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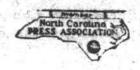
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The Right to Work

As debate in Congress over proposed labor legislation wears on, it becomes evident that decisive action must be taken to outlaw three practices which have given a few labor leaders monopolistic powers over the industries of this nation and subjected the right of a man to earn a living to their none-too-tender mercies.

First, is the closed shop. The closed shop means that you cannot work unless you pay a private organization, the union, for this basic right of a free man. Thus the right of a man to buy food and shelter and to provide for his family is involved. In the words of the Portland Oregonian, the closed shop "is morally incompatible with a syystem of government which guarantees the freedom of the individual and it is no longer necessary for protection of unionism."

Second, is the closed union. This is a vicious extension of the closed-shop idea, whereby a man cannot join a union if he chooses. A privileged group says, in effect: "Only those of our choosing may be employed in this trade or craft."

Third, is industry-wide bargaining. This is designed to bring union power to a new, monopolistic high. One big union signs agreements with all or practically all of the producers of a product. Then, if the union head decides to call a strike, all production of that product stops as of a given moment. Soft coal is a perfect example. At the word of one man, representing only 400,000 workers, a commodity which is vitally necessary to the operation of industry, the employment of millions of people, and the public health and welfare itself, can be denied the nationregardless of the suffering that must result.

The closed shop is the first of these abuses-all the others depend upon it. Unionism grew great in this country because the unions offered workers services which they needed and were willing to pay for. Now unionism demands the right to levy an involuntary tax on all workers under penalty of denying him employment. No private organization should be allowed such powers. We have reached the point where the right of a man not to join a union must be protected, no less than his privilege to join if he wishes.

Airport Remains On Must List

In material projects for the progress of this community a municipal airport remains near the top of the "must" list.

Local citizens should not lose sight of the fact that North Wilkesboro was selected as the one point in northwestern North Carolina to have air service on a proposed airline from New Bern, N. C., to Louisville, Ky.

Reason for this is that North Wilkesboro is a center for a larger area and is directly between Winston-Salem, N. C., and Bristol, Tenn.

It is easy to foresee what airlines service would mean to this community, being the one point where 100,000 people could gete air passenger, mail and express service.

An airport good enough for airlines operation is going to cost much money, but whatever the cost it will be worth it.

Just because they say you're as stubborn as a little donkey-don't think you're an asset.

Legislature Has Mind Of Its Own

Recent actions on the part of the North Carolina legislature indicate that the members composing that body have minds of their own.

They are considering the recommendations of the state administration on budget and appropriations and other matters but they are not rubber stamping what is sent to the legislature from the office of governor and state agencies.

In the legislature are many young men, LET IT SNOW!all of whom are not politicians for the sake of politics and all of them do not ing about snow. have their eyes set on favor with powers that be in order that they may reach their You meet someone whisking aturn in the political future. They are ex- long the sdewalk as the flakes ercising their own right. They realize they fall gently and there will be a may make mistakes, but are willing to exercise their own judgment.

The favorable action on the Wildlife bill is indicative of the 1947 legislature. It is also indicated that the legislature will not follow all recommendations on budget expenditures, and that the teachers may get more than the 20 per cent increase mapped out for them by Raleigh.

Borrowed Comment

DEATH ON THE ROADS

(Elkin Tribune)

The records which follow are from the Raleigh News and Observer, and are such that thinking citizens of the state should hard and heavy that somebody gain some realization of what is happening on the highways.

The legalistic attempt to protect drunken drivers by changing the law is an invitation for them to continue their wild sprees. At present if a drunken driver is sides turning on said principal convicted in a lower court he cannot con- and chasing him over two miles tinue for a year or two to kill or main people on the highways by appealing to the Supreme Court. A bill wisely defeated, recently in the House of Representatives would let him continue drunken driving about the little girl who was diswhile carrying on long and tedious ap- the preacher talked for 30 min-

In opposing the measure, Representative Royster, of Vance county, stated there are more deaths and maining by drunken drivers and careless ones in North Carolina than in any other state except two. While our state is apparently low among other states in health, we are third from the top in highway fatalities.

Here is the North Carolina record since 1940:

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	1940	·	3,632
ì	1941	<u></u>	6,723
	1942		5,867
	1943		3,687
	1944		3,921
	1945		4,133
	1946		5,928

This is a record which speaks strongly for more stringent laws.

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WHAT WE NEVER REGRET

We ne'er regret a kindness shown To foe or friend or chum; We ne'er regret good seed we've sown When harvest time has come; We ne'er regret the patience used In times of sorest test; We ne'er regret the wrongs refused When God gives us the best.

We ne'er regret the choice we make When it is truly right; We ne'er regret the way we take That leads us in the light; We ne'er regret our silence when We're tempted strong to speak A word to hurt our fellowmen, Though they be strong or weak.

We ne'er regret the prayers we pray That reach our God above; We ne'er regret nor mourn the day We give all men our love; We ne'er regret the years of time We give to men and God: We ne'er regret the upward climb In paths that saints have trod.

We ne'er regret the noble stand We take for righteous truth; We ne'er regret the helping hand We give to age or youth: We ne'er regret the good we do To bless our fellowmen, And when to God we make it through We'll not regret it then.

ABNOR

By DWIGHT NICHOLS

There is something exhilerat-Let the beautiful white flakes begin to fall and spirits pick up. smile and a cheery greeting.

Children get hilariously happy. They romp and play and shout and start hunting for the

Business men who know that the snow is going to keep customers away from their stores forget their losses and smile as they chat about the beauty of

Farmers who know that getting out in the snow to do the chores is not pleasant will be just as happy.

Even the most sophisticated adult has an urge to make a snowball and pelt somebody good naturedly in the back of the

In a small rural school where we were supposed to have learned our "Three R's", snowballing was outlawed because some of the "toughies" made snowballs so was liable to get a black eye.

But the demand to snowball was so great that the school principal agreed that the students should divide into two groups and snowball each other.

The battle ended with both of snow.

WINTER BLASTS-

If a fortification is a large fort, is a ratification a large rat? . . . The Biblical Recorder tells pleased with the sermon because

and air there . . . Men may be born equal and free but some grow up and get married. SHE IS AMBITIOUS

Rev. Paul Childers, pastor of Centerville Church, Tar River Asry a millionaire."

THE PERFECT BOY?-"What's the fuss in the schoolyard?" asked a passer-by. "The doctor's been around ex

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utes about Mary and Martha and amining us," replied the boy, Bumgarner 15 didn't sav a word about her . . "and one of the deficient kids Clark 8 Song writers who eugolize the is knocking the stuffin' out of a Whittington 16 moon forget there is no water perfect kid."—Ex.

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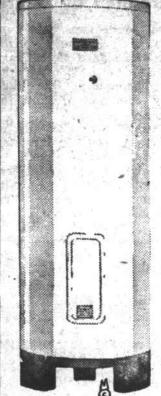
Millers Creek Wins **Tournament Game**

Millers Creek all stars defeatsociation, told us the other day ed Fleetwood 47 to 27 in the that when the Every-Member first game of the Northwest All Canvass was being made in the Star Basketball tournament at church, a little girl signed her Jefferson Monday night. Eighcard, dating it 1960 and pledg- teen teams are entered with Miling \$1,000 a week. In answer lers Creek and Mocksville favorto puzzled inquiry, she announc- ites to win. Millers Creek will ed airily, '41 have plans to mar- play Hollars, Inc., a strong Boone team, tonight.

Lineup and scores of the Monday night game follow: M. Creek 47 Fleetwood 27

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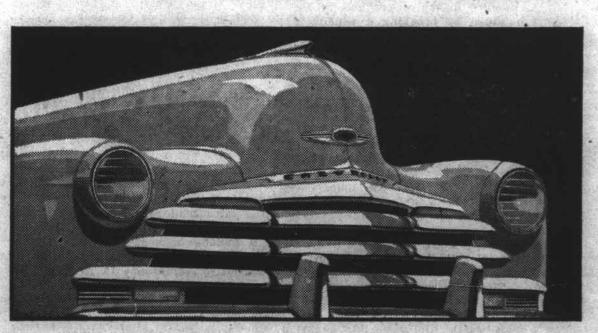
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