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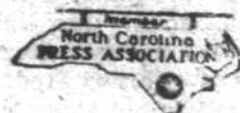
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## Plan to Celebrate Boy Scout Week

This is rather blunt. We hope, however, that you will take it in the spirit intended.

The Boy Scouts of America will be 88 years old on February 8th—a date to remember. The boys, their parents and leaders will celebrate Boy Scout Week with them.

Will we?

If, as so many of us do, we take the Boy Scouts for granted, they'll mark the occasion by themselves. For nearly four decades we have seen the Scouts quietly performing worthwhile service. Have we really watched—and appreciated?

Certainly, the boys themselves ask for no specific recognition—their "Daily Good Turns" have always been without any reimbursement. . . . "A Scout is Helpful." Nevertheless, do they not merit more than a friendly, distant approval—or a casual acceptance of their efforts to be better citizens, a model for all?

Their theme this year is: "The Scout Citizen at Work; In His Home, His Community, His Nation, and His World."

Let's focus our thoughts on them now—give them our whole-hearted support now—and help them succeed in their character-building mission the year 'round.

## Wilkes People Licking The Housing Shortage

Homes are being erected all over the nation in accelerated efforts to defeat the housing shortage which accumulated during the war when no construction was under way except for war purposes and around war industries.

But we venture to assert that Wilkes county has made far more progress in residential construction than many other parts of the county.

On every highway and all the leading country roads are many new homes under way or just completed. It is true that many of them are of the modest type and with too few modern facilities. But each house will house a family unit. Each house is one more place to live.

The accelerated construction of homes in Wilkes is due to several factors, not the least of which is the ingenuity of our people, many of whom can do their own work. And many of them have their own lumber for the framework of residences.

Shortages have plagued our people, but local suppliers of construction materials have done an excellent job under trying conditions and many materials have been available here in larger quantities than in other communities.

Another factor which has enabled such a great amount of progress has been the ability of local financial institutions to furnish capital where needed for home construction. Strong building and loan associations and banks are truly great assets to a community, and for those we should be grateful.

As more materials become available and costs become more stabilized, greater progress can be expected during the coming year. No price collapse is seen for the year, because of the great demand, but as shortages become less acute, prices should become more stable and possibly slightly less on some materials. The labor supply should remain about the same locally or may improve due to the fact that more people are learning the building trades.

## Borrowed Comment

### A REAL COMMUNITY CENTER

(Greensboro Daily News)

Our manners to the Lions Club of Carrboro, which the Chapel Hill Weekly reports as having bought and conveyed to its civic authorities nine acres in the heart of town to be used as a site for a community center.

Carrboro, some of you may recall, takes over on the south and west where the University village of Chapel Hill leaves off. We use the terms take over and leave off geographically only—when it comes to community planning there is no indication that Carrboro has anything to learn from its more academic neighbors, who for all their oscillation toward the aesthetic have never risen to a nine-acre area committed to any community purpose.

Another thing that makes the Carrboro Lions' project interesting to us is that their president, Kemp B. Cole, farmer and realtor, could so easily have visualized the nine city lots as narrow as 25 feet and certainly not deeper than 150.

We felicitate Carrboro and its Lions on a project which is at least nine times the size of the usual community center projection hereabouts.

## - THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

Suppose the word, God, and everything pertaining to His worship were removed from the language of men? Suppose the word, Christ, and everything related to Him were likewise removed? Suppose these words were taken out of your life? What would happen?

Henry Van Dyke raises this question in his fascinating story, "The Lost Word," and by skillful use of his imaginative pen, holds up before us a possible picture which is terrifying to view. You should read the book.

He takes us back 1,500 years, and introduces us to a young man, Hermas, the son of a wealthy but pagan resident of Antioch, who had joined the Christian church with a group of other young men after long and careful instruction. As a result, he had been disinherited by his father. After a while he became restless and rebellious against the "restrictions" his new religion laid upon him. One day in an especially rebellious mood, he met an old philosopher, so-called, to whom he made bitter complaint. The old man said that he could go back to the old life, and have fame, wealth, success, if he would give up one word in life and all that pertained to it—Jesus Christ.

The young man yielded, and soon he was called home to the bedside of his dying father who begged forgiveness, and plead with his son to give him that new faith which he had. He could not, as he had lost the word, and the old man died miserably.

Fame, success, and wealth came to him. He married a beautiful girl, had a gorgeous home, but was unhappy. His wife suggested that they pray, but he said he could not. Then his nine-year-old son, of whom he was very fond, became critically ill. Again he wanted to pray, but could not.

His Christian teacher, whom he had driven from his home, learned of his distress and came to him, told him how grievously he had sinned, thinking to live his life without God. Hermas fell on his knees in humble confession. His wife joined him in sincere prayer, and the lost word was restored and a new communion re-established in God.

Young people especially, and all those who think that the Christian religion is something which can be treated lightly or dispensed with, could read this story with profit.

Just use your own imagination. Take the two words, God and Christ, out of our language and all that pertains to them; take out the Church. Would you want to stay here?

Consider all the benefits which have come to mankind by reason of Christian civilization, even those many material things which have emerged from this civilization. Do you want to do without them?

If we are willing to share the benefits, we should certainly be willing to share the responsibility. Go to a church, join it, and support it.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### PHIPPS' CHIPS—

Here lies a young salesman named Phipps. Who married on one of his trips. A widow named Block. Then died of the shock. When he saw there was six little chips.

### SHORT STORY—

This story won first prize in a competition run by a periodical for stories of brevity and dramatic content:

Elvina Parker received a telegram from her brother who was accompanying her husband on a big game expedition in Africa. The telegram read: "Bob killed lion hunting—Fred."

Elvina, overcome with grief, wired back: "Send him home—Elvina." Three weeks later a large packing case arrived from Africa. Inside was a lion. Elvina sent a telegram: "Lion received. Must be a mistake. Send Bob—Elvina."

Back from Africa came the reply: "No mistake, Bob in lion—Fred."

### ARE YOU RIGHT—

Take A Number—Some day when your mind is sick with the illness that makes you think only you are right, and the other fellow is dead wrong, get your pencil and do the little arithmetic that this story suggests.

Three men seated at a round table, were arguing at great length and with growing heat and temper, about their religious beliefs. Each was dead sure that his way and his way only, was best. There was no possible chance that either of the others might be even partially right.

Finally, they appealed to a stranger to settle their argument. "Stranger—Are you able to add a few figures?"

Yes, they thought they could add.

Stranger—then each of you set down a number. Any number.

So, each of the men put down the first number that popped into his head.

Stranger—Now, add your number to that of the man at your right.

They made the additions. Stranger—The additions are correct. Now as the final step to prove which of you is right, add the number you have just obtained to the sums of the other two. The man who has the largest number is the man who is right.

The men did so and compared notes. "We all have the same total!" they exclaimed.

But the stranger had vanished.

—Exchange.

## Two Battleships Shelved By Navy

Washington. — The United States fleet, hit by peacetime manpower shortages, has only two battleships in active service, officials said yesterday as the navy disclosed that the 45,000-ton New Jersey and Wisconsin had been put in "mothballs."

This brings to 13 the number

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of battleships put on inactive status. Navy officials said that the length of time required to get laid-up vessels back into operation depended upon the amount of overhaul necessary to put them into fighting trim again. Although they said certain

ones, in perfect condition when "mothballed," could be brought out in less than a month's time, others might require a year or 18 months. They said also that any changes in armament, such as putting in rockets and other missiles, would add to the time required.

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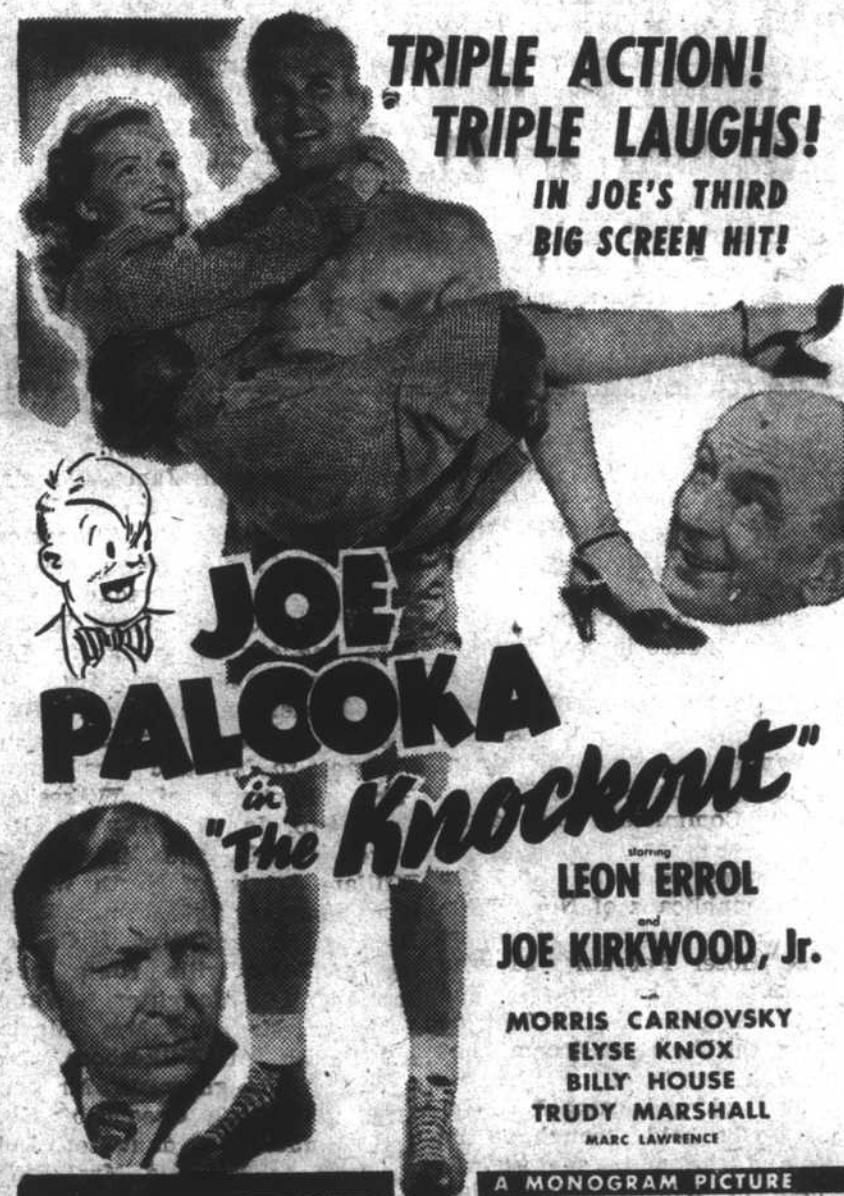
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