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**Industrial Corporation Great Forward Move**

The state of North Carolina has granted a charter to the Industrial and Investment Corporation formed here.

This corporation was set up to provide capital for industrial expansion. An industry seeking a location wants to know first of all what is the attitude of the people, and especially existing industry and business, toward new industry.

Formation of the Industrial and Investment Corporation provides an answer which means something—it means tangible assistance to new business in addition to saying in no uncertain terms that new industry is welcome and wanted.

It is most gratifying to note the number of charter stockholders and their identity. It represents a great amount of present business and many from professional life. It represents unity of purpose in the interest of progress.

Too long this community has had an exodus of good people going out to other places to find employment. Let us furnish jobs for our own people, who are the best to be found anywhere, and let them live and prosper in their home county.

Formation of the Industrial and Investment corporation tells to the world that here is a community which wants progress, and is willing to put forth united effort in that direction.

**No Trespassing**

"Fishermen and other holiday makers in the countryside are discovering that the pleasant spots where they might disport themselves, without defiance of a 'no-trespassing' sign, are growing fewer and fewer because of fire risks," says the Saturday Evening Post editorially. The Post then cites the case of a correspondent who lives on acreage that contains an excellent brook. He once allowed fishermen to come on his property and the state stocked the stream. But, the Post goes on, "Our informant had half a dozen minor scares from abandoned fires during the first few fishing seasons, and one major one in which more damage was done to fine trees than all the fish in the township were worth. Since then the warden has not stocked the brook, and the angler who coasts along the road in his car, looking for a place to throw his line into a promising stream, finds an unbroken succession of signs telling him what the law will do to him if he trespasses."

This is tough on the fisherman and the hunter. And it's a great deal tougher on the people whose property is razed by fire, the magnificent stands of forests that are turned into ash, and the wildlife which is killed in its nests and caves. No one can honestly claim that forest fires are natural and inevitable. The cold figures prove that 90 per cent of them are caused by individual carelessness.

We must enforce fire safety laws to the letter. And, far more important, we must learn the basic rules of fire prevention in the outdoors and everywhere else. Do you want to be the one who causes the death of a forest and its inhabitants?

"The man who feels that he cannot touch his breakfast should see a doctor," says a cereal advertisement in a radio program. It also might not hurt to consult the cook if it can be done discreetly.—Greensboro Daily News.

**Successful Horse Show Is Anticipated**

July 2 and 3 are dates for the Kiwanis club horse show at the local horse show grounds. The annual show here because of its size and quality has already earned a reputation as being one of the outstanding horse show events in the state, a fact which reflects great credit on the sponsors.

There are many to whom a horse show is tops in entertainment, because they respect and admire good horses and their show performances. It represents a high type of sports and entertainment.

Success of the horse show is evidence of what can be done by people who are truly interested in what they are trying to do. It has not been many years ago that the average person locally knew nothing about horse shows. Now a great many people are keenly interested in horse shows and get real entertainment from the horse show exhibitions.

The horse show project deserves much support from the public. Any net profits from the show will be used by the Kiwanis club to carry on the club's fine work for underprivileged children, and for other worthy projects.

So far Congress seems to believe that the country prefers draft beer to draft bill.—Greensboro Daily News.

David Lilienthal, who himself was significantly serviceable with TVA and for our money can go on with atomic energy, urges University of Virginia graduates to "plan definitely to set aside a number of years" for the public service. That's a splendid idea, but not one which precludes a bit of self-service while awaiting the public's orders.—Greensboro Daily News.

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**MAKING OUR DECISIONS**

There may be many influences that count in our lives, either for good or evil, and that help determine the way we take, but when everything is summed up and brought to a final climax, we make our own decisions. We decide to go with God and His people, or we decide to go with the devil and his people. We decide to be godly, or we decide to be ungodly. We decide to be spiritual, by the grace of God, or we decide to be worldly, carnal, sinful and wicked. We decide to be moral, or we decide to be immoral. We decide to be honest, truthful, upright, dependable, noble and great, or we decide to be dishonest, untruthful, small in principle and life, thereby accomplishing nothing good, great and worth while.

We decide for ourselves what life is to be, and what the final outcome shall be. We decide what we aim to be, or what we do not aim to be. We decide what we are going to do, or what we are not going to do. We decide the place we shall fill, or the place we shall not fill. We decide the company we shall keep, or the company we shall not keep. We decide what we shall believe, or what we shall wrong, good and evil, Christianity and not believe. We decide between right and sin, heaven and hell. We decide whether we are going to be wise and go with God, or be unwise and go with the devil. We decide whether we are going to believe the Bible, heed its great truths, take Christ into our lives, and go with Him the narrow way unto eternal life; or reject the Bible, reject Christ, and maybe be atheists and infidels, wield an influence that shall curse humanity, and finally sink into everlasting despair, woe and damnation.

We read over in First Kings 20:40: "Thyself hast decided it." This was spoken of king Ahab in regard to his disobedience unto God, which eventually meant his death and damnation. Indeed men make their own decisions. When they decide to live for the devil, go the way of the world, live sinful, wicked lives, disobeying and dishonoring God, then they decide their own awful fate. What a great responsibility there is upon us as to our decisions! When we decide to repent of all sin, give it up, take Christ into our hearts, souls, lives and homes, live to do His will and be faithful unto death, then we decide our own eternal bliss and welfare in heaven. Hallelujah! What decisions have you made, and what are you making?

**PUBLIC PULSE**

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(Editor's note: The letter published below was written by Dr. Gilbert R. Combs to Attorney Larry S. Moore, business manager of the North Wilkesboro baseball club, and is published at the request of the writer, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs).

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NORTH WILKESBORO BASEBALL CLUB**

The N. W. Baseball Club, Mr. Larry S. Moore, Secretary, North Wilkesboro, N. C.  
 Dear Larry:

It is with genuine regret that I feel that I must return to you the complimentary season ticket that you were kind enough to send to me to the baseball games to be played in North Wilkesboro this season. As you will recall I wrote you a letter of appreciation for this gracious courtesy and commended the club for the expressed purpose to avoid scheduling any Sunday games in our community. Now that you have decided to depart from that policy, and I have felt obliged to criticize your action, publicly and privately, I do not feel that it would be right of proper for me to accept and use this generous gratuity from the club. I thank you again for your courtesy and consideration in sending the ticket.

I like baseball and have enjoyed the few games I have been able to witness since the season opened. And I was greatly pleased with the general orderliness and sobriety of the crowds at the games.

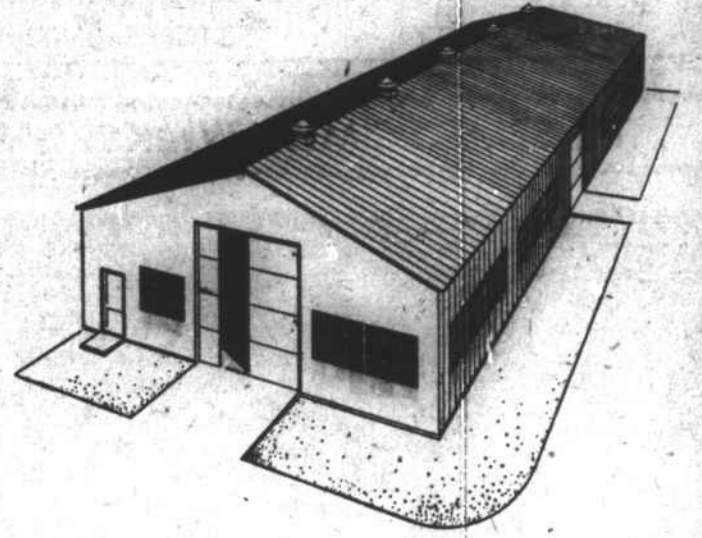
When the project of building a Memorial Park was first suggested I wanted to give it my hearty support, for I am committed to a program of community recreation. In my opinion the average community does not give half enough attention to the matter of providing wholesome recreation to its people; especially its young people. One of the main talking points in the promotion of the Memorial Park project was the proposed plans for a professional baseball club. I inquired specifically if there were plans for the use of the park for Sunday baseball or other commercialized recreation or amusements on the Christian Sabbath, and was assured that no such was contemplated. Two men who were present at the meeting of the Town Council when a group of those interested in the baseball club first appeared before that body to discuss the matter, told me that it was clearly stated there that no Sunday baseball was planned or desired. I was glad to hear of these assurances and, upon receiving them, was glad to give the Memorial Park by support. My cash contribution was not large, of course, but I tried to add to that material support whatever small influence I might have. I gave the enterprise my public and private endorsement. Some of the more substantial contributors to the Memorial Park fund have said that if they had known that the Park was to be used for commercial amusements on Sunday they would not have given their support.

One of the things that American sports has always emphasized is fair-play, good sportsmanship. We urge our young people to be good sports in their games and contests because we want them to learn to be good sports in the Larger game of life. Putting aside for the moment the larger issues of this matter, I wonder if the Baseball Club honestly feels that they have been very "good sports" in their dealing with the Town Council and the citizens of the community in this matter.

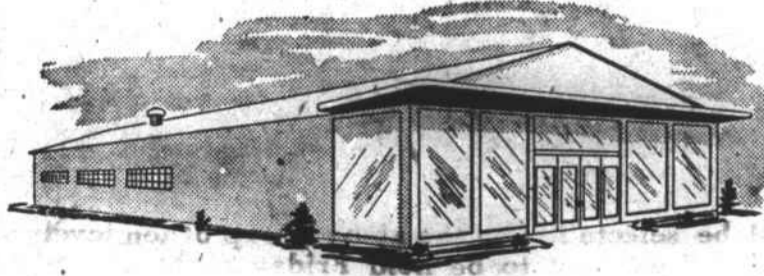
The so-called arguments that are commonly advanced in defense of a movement of this kind are familiar to us all. And everyone of them, in my opinion, either dodges the main issue or begs the question. It is so easy for us to temporize or rationalize with almost any issue until it becomes justified in our thinking. "Everybody else is doing it." "It is not as bad as some other things that are done on Sunday." "After all, it is a very innocent sort of thing." Et cetera.

We should begin with the very clear understanding that the Christian Sabbath is a religious institution. It owes its origin and its continued life to the Christian gospel, rooted in the great Hebrew tradition. That being true the only sound or valid argument that can be advanced for commercialized recreation or amusements on Sunday is on the grounds of morality or religion. Has anyone ever heard a serious or reasonably intelligent argument for commercialized sports or amusements on Sunday on (Continued on page three)

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