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Scouting Builds

The campaign to raise funds for the Boy and Girl Scouts programs in Wilkes county is now on.

The goal of \$4,500 has been set for the two organizations.

These funds will go for maintenance of the present Scout program and for expansion.

The Scouting programs need no introduction. The people of the county should by now realize that Scouting is essential to boys and girls. The various activities prepare them for citizenship.

There is no better investment than in building men and women of character, integrity and usefulness.

Scouting represents one of the best mediums to accomplish the desired results.

It is hoped that all persons contacted will make as liberal donations as possible to the Scouting fund.

Which Way?

There is no point in arguing whether or not this country can afford a \$300,000,000,000 debt. We've got it. The real point is what we are going to do about it. Only two courses are open to us.

We can keep up public spending at the present rate, let the budget remain unbalanced and further depreciate the dollar. This will make a future depression inevitable and imperil the war bonds, savings accounts, and insurance policies of all the people.

Or we can tighten our belts, cut government costs to the limit, start regular debt retirement procedures—and eventually pull out with a sound dollar and a solvent nation.

The choice rests with the people themselves.

Rural Industries

The eight-county rural industries meeting planned here December 2 should be a most interesting conference.

Leading citizens of eight northwestern North Carolina counties will meet here to review their prospects for more industry.

The economic planning behind the move has the correct approach in that new industries should be those of the type which can and would use available raw materials and resources in rural areas.

There is a movement throughout the country for diversification of industry. The larger business firms have found that plants outside of metropolitan areas operate more smoothly and have greater production than in congested cities.

The answer lies in the fact that rural and small town industry secures better types of employes than in metropolitan districts. In small towns and rural areas factory workers own their homes, they are interested in their homes, their community, their neighbors, their churches and their schools. Usually, they have room to live—a large lot, or a few acres. They live close to nature.

Every community is interested in new industries, but usually the effort is to get industry from outside. Often they overlook the opportunities that mother nature has provided—the raw materials for manufacture into useful things which the world wants and will pay for.

Elections and Strikes

Policy formers of the Political Action Committee, the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. have been busy since November 5 try-

ing to figure out why many of their favored candidates for congress were defeated in the election.

To us on the sidelines the situation is very easily understood.

The American people had a right to believe during the war that within a year after the end of the shooting they would be able to obtain the things which they had managed to do without for the sake of victory. And to a great extent the public was justified.

The task of reconversion in many instances was bungled, government restrictions on prices, quotas, etc., restricted production more than prices. Black markets flourished and in order to get things to which they believed they were entitled, millions of Americans went into or patronized black markets.

But those are only some of the causes. The number and frequency of strikes, with resultant loss of production, aggravated the American people more than any one factor bearing on the outcome of congressional elections.

Strikes in the auto industry, no cars on the market; coal strikes and the dealer out of coal; steel strikes and no nails in the hardware store; meat packer strikes and no meat in the counters; strikes in parts company factories and no parts to keep the old automobile running.

There, Mr. PAC would-be ruler, are your answers to why your handpicked candidates were defeated in the congressional election.

A good driver is one who knows his own limitations and attempts to allow for those of others.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR
By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



The home is a fundamental unit of democracy, and in a Christian civilization, the Christian home must be preserved at all cost. With homes crashing all about us, and the majority of the problems which come to this desk having to do with disordered domestic relations, it shouldn't be so hard to understand why I write so much about the home.

Just now before me is a letter from an intelligent, cultured, professional middle-aged woman, a personal friend, who was just recently married. I wrote her extending my congratulations. In reply I received a lovely letter, one sentence of which I must pass on:

"With so many homes falling apart today, I thought long and seriously about forsaking a very satisfactory way of life for a home and husband. After all, I reasoned, the basic fundamentals of a happy, successful marriage haven't changed, and so long as two people love each other, and are accustomed to solving their problems on their knees, they ought to be able to manage."

This thoughtful woman has summed up in one sentence, the key to a successful marriage. This is true, whether participants are at the threshold of life, at middle age, or even in what is so-called old age.

The time was when I thought it was foolish for older people, who were widows or widowers, to undertake a second marriage late in life. My attitude towards this has changed, as I have learned to understand marriage in its fullest implication.

A successful marriage is fundamentally a fine companionship. It is a union of two lives for the sharing together of the finer things of life. It is much more than an arrangement for physical satisfaction and the rearing of children. I have written several columns on this, reprints of which are available to those who write enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope.

A successful marriage demands physical and spiritual love, companionship, and an ability for husband and wife to solve their problems, "on their knees."

Without God a marriage is doomed to unhappiness, frustration, and failure. The nearest perfection in marriage is a perfect ability to give and take, an ability to share with one another and with others.

To attain the utmost success, the contracting parties should be of comparable age, preferably the man being older than the woman. But this age difference must not be too great.

Again, I say, no marriage can succeed without God in the center of the home.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS



FOOTBALL EXPERT—

Last week we picked football winners at an amazingly high average of about 85 per cent, which qualifies us for an expert rating. But once in a court trial an "expert" was defined as a fool.

This week we take off near home with a prediction of a Wilkesboro victory over Sparta. The Ramblers can't let us down on this one, because we are shooting for a perfect record.

In the state we predict Carolina over Duke and Davidson over Citadel (and we don't want any horse laughs from you wise boys Saturday night).

Skipping around to try to boost our average we'll take the easy ones and say State over Florida, Michigan over Ohio State, Clemson to take Auburn, S. M. U. to shade Baylor, Indiana to heck Purdue and Wisconsin to edge out Minnesota.

That completes that part of the Midwest and we'll go way out on the west coast to pick an upset. We'll say Southern California over U. C. L. A. on the basis of the fact that Southern Cal somehow manages to get into the Rose Bowl. Also on the coast will be California over Stanford and Oregon State over Oregon.

Jumping around for some games east of the Pacific and west of the Atlantic we'll take Alabama over Boston College, Yale to trim Harvard, Holy Cross to trample Temple, Tennessee to edge out Kentucky, and Mississippi State to have a heck of a time beating Ole Miss. It is Rice over T. C. U. in spite of T. C. U.'s victory over Texas, Rutgers to beat Bucknell, Oklahoma to blast Nebraska, Columbia to down Syracuse, Princeton over Dartmouth and Georgia to run rough shod over Chattanooga.

So far, so good, and to get back to the Midwest we like Illinois to clinch the Big Nine title by a win over Northwestern in the second big game of the big boys. Tulane will have the honor of getting defeated by Notre Dame, Virginia will take West Virginia and Michigan State should beat Maryland. To boost our percentage we'll take Georgia Tech over Furman, Kansas State over New Mexico, Washington over Montana and Nevada over Loyola.

ON ADVERTISING—

The Bendix Home Appliance company put out this yarn, which contains plenty of truth: Ring Dem Bells!

One of our favorite stories was retold the other day by Bruce Barton. It concerns a member of our profession, an advertising man, who was in the employ of a circus.

It was his function to precede the circus into various communities, distribute tickets to the editor, put up on the barns pictures of the bearded lady and the man-eating snakes, and finally to get in touch with the proprietor of some store and persuade him to purchase the space on either side of the elephant for his advertisement in the parade.

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roads town, our friend found that there was only one store. The proprietor did not receive him enthusiastically.

"Why should I advertise?" he demanded. "I have been here for 26 years. There isn't a man, woman or child around these parts that doesn't know where I am and what I sell."

The advertising man answered, pointing across the street. "What is that building over there?"

"That is the Methodist Episcopal Church."

"How long has it been there?" "Oh, I don't know; 75 years probably."

"And yet," exclaimed the advertising man, "they ring the church bell every Sunday morning!"

Yep, the world moves on!

PARENTAL LOYALTY—

Johnny's chief characteristic was loyalty to his father. A friend visiting him one Sunday afternoon said, "Come to your father snoring in the library."

"He's dreaming about a dog and that's the dog growing."

The Navy estimated that the Women's Reserve performed more than 50,000 man's job duty in World War II, enough to man a major tank force.

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