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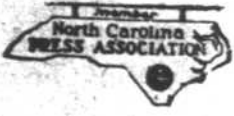
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## President Proclaims Red Cross Campaign

The annual Red Cross fund campaign began this week. All are familiar with the type of services rendered by the Red Cross, but to refresh your memory we reproduce here President Truman's proclamation of the Red Cross fund campaign this year:

"Whereas the American National Red Cross in accordance with provisions of its federal charter continues to give succor to victims of disaster, to render special services to our armed forces, and in many other ways to contribute to the health, safety, and welfare of our people, and

"Whereas, in 1947, the Red Cross expended a sum in excess of eleven million dollars on account of disasters alone, aiding the victims of the greatest number of calamities in any single year of the organization's history, and

"Whereas, in response to a growing need recognized by numerous medical leaders, the Red Cross has now embarked upon a national blood-donor program designed eventually to furnish whole blood and blood derivatives to the entire nation without cost, therefor, and

"Whereas, the Red Cross must stand ready to provide assistance to millions of American veterans in their readjustment to civilian life and to furnish added comfort, entertainment, and relaxation to those in government hospitals, and

"Whereas, this organization which exemplifies the noblest instinct of mankind—the desire to aid one's fellow man—is now issuing its 1948 appeal for contributions totaling seventy-five million dollars;

"Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1948 as Red Cross Month, and I urge every citizen to respond as generously as possible to this humanitarian cause.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this 18th day of February in year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Seventy-Second."

## Solicitation Control Is Planned Here

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has a Solicitation Control Committee, whose duty it will be to examine all proposals for soliciting and pass upon them.

This is a free country, of course, and everybody has freedom of speech and can solicit for any type cause, but if the public supports a solicitorial control committee, the solicitors wouldn't get far without the committee's approval.

Under the plan being used, a person who wants to make solicitations among business houses must first lay open the facts of the proposal to the Chamber of Commerce Committee. The proposal is examined and if it is worthy and needed the committee will give it its approval.

If not, the solicitors meet much resistance because they can't show to the people they contact a statement of approval by the committee which examined the project.

This means that persons who make a racket of soliciting contributions cannot get by. The committee will find out how much money is sought, the need for the

money, and for what it is to be used.

It is also understood that all fund campaigns will get a once over by the committee to ascertain whether or not the community is being imposed upon to furnish more than its share, especially of funds which are to go out of the community.

This is necessary, because many campaigns are planned to get the money where people will give, and without too much consideration for spreading the demand proportionately among communities on the basis of wealth and population.

Comrade Borisov of Russia who affects shock at learning that an Alabama husband is free to beat his wife if he uses a stick of less than two-inch diameter has our permission to take the matter up personally with Governor (Big Jim) Folsom. —Greensboro Daily News.

Senator Robert A. Taft joins in the demand for creation of a United Nations police force to protect Palestine partition. Wonder if he'd like to be Secretary for defense in the event Forrestal resigns. —Greensboro Daily News.

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.



By the clock of destiny, it is later than we think. According to one of America's top ranking psychiatrists, this national is on the brink of disintegration. His reasons for making this statement are the increase in divorce, juvenile and adult delinquency. Dr. Edward A. Strecker, chairman of the psychiatry division of the National Research Council addressed a postgraduate assembly of gynecologists and obstetricians in Los Angeles. According to the Associated Press, which reports on his address, he blames mothers for the growing tendency to cling to the maternal apron strings long after they should release their children as independent individuals. He indicated fathers also: "Fathers are too inclined to neglect the psychological rearing of their children. After the second child, a father tends to desert his wife emotionally."

The doctor acknowledged that people are basically the same today as they were years and years ago when family ties were stronger, "but forces outside are at work on them, and in the most materialistic civilization the world has ever known, spiritual values have been swept away." He referred to the divorce rate of one of three marriages and in some densely populated areas, one to two marriages, lax marital relationships, falling birthrate and soaring delinquency of adults and juveniles, which he classified as "surface symptoms of national decay."

In an interview to the press, Dr. Strecker said that as parents, most Americans are failures. They fail to instill self-reliance in their children. Children grow into emotionally adults, unable to meet responsibilities. "Somewhere along the line," he declared, "we have lost our spiritual values. Through technological advance we have achieved a highly materialistic civilization, but underneath we are straw."

Ministers, priests and rabbis have been warning the nation of this growing spiritual decay. Now psychiatrists are sounding the same alarm. Dr. Stanley Jones quotes one prominent west coast psychiatrist as saying that most of his patients needed the mourners bench and God far more than they needed him.

All the while we seek substitutes, and look for scapegoats. We blame prohibition for national corruption, and now drunkenness is at an evil all-time high since we have dispensed with them. We say we must have more recreation, so we are gradually giving over Sunday, the Lord's day, to commercialized recreation. Sunday picture shows, Sunday commercial games are being accepted over the country. Saturday night dances are running well over into Sunday morning. Now public dances on Sunday night are being offered. Truly, like Nero, "we fiddle while Rome burns."

This nation came to greatness on the home, the church and the school—no amount of military preparedness will suffice if we continue our course of spiritual decay which leaves us morally weak and unprepared.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### LARRY'S BASEBALL CAREER

During the Coffee Club session we got the full story of Larry Moore's baseball career and why he turned to law, and front office duties for baseball teams.

Larry, as you know, is secretary-treasurer, better known as business manager, of the newly organized North Wilkesboro club in the Blue Ridge League. But let us turn to his active career on the diamond as Larry himself relates it.

Larry played baseball for an Alabama high school. He was a third baseman, and terrifically good. That is, that was Larry's own opinion of himself as a baseball player, and by his own admission.

Maybe because of the athletic ability which he thought he had, Larry was induced to Baptist Hollow, sometimes known as Wake Forest College off the sports pages. Maybe it was the law school, or maybe it was the baseball record of the Baptist school that enticed the third baseman from the Alabama high.

Came time for baseball practice about this time of the year and Larry was ready. But, you know how it is. Such fellows as Ted Williams report late for spring training. They are so dog-gone good that the boss don't tear his hair if they are not the first ones out.

Larry, as might be expected, was late reporting to the practice field. He says he put on his best swagger which he thought a finished and polished baseball player should use as he ambled to the field.

Practice was under way and after lounging around for a minute for the benefit of the coach and players to get a good look at THE third baseman, Larry took a look at what was going on on the field, particularly at third base.

Practicing at third base was a youngster of bone and muscle who apparently had the speed of lightning. He was picking up the grounders and whipping them to first so fast that Larry could follow his actions only with difficulty. Larry was awed but not ready to concede anything. So Larry thinks to himself: "Maybe the guy can't hit. That's the way of flashy fielders. They can't hit and I can really wallop the ball. I'll just stand here until he takes his turn at the plate. Then I'll go in."

So the fast third baseman finally took his turn at bat. He whipped the bat in a masterful arc; they haven't found that ball yet.

As the story goes, the third baseman that was so fast hit 600 in his only college year at Wake Forest. He went from Wake Forest to Chattanooga professionals and on to Washington. He was none other than Buddy Lewis.

Incidentally, Buddy won an American league batting championship or two and for ten years was one of the game's greats. Now Buddy goes home to Gastonia because of a back injury sustained in a crash against an outfield wall. This year he will coach Gastonia Legion juniors, where he got his start to fame, and he may be back at Washington next spring, if his physical condition improves.

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### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our many friends, for the kindness and sympathy, shown us during the arrival and burial of our dear brother, Pfc. Stewart L. Bishop, who gave his life in the service of our country. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

We, too want to thank each and every service man, who took part in the funeral service. MRS. CHARLIE DANCY'S FAMILY AND ROLLEN BISHOP.

### NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, made in the special proceeding entitled Charlie Winebarger vs. Edith S. Winebarger Baurges et al, the same being No. — upon the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 13th day of March, 1948, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in Reddies River township, Wilkes county, N. C., adjoining the lands of F. E. McGlamery, Elihu McNeil, and others, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the west side of Highway No. 16 and running a northward direction 810 feet, more or less, to F. E. McGlamery's line to a hickory

near a white oak in F. E. McGlamery's line; thence a northward direction with F. E. McGlamery's line 190 feet to the F. E. McGlamery and L. B. Pierce corner, known as the locust and pine corner; thence with F. E. McGlamery's line an eastward direction to a white oak, being F. E. McGlamery's, Conrad Vannoy's and T. C. Bowie's corner; thence with Highway No. 16 a southward direction 225 feet to a stake, the point of beginning, so as to include 325 feet road frontage, containing 6 acres, more or less.

This 10th day of February, 1948. W. H. McELWEE, CLYDE HAYES, Commissioners 3-8-4t1M

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HEAVY **FATBACK, lb. 23¢**

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**CATSUP, 14 oz. 19¢**

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