxes for Social Security, it's to the IRS that you than they had to. If you're one of them and you haven't claimed a refund, there's

still plenty of time to do so. How could you overpay your Social Security tax?

By working for two or more em-ployers and earning more than a

total of \$4,200 last year. For example: Suppose you worked last year for the ABC Widgit Co. which paid you wages of \$3,800 and for the DEF Widgit Co. which paid you \$3,600. Under the Social Security law, both companies were required to deduct a two per cent tax for Social Security from the money you earned. Each company had to do so without regard to the deductions being made by the other.

This means that you paid Social Security tax on \$7,400 in wages or a total of \$148. The ABC Widgit Co. deducted \$76 (two per cent of \$3,800) and the DEF Widgit Co, deducted \$72 (two per cent of \$3,600). And, it means that you paid too much tax. Under the Social Sei curity law, you only needed to pay the two per cent tax on \$4,200 of what you carned last year-or \$84. So, now you're due a refund of 64. That's the difference between the \$84 you needed to pay to meet the requirements of the Social Se-curity law and the \$148 you ac-

tually paid. How do you know for sure whether you overpaid your Social Se-

you find entered in the square on each of the withholding state-ments. If the total is more than

F. C. Salisbury

head City Coaster:

Here and There

The following information is owned by T. C. Willis and will con-aken from the files of the More-duct the business under the name duct the business under the name of Nelson & Bell.

Twelve-year-old Joseph Salter of Bettie had three of his fingers

Louise Spivey

Words of Inspiration

WITHOUT A CALENDAR We know, without a calendar . . . it's March, The curtains hang in grimy folds . . . no starch . . . The walls have turned a sickly shade of gray, The cobwebs in the corner lightly sway ... The windows all need washing ... there's no doubt, The neighbors can't see in ... we can't see out ... And mud tracks in on carpets, and on floors, Reveal that spring like rain prevails outdoors. A bird with red breast soars in sudden flight, Above a lad who flies a windswept kite . The breeze jerks off a cap . . . the raucous tease . . . From head of boy, who sits on bended knees . . . Shooting marbles into a lopside ring . . . What better signs could so forecast that Spring Is just around the corner . . . within call, The winter's grime collected on the wall The rains that wash the earth 'til stones shine pearly Say old Dame Nature starts spring cleaning early. The robin, minus time-table to pursue, Arrives on schedule, chirping out, "Good news!" And little lads, can sense exactly when . . It's time for spring . . . kite, marble time again. It's March, without a calendar, we'd know . . . For robins . . . winds . . . and small boys tell us so. - Betty Stuart

SOME FOLKS SEE IT

It was Emerson who wrote, "When I bought my farm, I did not know what a bargain I had in the bluebirds, bobolinks and thrushes; as little did I know what sublime mornings and sunsets I was buying."

Within the grounds of every parsonage we occupied, my husband and I were hosts to more than our share of God's beautiful creatures. Our small daughter grew up looking for the first blue bird and waiting for his lofty whispered song. And the speckled-throated thrush was her favorite singer.

At 6 years she made this wise observation, "Wherever we go, Mother, God has been there before us, making it beautiful. He knows we love the bluebirds and the thrushes and He never fails us!"

Unforgettable was our colored caretaker's favorite theory, "It all depends on what you is lookin' fa. De good Lord puts lots of beauty in dis world. Some folks see it - some don't."

God knows our need of nature and beauty. "He hath made everything beautiful in His time -" And, He filled the world brimful! - Mrs. Tom Carter

The very first song that I heard my daughter sing in church was "Our Heavenly Father made the birds and showed them what to do. If God so loved the little birds. I know He loves me too."

Since that day, birds have seemed a little dearer to me. I have thought of these lines often.

It is a beautiful sight to me to see a farmer plowing the soil and our seagulls surrounding him.

Another nice thought that I would like to pass on to you is the one about "March Winds". Sometimes they are very strong, and many of us complain. I always felt this way too until I read somewhere that it was "God's way of pruning the trees." Let us carry these two thoughts of God's care in our hearts when we think of March.

Library, Free World's Brain, Heart

By MRS. J. O. BARBOUR JR. rman, County Library Board

American Genius

Red Star, the Soviet Army news-

paper, enlightened its readers the

other day on the state of mental

health in America. "It is well

known," said the paper, "that

there are several million lunatics

True enough, we suppose, but the

genius of the American system is

that it has divided its lunatics into

two parties thus keeping half of

them out of office half the time.

We would feel safer if they were

- The Charlotte News

in the United States."

so divided in Russia.

Words are powerful. And it is when they are written down, to be passed on, that they attain their greatest, most enduring affect. William Saroyan, the author and playwright, in fact, thinks that the real life of a language depends on this writing down. As he puts it, "Talk is OK for saying hello and good-bye, but after that everything must still be written." He points out, "We achieved written lan-guage in the first place because we couldn't keep very much in our

And after all, maybe this is the printed word's greatest magic. It of reading must still be conscious-ly performed. The reader must still make up his own mind about the words he takes in. saves for us much more than men could ever keep in their heads to pass along. Books bring us more experiences than we could ever

Washington Report By SEN. W. KERR SCOTT

honor of awarding certificates of appreciation — in behalf of the club — to the four Congressmen from our state who serve as com-mittee chairmen in the House. WASHINGTON - Last week, at the annual Congressional banquet of the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington, I had the

I think it was fitting that the N. C. Democratic Club of Washington decided to make such awards of appreciation for the fine public service that has been ren-dered by these outstanding men, Reps. Harold Cooley, Graham Barden, Carl T. Durham and Herbert Bonner.

No one in the history of our state has done more for the advance-ment and betterment of North Carolina than these representatives gain first-hand. And a library of prosperity has made us happier? One trend emerging from Ameri-ca's search for fulfillment is the is the collective brain of whole human race - and the vital accent on family living. Social life has returned to the home as its center. The time is right to bring

whole human race — and the vital heart of any free society. Dictators have always known about this. Whenever they have wanted to kill ideas, they have banned newspapers, burned books, even killed their authors. Today we are envied by people all over the world, for the free expression we take for granted in our books reading back there, do. Reading aloud at home can make family life constructive mentally as well as emotionally. The redis-covery of the intellect can be a we take for granted in our books, magazines and newspapers. shared experience, with those we

care about most. Standing ready to guide and Of course, there is a battle for the mind in America, too. Psycho-logical selling methods surround us stimulate this reading revival are our school and public libraries. Their professional standards are today. Reading is one of the most important declarations of mental higher, their programs more va-ried, than ever before. independence left to us. The act

If America can be started on its way back as a nation of readers, every community will feel the im-pact in years ahead. More discerning readers of newspapers and magazines will give us more wellinformed voters. Youngsters who discover the mental challenge of reading will have a better chance

more people than ever before are looking for a challenge beyond that to get into over-crowded colleges. Industry will find its job-holders better able to grasp the masses of information needed today. Libraries will have more readers for their books, and will provide even more books for their readers.

more books for their readers. All of you can be part of this upsurge of reading . . . by encour-aging those around you . . . by fostering reading in your own home . . . by visiting your library . . . and by rediscovering for yourself the excitation in the placement of the

morning. This year 40 million tranquilizer pills will be sold, to cushion the frustrations and dissatisfactions of daily life. Does this sound as if the excitement, the pleasure an the challenge of the printed word

Shed a Tear for Progress The company has invested \$204,-000,000 in new plants and equipment since World War II, Last week the company issued \$20 million in bonds at a rate of 4 per cent interest.

Maybe the power company can do that because it has a better status in financial circles than Carolina Telephone. The telephone company maintains that it can't get money cheaply by borrowing nor is it economical to issue more stock!

Carolina Telephone has announced that it is going to improve the telephone equipment in Beaufort. We don't know whether this is a case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease or whether the phone company would have made with this move had people in Beaufort not protested the rate raise!

The telephone company moves in strange and wondrous ways. And it's always the customer who pays.

Many a Slip . . .

Ancaeus, king of the Leleges in Samos, planted a vineyard; and so heavily did he oppress his slaves that one of them, it is said, prophesied to him that he would never live to taste the wine from the grapes.

When the wine was made, the king sent for his slave, and said, "What do We certainly feel sorry, too, for the you think of your prophecy now?"

The slave made answer, "There's only \$7.33 per share last year. Commany a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." The words were scarcely uttered phone companies, this probably is low. when Ancaeus was informed that a

curity tax? Get out your federal withhold-ing tax statements for last year. On each statement, you'll notice a small square with these words printed in it: F.I.C.A. employee tax withheld, if any. Now, total the amounts of money

\$84, you're eligible for a refund. How do you claim the refund? Since the Internal Revenue Ser-

Compared with dividends paid by nonutility companies, this is sky high. And persons who bought Carolina Tel and Tel stock at prices lower than its present quotation are making a killing.

Another utility company in this area is growing too. It sells power. It needs money for expansion. This company, however, has not asked for an increase in rates. Although it may be contemplating such, facts seem to indicate that the company is getting the money it needs by issuing stock and bonds.

wild boar had broken into his vineyard and was destroying it.

Ancaeus, setting down the cup untasted, hastened to the attack to drive out the boar; but he was killed in the encounter.

-Sunshine Magazine

Worry is like a rocking horse - it

keeps you going, but it never gets you anywhere.

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Earl Piner of the US Navy is spending several days in the city with relatives. Mrs. Velna Fulcher, after spend-

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ing several months here, returned to Atlantic Monday. Friends of Willie B. Guthrie of

Harkers Island will be glad to learn that he is improving since an op-

eration. W. A. Gales, superintendent of W. A. Gales, superintendent of the Virginia-Carolina Farms, Beau-fort, who has been receiving treat-ment at the hospital, is improving. W. W. Smith and A. H. Webb Sr., left Thursday for Newport where they will spend a few days fishing and hunting. nd hunting. Among those who are building

and repairing are Dr. Frank Sta-ton, Capt. Leslie A. Moore, C. W. Styron and Roy Lincoln. A. T. Webb Jr. has installed a large Western Union clock in the

passenger station. Work on a new garage will be-gin next week, the building to be 66 by 33 feet and located near the of by 33 feet and located near the corner of 8th and Evans Streets. 1. C. Stallings will be the proprietor. Little Olena Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Armicie Anderson, died last Friday at the age of one year and nine months. Her father died when she was an infant. Mrs. Hattie Fulcher, age 47, died at the family home in the Holly-wood section (Camp Glenn) on last Friday. Webb-Nelson and Company this week installed a large National cash register in their establish-ment.

W. Holt Bell and Charles Nelson have purchased the machine shop

blown off as a result of a gun shell explosion. Joe put the shell in the kitchen stove. Trying to remove the shell it exploded in his hand. the shell it exploded in his hand. The Bank of Newport, the coun-ty's newest institution in the bank-ing circles, opened its doors this week to the people of the western part of the county. G. W. Rhodes, the cashier, is one of Carteret County's prominent young men, a former school teacher of Atlantic. Officers of this new bank are C. R. Wheatly, president, and L. C. Carroll, vice-president. Directors are W. L. Oglesby, C. A. Bell, E. H. Hill, Leon Mann and A. L. Wil-

son. Honor roll for the Morehead City Graded Schools for the month end-ing March 21: 1-A, John Theodore Willia; 3-B, Leroy Guthrie; 2nd, Leslie Hancock, Elizabeth Bell, William Ideburg, Rachel Gillikin, Ruth Long; 3-A, Herman Guthrie, Jack Daniels.

Jack Daniels. 5-A, Catherine Wallace, Reta Glenn Willis, Neta Mac Lewis, Alice Bennett, Blanche Lee; 5-B, Corrall Becton, Tamar Guthrie, Rudolph Lewis, Beulah Lewis, Mary Lewis, Edna Earl Willis, Jamés Newman Willis; 6-B, Chris-tine Nichols, Edwin Lewis, Brad-ley McIntosh, Ola Bell Headen, Vila Mae Styron, Ruby Willis, Eloise Alford. Eloise Alford.

Eloise Alford. 6-A. Bernice Dobson, Alma Jack-son, Doris Nelson; 7th, Ruth Leary, Y. Z. Newberry, Addie Philips, George R. Wallace; 8th, Kathleen Piner, Joseph Harrell, Lersy Guth-rie, Rosa Willis; 8th, Evelyn Reed.

In the almost four years I have been in Washington, I have found each one of Ahem most coopera-tive in working on projects and problems that affect the people of North Carolina and the nation. Congressman Cooley is recog-nized as one of the nation's most nized as one of the nation's most informed experts in the field of agriculture. As chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Con-gressman Cooley has been instru-mental in the passage of all bene-ficial farm legislation that has gone into effect during the past 25 years. Nowhere is there a stronger advo-cate of the importance of a sound farm economy.

farm economy. Congressman Barden is one of the most powerful men in the House as chairman of the Commit-House as chairman of the Commit-tee on Education and Labor. First and foremost, he is a strong be-liever in the rights of the individ-ual. A rugged individualist him-self, he has done a great deal to bring into being many valuable programs and projects that have been important in the growth and development of North Carolina and the nation.

the nation. As chairman of the Joint Senate-House Committee on Atomic Ener-gy, Congressman Durham occupies one of the most important positions in the nation. Military and scien-tific leaders alike have deep re-spect for his knowledge of the atomic energy program and his de-votion to duty. Tongressman Bonner is recog-nized as the nation's outstanding expert in the fields of water trans-

From the Bookshelf

Maggie-Now. By Betty Smith. Harper. \$4.

And this act of communion be-

tween writer and reader has never been more timely. It is an adven-ture of the mind, in an age when

of commercial success. The time is right; Americans have not found the fulfillment they

need in material things. In this

year of prosperity we, as a nation, take 45 million aspirin tablets a

day. We gulp 20 million sleeping pills each night, and 20 million

more pills to jog us awake in the

morn

In her direct unsubtle way, familiar to several million readers of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," Betty Smith again takes us back Betty Smith again takes us back over the East River to the Irish Catholics, their family problems, their money troubles, their getting jobs, falling sick, being burled, and carrying on the same ever-lasting pattern—once a tree grows in Brooklyn, always a tree grows

portation and commercial fishportation and commercial insu-eries. As chairman of the Commit-tee on Merchant Marine and Fish-eries, Congressman Bonner has been a key figure in the develop-ment and success of the nation's merchant marine and fisheries in-dustries dustries

It has taken a great deal of hard work, and a long time, for these four North Carolinians to reach the positions of leadership they hold to-

day. As North Carolinians we should remember that these men make up the largest group of committee chairmen of any state delegation in the House. Together, they have is years of service in the House. All of us, regardless of political party affiliation, ought to be proud of these men. They are doing a great deal for their state and their nation.

This time Pat, a boy-o in Ire-land, loves a 17-year-old black-haired sweetheart but his mother hates to have him marry her, her mother and brother hate to have him not, and he escapes to Amer-

Instead, he marries a ward politician's daughter, Mary. They have two children, one of them Maggie-Now, and we're launched in this new, or sort of new, novel. Impudent young fellows want to kiss the pretty girl, and more, but she puts them off, or her father

she puts them off, of her rates does it with a poke in the nose to unwelcome suitors. Then she meets Claude. Maybe he should have poked Claude, too, but there's a dependable rosy ro-mance before it ends.

mance before it ends. For page after page, over 400 of them, it's the wedding, the clowning, the birth and death, the brogue, the Irish temper, the clay pipe, the pail of beer, the rent, the taxes, the cousins, uncles, sis-ters and brothers. —W B. Rogers

-W. R. Rogers

Just in Passing . . .

"When you know a thing, to hold that you know it, and when you do not know it, to admit that you do not-this is true knowledge." —Confucius

Most folks can keep a secret, but the folks they tell it to can't.