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**Congratulations**

We are pleased with the opportunity to congratulate Union Methodist church, its congregation and the community in which it is located as the date of the dedication of the new church building approaches.

The modern church building is to be dedicated in services led by Bishop Clare Purcell, on Sunday, August 2.

The building is a monument to the progressive spirit of the members of the congregation and friends of the church. They deserve much credit for erecting a modern plant, which will enable the church to render even greater service.

**"Wild" Driving**

The excitement here between midnight and dawn Saturday morning was because an automobile driver was sending his machine over the streets at a very dangerous rate of speed.

A year ago, the instance would not have gained so much attention as now. We refer to the escapade here Saturday morning only as an example of some of the reckless driving that is still going on in spite of the need to conserve gasoline and tires.

To waste rubber now is to do something in conflict with national interests. Every ounce of rubber in this country is needed for essential uses. The man who considers his tires his own to wear out or destroy as he sees fit does not understand the situation or does not care.

Today, a man's automobile, his tires and his gasoline really are his only to use in an essential and legitimate manner. You have no real right under present national conditions to wear out your tires needlessly or to waste gasoline.

Many ships have been lost and several men's lives have gone out while bringing gasoline to the eastern seaboard from the Gulf of Mexico area. Needless to say, that gasoline brought at such risk and cost should not be consumed by speeding, reckless drivers who lead officers a merry chase for no good reason at all.

Gasoline ration books should be taken from every driver who drives in such a manner as to wantonly waste gasoline and tires. The national economy in these critical days has no place for such activities.

**Give Rubber Industry Chance**

A committee of the rubber industry last week announced a plan which it claimed would supply tires for the nation's automobiles without jeopardizing the supply of rubber for military needs.

We are of the opinion that the committee knew its subject and that the government should give the plan due attention.

Rubber is vastly important outside of the realm of military needs. The business of the nation practically rides on rubber. If we paralyze transportation on rubber we do the same thing for business. In order to properly prosecute the war, business must be kept moving to finance the war and to provide for the civilian population which by reason of location and other factors cannot be directly engaged in the innermost functions of the war effort.

**Drive With Care**

Reflecting the rubber shortage and the rapidly fading treads on automobile tires, figures made public by the Highway Safety Division reveal the startling fact that fatal accidents from tire failures have jumped 250 per cent for June 1942 over June 1941.

"This is an alarming condition and is destined to become worse," declares T. Boddie Ward, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in taking cognizance of the situation. "It is a serious menace and a challenge to

each motor vehicle driver," continued Mr. Ward.

In June of this year 60 persons were killed in 53 traffic accidents on streets and highways of North Carolina. Of the total of 53 accidents, seven or 13.2 percent were caused by blowouts. In these seven accidents eight persons were killed and 11 sent to hospitals.

In June 1941 a total of 97 persons were killed in 80 motor vehicle traffic accidents. Of the total of 80 fatal accidents only two or 2.5 percent were attributed to tire failure, according to reports of investigating officers.

In further emphasizing the danger to the lives and limbs of the motorists of the State, Mr. Ward declared that thousands of "border-line" tires are now being operated on the highways. "Very few of these drivers have any chance of relief from the death menace to themselves and their families through the channels of tire replacement," continued the Commissioner. "Where tires are thin and treads are slick the only salvation for the driver is added caution, alertness, and speeds well below the suggested maximum of 40 miles per hour."

As treads continue to grow thinner from wear serious traffic accidents will mount accordingly, pointed out Mr. Ward, not only bringing another death hazard to the war problem, but also endangering all moving traffic on the highways.

Reviewing the fatality increase from tire failure Mr. Ward stressed that with no new tires available for the majority of automobile owners the problem is thrown squarely on the shoulders of the drivers of the State who must constantly be alert to the stalking menace of the danger of a combination of speed and unsafe tires.

**Borrowed Comment**

**WHAT RIGHT HAVE THEY?**  
(Charlotte Observer)

As usual, the Nazis want to benefit from what they try to destroy.

Although such a thing as the right to a habeas corpus hearing is unknown in Nazi Germany, seven of those Hitler agents sent here from Berlin to invade this country and wage war against this nation as saboteurs have invoked the civil rights of a loyal citizen of this democracy—rights which they and all their kind the world over are striving to destroy.

And the American democracy accommodates these enemies on their mission of destruction of democracy and all the civil rights it provides.

The Supreme Court of the Nation break off its vacation to hear the plea of Hitler's commissioned agents of destruction of supreme courts and all other courts of justice!

So the Supreme Court of the United States convenes in special term to hear the pleas of seven enemy agents and saboteurs who seek to benefit from the system of justice which they and their Fuehrer and their nation are desperately striving to annihilate!

Are we trying to be so fair and just and so rigid in our adherence to the letter of the law that Hitler will have no just ground for complaint if and when his agents and saboteurs are condemned to death and executed? Or that he will not say evil of us? Or that he and his fellow gangsters will respect us?

If that is the motive, it is wasted effort and wasted time. Because Hitler and his beastly gangsters and other Nazi enemies of democracy would never admit that justice was done in the case of the saboteurs unless they were liberated and set free to carry out their mission of murder and destruction.

And, after all, who cares or should care a "continental" for the opinion of Hitler or any of his gangsters or followers about anything we do in the United States? Nothing we can do can induce them to respect us or our system of justice.

And we shouldn't desire their respect even if we could obtain it. There is likely to be something very low and rotten about anybody who has the respect of the Nazis.

**MARRIAGE DETERRENT**  
(Reidsville Review)

The rush war weddings apparently may bring drastic measures in Washington. There the Office of Price Administration has suggested that bakers stop slicing bread. The proposal purportedly is offered as a means of saving time, labor, and paper.

If the prospective bride is well aware that she may have to slice bread, she'll think again about marrying that lad before he goes off to war. Why, one of these days they might even ask her to bake it.

**Abnormal Absurdities**  
By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

**DEFENSE STRATEGY**

We remarked to a friend a few days ago that it seemed to us that much confusion would have been avoided by having all gasoline coupons of the same gallonage value.

In that manner, service stations operators would not have to keep a big collection of cards on which to paste the various coupons.

"Whaddya mean, confusion?" our friend says. "Confusion is what we want. We want so much confusion that if Hitler should ever get over here, he could not get around."

**HERE AND THERE**

Some are more interested in getting trousers on the cuff than getting cuffs on trousers.

Definition of nonsense: An elephant hanging over a cliff by its tail tied to a daisy.

The nurse entered the professor's study and told him that it was a boy. "Well, why bother me about it. Isn't my wife home," he asked.

The backsliding church member told the minister that he was worried about how he was going to get his shirt over his wings in the life beyond. The minister said that unless he changed his ways of doing that his problem would be how to get trousers over a long, forked tail.

**REPORTS FROM OVERSEAS**

A friend in New Guinea writes that mosquitoes there are so big that when one alighted on the airport a ground crew rushed out and pumped 50 gallons of 100 octane gas into it before they learned it was not a flying fortress.

And another report has it that one of our men on the Philippines was knocked senseless by a piece of flying shrapnel. He came to, picked up the piece of iron and found there the motor number of the flivver he once owned here.

**Boomer News**  
**Items Of Week**

Relatives and friends here are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Jim Ray, of Boone, N. C. She had been in feeble health and died July 26 in the Boone

hospital where she was receiving treatment. Mrs. Ray was formerly Miss Eva Kerley and is a niece of Mrs. R. P. Yates of this community. Burial was at Boone.

Misses Diana Vestal and Mary Duke, of Wilkesboro, spent a few days here last week visiting in the home of Mrs. Victoria Wall.

Mrs. Sidney Swanson is a patient in the Wilkes hospital, but her many friends are glad to learn she is improving and hope she will be able to return home soon.

Mrs. George R. Wall, of Concord, and Hassie Wall left Tuesday for Texas on a three weeks' visit to Aviation Cadet George R. Wall, who is stationed at Ellington Field.

Mrs. L. M. Throneburg, of Hudson, was a visitor here Sunday. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Elizabeth, who has been spending two weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Victoria Wall.

Mrs. J. E. Caldwell and infant son returned from Wilkes hospital Saturday. Both are getting along nicely.

Mrs. Elmer Berrier and daughter, Sarah, who have been visiting in the home of Elisha Ferguson and Mrs. Mattie F. Greer, returned to their home at Lexington Monday.

Rev. W. F. Preelar will preach at the Advent Christian church at 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday, August 9. Sunday School at 2 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earp and family spent last Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. I. Watts.

Mrs. Clyde Swanson and sons, Johnnie and Ben, spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Swanson of Roanoke, Virginia.

Miss Virginia Dare Howell spent several days last week visiting Jane Jones, of North Wilkesboro.

Miss Annie Howell is planning to attend the camp meeting at Advent Christian Assembly ground at Blowing Rock this week.

Farmers are happy over the nice rains which have fallen in the past two or three days. Crops and gardens were suffering terribly from dryness.

Mr. Ernest Phillips, of Hendersonville, spent the week-end visiting his mother, Mrs. Dora Phillips. He has been making his home at Hendersonville for several years.

Miss Mary Louise Clements is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. H. Price, at Mooresville.

**DON'T make the KITCHEN SINK the best-fed member of the family!**



**Save precious . . . . VITAMINS and MINERALS**

Nutritive elements are often lost when the water in which vegetables are cooked is thrown away. Studies indicate that only a fourth of the American people are really well-fed.

So what? Two features of modern cooking lend themselves to saving vitamins and minerals. One is the method of low-temperature cooking in small amounts of water. The other is low-temperature roasting, which prevents shrinkage, keeps food more appetizing, and saves vital food elements.

**HERE'S HOW TO SAVE VITAMINS AND COST**

1. Cook with 1/2 to 1 inch of water in covered pan.
2. When steaming starts, turn to low; continue cooking.
3. Use liquids not absorbed by vegetables—they contain valuable minerals and vitamins.

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**C. T. DOUGHTON,**  
Sheriff and Tax Collector of Wilkes County.