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Votes Of Confidence

On Tuesday the officers of the town of North Wilkesboro will be voted on in the municipal election. There is only one ticket for mayor and commissioners, that being composed of the present officers, and there is no opposition to the member of the present school board who is a candidate to succeed himself or to either of the two who will be elected to the board in place of two members who did not seek re-election. The fact that the ticket has no opposition in the election should show that the people of the city are generally satisfied with the way the affairs of city government have been conducted during the past two years. And such being the case we are suggesting that it is the duty of the people of the city to show their confidence by voting in the election Tuesday, although it is not necessary to pile up a large vote when there is only one ticket in the field.

On Baseball Map

Although some creditable baseball teams have represented North Wilkesboro industrial concerns in the past few years it appears that the 1935 team will place North Wilkesboro on the baseball map of western North Carolina. Baseball is the national game and as such is deserving of mention in these columns, especially when it becomes of local nature. North Wilkesboro is to have a good ball club this year and the Home Chair Company and other industrial concerns that may cooperate in furnishing employment to the players are to be commended for their civic pride.

A good ball club is essential to a good town and think of the opportunity local clubs have for training youths for higher places in the great game that attracts the attention of at least half the population of the country six months out of every year.

Legion to Fight Accidents

The highway safety problem took a long-step toward solution lately with the announcement that the American Legion is to carry on an aggressive, organized program in the interest of automobile accident prevention. The program is detailed in a booklet jointly published by the Legion and the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters.

Under the suggested plan, the safety program will be handled by the Legion's Americanism Commission. Working under it will be State Traffic Committees, composed of representatives from each district. These committees in each state will maintain contact with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, the State Highway Patrol and the Legislature.

Next there will be district safety committees, composed of a representative from each county in the district. These will hold meetings with county safety committees, to be composed of a representative of each local post in the county. The representative of each local post will work with local police, schools, city councils and engineering departments. All of the committees will cooperate with automobile clubs, insurance companies, newspapers, safety associations and similar organizations.

Workers in the cause of safety be lieve that the Legion can be of tremendous aid in reducing the inexcusable accident toll—a toll which reached 35,000 people killed on streets and highways last year. The Legion is to be complimented on accepting this arduous duty—and the result will be happier and safer living for the people of the country.

One of life's dreariest sensations is paying prosperity's debts with depression's income.—Washington Evening Star.

Doughton's Decision

No other piece of news in political channels has created the interest of Congressman R. L. Doughton's announcement that he will not be a candidate for governor in North Carolina next year.

Reading between the lines in Farmer Bob's statement it appears that the ninth district congressman will stay in congress as chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

We realize that Congressman Doughton is immensely popular with the masses in North Carolina and is also a nationally known figure. His chances of being governor would be excellent if he made the race for the Democratic nomination and it is no secret that he has been urged to run by friends in all parts of the state.

The ninth district congressman is a right hand man of President Roosevelt and his administration. It is generally thought that one of the main reasons for his decision not to run for governor is because the president wanted him to stay in congress and in the capitol. He is of inestimable value to the administration in carrying out the main features of the New Deal program.

The many who have looked forward to Doughton's announcing himself as a candidate for governor can gain some consolation out of the fact that he holds just as important position in the affairs of government in Washington as he would if he were governor of North Carolina.

Borrowed Comment

THE CRIME RATE (Cleveland Star)

Since the full month of court, federal, regular and special terms held recently in Cleveland, crime reports in the county have shown a noticeable drop. The theory—and it generally holds true—is that heavy sentences on a few prisoners do frighten certain people into behaving themselves for a while.

Criminal trends, though, can almost be charted. January is a bad month, everywhere. There were, for instance, 130 murders in the United States during the first month, against 126 in February. We will experience a slight decrease in crimes of passion through the spring, only to see a rise in July and August. The hot weather always brings bloodshed.

Be that as it may, the high conduct of Judge Don Phillips, who let it be known in unmistakable terms that he wasn't fooling, caused a sharper drop in crime in this county than any variation of weather or season.

Good judges and good prosecutors are the surest antidotes to crime.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

SIN, REPENTANCE, AND FAITH

Lesson for May 5th. Luke 15: 11-24. Golden Text: 1 John 1:9.

Jesus' thrilling parable of the lost son strikes home to the very roots of life, so human and real is it. Our vision is here directed toward the discipline and reinstatement of a high-spirited, ambitious soul who sinned with deliberate intent. The salvation of such a one is the greatest miracle of God's grace.

Study the prodigal. Notice the self-will revealed in his eagerness for an immediate payment of his inheritance. Consider his folly, the folly of passion and sensualism. Visualize his severe misery, the fruit of desperate degradation. And ponder his repentance inspired by hunger. It would have been nobler if he had confessed his guilt previously, before he had wholly lost his manhood. But the story is true to life. The hard necessities of poverty make wise many a fool.

And what an appealing picture is the father! Note that he allowed the lad to have his way. Was that weakness? On the contrary, it was strength. For it shows that he respected the boy's free will. And then when the youth was gone, he waited long, with a forbearance truly remarkable. And when his patience is rewarded, how enthusiastic his greeting.

There is no story grander than this. It is surely a masterpiece of the first rank. Here we face the drama of humanity in both its depths and heights. The prodigal is the typical runaway. The father is plainly God Himself, as revealed in Christ. God, too, allows His children to have their fling. And He is infinitely patient in His longing for their return to His welcoming arms. The affectionate and sumptuous greeting that awaited the long lost son, on his arrival home, betokens the unsearchable riches of God's good grace to all who truly repent and turn unto Him.

The former Kaiser is reported to have fired his cook at Doorn. All of which proves that he still has considerable power.—Watertown (N. Y.) Times.

About the only explanation we can find for studio audience's applause of the commercial announcements on radio programs is absent-mindedness.—Kansas City Star.

A Minnesota steeplejack asks a divorce because he was continually humiliated by his wife. She denies that she looked down on him.—Detroit News.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

THOUGHT electric

A remarkable demonstration of the fact that the human brain is, in effect, an electric battery containing a multitude of cells, which give off electrical discharges in varying frequency when the brain is at work, was made the other day at the Ford hospital in Detroit. Electric wires inserted in the scalp and the lobe of the ear were connected with a sensitive galvanometer, and the intensity of the brain currents was measured as the patient worked out mathematical problems or did other forms of mental exercise.

Many years ago I knew a man in Brooklyn who believed that he could devise an apparatus which would record actual thoughts, without the necessity of reducing them to speech. He called his machine a "thinkograph." He tried to connect his brain to a typewriter. They locked him up, after a while, in the Central Islip insane asylum!

FEVER under control

It is only within a few years that the full realization has come to the medical world that a fever is Nature's attempt to overcome some infection inside the body. If the fever gets too high, however, the patient usually dies, because of the effect of the high temperature upon vital organs that are not infected.

How to induce a fever high enough to kill off the germs of infection, and still not endanger the patient's life, is a problem with which medical experimenters have been wrestling for several years. It was discovered that malarial fever would cure certain forms of insanity, but that was using one disease to cure another. Then the discovery was made that a fever could be induced by short radio waves, and that method is now widely used in the treatment of insanity pneumonia and some other diseases.

The latest use of artificial fevers is the "fever box" at the Ford hospital, in which patients are placed. Marked improvement in most cases, some actual cures, are reported.

When I think back and recall how little the wisest medical men knew 45 years ago, when I was a medical student, and how far the effort to conquer disease has got since then, I feel renewed confidence that mankind will ultimately master all of the enemies that beset humanity.

ARMY saves souls

Herbert Hoover and Alfred E. Smith stood together, clasping each other's hands, a few nights ago. The two men who battled so vigorously against each other for the Presidency in 1928 found a common ground upon which not only Republican and Democrat, Quaker and Roman Catholic, could meet, but upon which all men and women, of all faiths and creeds, can stand.

They met and spoke from the same platform in behalf of the Salvation Army's appeal for funds with which to carry on its work of lifting the lowest stratum of humanity up from the depths of poverty and despair and starting them afresh on the road to self-respect and decency.

The work of the Salvation Army, founded by an English Jew under the sign of the Cross, cannot be measured in dollars or gauged by dogma. It transcends creeds and ignores rituals, but it saves men and women, body and soul, that none of the churches of organized religion can reach.

OCHS the beloved

I care not what a man's religion may be, if he lives up to its precepts. Jew or Christian, Buddhist or Mohammedan, Catholic or Protestant, all are founded upon the Golden Rule of love of God and of one's fellow men.

I thought of that the other day at the funeral of a great Jew, who was also a great journalist and a great character, Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times. I have known few men who so completely took their personal religion into their daily lives, as a guide in all their dealings with their fellowmen.

The only instance I ever heard of Mr. Ochs losing his temper was when he learned that one of his staff had been ill and in distress and he had not been notified of it. "Do I own this paper or don't I?" he demanded. "Never let it happen again that I am deprived of the privilege of helping."

I thought, as I listened to the impressive ritual intoned by the Rabbi at Mr. Ochs' funeral, of a verse in the Old Testament—his Bible as well as mine—"And Enoch walked with God and was not, for God took him."

SUBSISTENCE and future

A young newspaper man whose ability and frugality I, weeks, and that experience set have admired for some time

Loafing at the Log Jam

 by A. B. Chapin

dropped into my office the other day to tell me that he had solved the problem of his future and that of his family. He was out of a job, a year ago, for three him thinking about economic security.

He has bought a little farm in New Jersey, two hours out from New York by train or motor, three miles from a good market town. Five and a half acres, with a tight, four-room house, good barn, chicken house and pigpen, a running brook, an acre and a half of woodland and 35 apple trees cost him exactly \$1,000. He was raised on a farm and his wife is not afraid of work.

"We can live there the year around," he said, "and save most of what I earn. And if I lose my job again, we can subsist there until I get another break. I'm taking no more chances on the future of my children."

That is only one of hundreds

I have heard of who are seeking to own a piece of land out of the same kind of security. It is which one can, at a pinch, dig the only real security there is, living.

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