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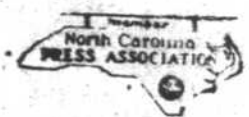
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## Get Going

When the President's Conference on Fire Prevention was held in Washington last May, one of the most important recommendations was that each state call a conference of its own in order to deal most effectively with regional problems and hazards.

Up to March 15, twenty states have held or have definitely scheduled conferences of that type, and some more have started preliminary work. And a number, according to the available information, have done little or nothing.

The states which are really attacking the fire problem are to be congratulated for recognizing one of the worst threats to the life and property of the people. The states which have not acted cannot offer any excuse—they are inviting disaster. Fire prevention is essentially a local job, and nothing can be done at the national level except to offer recommendations. The state, the city, the town, the village—these are the levels at which fire can be effectively fought. For, if the job is to be successfully accomplished, the danger of fire, and the simple, basic means of preventing fire, must be brought straight home to every citizen. No outside agency can make a man's home or place of business safe. He must do it for himself, using as an aid the exhaustive knowledge which has been gained of the main causes of fire and how they may be eliminated.

State fire prevention conferences are the necessary starting point for campaigns that will do something beside talk. It's time to get going.

## No Place For Eddie

The Evening Banner, of Greenville, Texas, recently told, in an editorial, the sad story of Eddie, an inefficient and discourteous clerk in a store. One day a customer noticed that Eddie wasn't present and asked about him. "He's just not working here any more," the proprietor said. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" the customer responded. "Nope," said the proprietor. "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

As the Banner added, "There's no place for the Eddies because the days of competition have returned and customers want to be waited upon . . . they want to see clerks take an interest in their requests, give them courteous, attentive service and try to make them feel at home. That's just human nature."

During the war, many a store, from the big chains down to little shops, had to employ poor and disinterested help, because nothing better could be had. But we're getting back to normal now, and we're seeing again that retailing is a career, that it calls for very special talents and mental attitudes and capabilities, and that it isn't a job that anyone can do. Many of the larger stores carry on highly developed training programs for their employes, and these are of service to small stores as well, by raising the standards of retail service in general.

The customer is entitled to interested and intelligent service, whether he's after a pound of hamburger or a complete spring outfit, and retailing is giving it to him. That small percentage of stores which takes no interest in this basic form of public relations won't be in business long. And, like Eddie, they'll leave no vacancy.

## Borrowed Comment

DR. MESSICK IS RIGHT  
(Charlotte Observer)

None but Communists, their fellow travelers and sympathizers, and perhaps fascist-minded people, should oppose the teaching of the philosophies of communism and fascism—in comparison with democracy—to the school children, as advocated by Dr. J. D. Messick in his address to the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The Communists and their defenders would not object, to be sure, if only they were permitted to do the teaching. They would seek to make Communists of the children by painting their ideology as Utopian and democracy as a curse.

But what the president of the East Carolina Teachers college advocates is that the parents and the public "insist that our boys and girls know what fascism and communism are"; that they be taught "the end result of these 'isms,'" and that the teachers in dealing with the subject "compare these things with our concept of democracy."

In other words, communism and fascism, as compared with democracy, should be taught so that the youth will be influenced in its thinking by knowing the facts, by knowing what will happen to them and their country if they are engulfed in the current stream of communism.

"We cannot argue against things we do not understand," as Dr. Messick aptly stated.

How are the young men and women to be expected to combat the influence of communism and fascism if they have never learned what those 'isms represent and stand for and what have been the results where they have prevailed?

Children are not born with knowledge of such things any more than with a knowledge of mathematics or history.

But it will be recalled that a few weeks ago, when Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, advocated the same kind of program as that proposed by Dr. Messick, protest and opposition promptly followed, even coming from some very unexpected sources.

The man who does not like his neighbor's vegetables should plant his own garden.

The anxiety of some newspaper writers to present news leads them to publish fiction.

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.



There is a real blessing in giving and sharing what we have with others. The recent war has helped to make us more conscious of that. The desperate need of destitute peoples in other parts of the world has come home to us. I am frequently encountering people who have sent \$10.00 "care" packages to families overseas and have received letters of thanks, many of them in foreign languages. Many have contributed to "Friendship Ships" and "Friendship Trains."

The North Carolina Council of churches has just released some interesting figures: "From 1939 to 1946 taxes have increased from 12.3 millions to 46.1 millions. Luxuries from 14 billion to 25 billion. Savings from 6 billion to 18.8 billion. Tax exempt charitable contributions—1.4 billion to 2.5 billion (roughly a nickel a day—"our gifts to God")."

Council Secretary Arnold suggests, "If we gave a dime (10c) a day, church contributions would total 5 billion. If we gave a Biblical tithe of our national income, it would total 17 billion. If we gave the "allowed 15 per cent" of our federal income tax, it would amount to 26 billion annually."

It is Communist doctrine to compel by law those who have to share with those who have not. It is Christian doctrine for those who have to give to those who have not. Government aid is sent to other needy countries from taxes which we are compelled to give. How much better to give willingly to those in need where we want to give it, when we want to give it, than to be compelled to give to those whom we do not know.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### MORE TRAINING NOTES—

Some local baseball fans were disgruntled over the fact that North Wilkesboro lost four exhibition games last week. Maybe they don't understand the purpose of exhibition games. Such contests are scheduled for the primary purpose of giving the manager an opportunity to find out what kind of players he has on the squad and who should have regular berths when the season opens.

To those who understand the situation, the loss of the four exhibition games played away last week didn't mean a thing as far as local prospects for a winning or losing club are concerned. The North Wilkesboro club is entirely new, and all players had to be obtained. They didn't have a group of experienced players under contract from last year, because there was no last year in pro baseball here. The Flashers had to work out where they could because Memorial Park had not been completed and there had been no opportunity for an inter-squad contest before going into exhibition games. With exception of a very few veterans who had baseball records, Manager Loman had no way of knowing what kind of talent he had assembled and they went into exhibition contests without any contested play in training. More than 30 players had to be tried out in exhibition games last week to get some idea of what they could do. Everybody likes to win, even in exhibition games, but winning the game must be subordinated to practice and giving rookies an opportunity to show what they can do. The game here Monday night was played with nine men who went

the route, including Clayton Goad who pitched a masterful game, along with Worth Cuthbertson on Tuesday night. Sufficient time had elapsed for Flash to pick a starting lineup from material on hand.

When you are "playing for keeps" in the regular league schedule you don't yank a man who is doing o. k. to let a rookie try his hand. But you do that kind of thing in exhibition games if the games are to accomplish their purpose.

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