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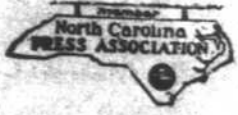
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Memorial Park Is Memorable Accomplishment

Park is acclaimed as one of the greatest civic accomplishments in the history of this community.

It is more noteworthy because for many years this community had been sadly lacking in parks, recreation areas and other evidences of civic pride.

And the manner in which the project was initiated and carried out is indeed a credit to the people here.

In many towns there are philanthropists who give big donations. Often some wealthy man gives to a town such an asset as a lighted athletic park. Many towns construct them with tax money.

But here we didn't have either a wealthy philanthropist or tax money for the job, and it was just a question of getting together donations from public-spirited people, many of whom sacrificed in order to make the project possible.

The lights cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000, and about that much money has been given. But the project is less than half completed. Preliminary plans call for permanent football bleachers on the south side of the field, a board fence, and a grandstand with dressing rooms, concession stand and other facilities. For fear of flood damage, present plans do not call for an elaborate grandstand building. But it is suggested that enough of a grandstand be constructed to seat 1,000 people and to have under the seats a concession stand and showers. It would be so constructed that its size could be doubled when flood control in the Yadkin valley gets further along.

All this, of course, will take money and the door will remain open for additional gifts. Everything can't be done at once and the work will continue in progress as interest is shown and funds are donated.

After some more work is accomplished, including seats, grading and fencing, a dedication program will be held.

The park will be dedicated to the memory of all Wilkes men who have died for the cause of liberty and justice everywhere. Details of the dedication are yet to be worked out. When the park is completed a memorial plaque will be erected in honor of our war dead.

The main athletic field will be used for baseball, football and softball. There is much land on the old fairgrounds, enough to park cars of a crowd of 5,000 people and still have room for municipal tennis courts and games for old and young. Ultimate plans for development will utilize all the property so that it can be used for recreation, entertainment and for the physical benefit of every man, woman and child in reach. It belongs to the public and should be fully utilized and appreciated.

Incidentally, the work to be done in the next few days will include some grading, fencing and seats for football. More money is needed immediately, and if this is not sufficient suggestion, let us remind you that W. Blair Gwyn is the treasurer and will gladly accept your check.

The Tragedy of England

Socialism is always advocated on the grounds that it will divide the wealth, to the benefit of the underprivileged. The truth is that socialism simply extends the poverty, and everyone, save for the ever-growing bureaucracy that seems an inescapable part of socialist governments, is ultimately the loser.

This is a perfectly logical course. Accumulated wealth, much as the agitators may denounce it, is the creator of jobs and opportunities for all. Invested savings built this country and its industries. Other nations have raw materials and natural resources comparable to ours. But only in this nation, under a system of government which was founded on the idea of guaranteeing a man the fruits of his initiative and success, have those resources been given maximum development. Incentive, in other words, was responsible for the kind of progress that brought the United States from a wilderness to the world's foremost industrial power in much less than two centuries.

The failure of socialism in England can be easily explained. The policy of the Labor government is to rigidly restrict individual economic advancement, to destroy established wealth, and to make all productive enterprise a function of the state. All incentive has thus been lost. The morass of red tape created by the government has made individual initiative impossible. Every undertaking must fall within inelastic, unimaginative rules. And the result is that British industrial recovery has been disrupted.

Socialism saps the vitality of peoples. It exalts mediocrity. It turns nations into poor-houses. That, in essence, is the terrible tragedy that has befallen England.

Short Cut Roads Should Be Paved

Movements have been launched for paving of two badly needed roads in this community.

Citizens are asking that the road from Wilkesboro postoffice across to the Oakwoods road, a distance of less than one mile, be improved and paved. It would greatly facilitate traffic in that community and would especially benefit farmers traveling to and from the freezer-locker plant.

Another road which should be improved and paved is the road from the western part of Wilkesboro by Curtis bridge to highway 421 near Cricket. This road of less than three miles is used extensively and if improved it would divert much traffic off the congested part of highway 421 between this city and Cricket.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

SO LITTLE IN SO MUCH

We wonder why some people see
So little in so much,
Although conceived by master minds
And had a master's touch,
Which makes it great and quite sublime
To those with depth of thought,
Who cherish and appreciate
What skilful hands have wrought.

They see good books that noble men
Have studied hard to write;
They see rich poetry and prose
That ought to give them light;
They see the choicest literature,
Or finest piece of art,
And yet so little to their lives
These treasures can impart.

They see so little in the good
That saves from awful fate;
They see so little in the truth
That ought to make them great;
They see so little in God's plan
That ought to make them wise,
And would enable them to climb,
And into greatness rise.

They look upon the grandest scenes
Of mountain, hill and dale,
And see the handiwork of God,
But count it only stale,
And never seem the least inspired
By what our God has done
To live for Him and do His will
As on life's race they run.

God's holy Book that blesses men
Seems unto them but dross,
So carelessly they lay it by
And do not see their loss;
And so they plod along life's road
Without salvation sweet,
At last to cross the line of worlds
In darkness and defeat.

Speaking of recent conduct of a highway patrolman or two, new members of the patrol would do well to get all their swearing out of their system when they're sworn in.—Greensboro Daily News.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

BRIEFLY TELLING IT—

Women are alleged to live longer than men, which goes to show that pain is a great preservative. Schoolboy in answer to question said the greatest change which takes place when water changes to ice is the price. Light from the sun travels at 186,000 miles per second. It should go fast, being down hill all the way. The four kinds of sheep have been described as "White sheep, black sheep, Mary's little lamb and the hydraulic ram." The constitution guarantees that you can say what you please, but someone may crown you if you do. Why don't some of you wise guys write a column sometime?

WANTED: A BOY—

1. A boy who stands straight, sits straight, acts straight, and talks straight.
 2. A boy whose fingernails are not in mourning, whose ears are clean, whose shoes are polished, whose clothes are brushed, whose hair is combed, and whose teeth are well cared for.
 3. A boy who is polite to every man and respectful to every woman and girl.
 4. A boy who looks cheerful, has a ready smile for everybody, and never sulks.
 5. A boy who is more eager to know how to speak good English than to talk slang.
 6. A boy who is eager to read good books.
 7. A boy who would rather lose his job or be expelled from school than tell a lie or be a cad.
 8. A boy who is at ease in the company of girls.
- This boy is wanted every-

where. The family wants him, the school wants him, the office wants him, the boys want him, the girls want him, all creation wants him.

JIMMIE BLEVINS, 13, Carter County, Tenn., in Progressive Farmer.

Oak Ridge Institute Begins 96th Year

Oak Ridge.—Oak Ridge Military Institute opened its 96th year this week when Colonel T. O. Wright, superintendent, welcomed the cadet corps at assembly.

Most of the students are natives of North Carolina, with most of the 100 counties represented. Other states represented are Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, New York, and Florida. One cadet comes from Guatemala City, Guatemala, and one from Havana, Cuba.

Fresh and frozen fish will continue to be good buys for budget meals for the next few months, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, suggests in its most recent report on the national food situation.

SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A. Back Up the Y. M. C. A. Drive For This City!

"SPEEDY" *Tom WILLIAMS*

SAY, MISTER HAVE YOU A NUT HERE?
YEH—HEY, SPEEDY! A YOUNG MAN TO SEE YOU!
I'LL FIX IT, SONNY—AND WHEN YOU GROW UP AND GET YOUR OWN AUTOMOBILE, WE'LL KEEP THAT IN PERFECT CONDITION, TOO.
THE NUTS OFF MY WHEEL!
YES SIR! THOUSANDS OF SATISFIED CUSTOMERS KNOW THAT
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REPRESENTS RELIABLE AUTOMOBILE SERVICE!
YOU'LL GET MY BUSINESS, SPEEDY!
GOOD THEN I'LL PUT YOU DOWN FOR A SERVICE JOB, SAY—FIFTEEN YEARS FROM TODAY!
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YOURS and OURS

Who buys the food and milk for him,
To keep him well and strong of limb?
You do.

Who hauls for him food, fuel and clothes,
Through summer sun and winter snows?
We do.

The Southern Railway System brings youngsters most of the things they need and want... shoes, eggs, Teddy Bears, or visits from Grandma.

Who protects him from all strife,
And teaches him to deal with life?
You do.

Who helps to keep police on hand,
And helps build schools across the land?
We do.

The millions we pay in taxes help support police and fire departments... help build and maintain schools and playgrounds... add to the safety, health and education of all the children in the South.

Who scrapes and dreams both day and night,
And works to make his future bright?
You do.

Who plans and spends and helps to sow
The seeds which make his Southland grow?
We do.

For we provide 50,000 good-paying jobs... buy materials and supplies locally whenever possible... encourage new business and industry... and promote the Southland's continuing growth and prosperity by every means in our power.

Emmet E. Norris
President



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