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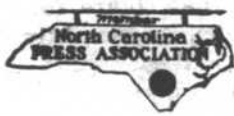
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Badly Needed Street Work Is Planned Here

The North Wilkesboro city council is acting wisely in providing for street improvements in North Wilkesboro during this fiscal year.

The paved streets of the city represent a big investment, which must be protected. Neglect of the streets would be poor economy at any time.

In addition to needed repair of streets and surface treatment in order to protect the pavement, the city continually needs new streets and extensions, because it is a rapidly growing community.

All of this costs money, but progress is always costly during the process of moving forward. Paved streets add value to the city, and makes every plot and parcel of real estate worth more.

Particular attention should be given to downtown streets, and a careful survey should be made of plans to provide more downtown traffic lanes, in order that the continually increasing congestion of traffic may be relieved.

It is expedient that everything possible be done to improve A street, Forester Avenue, Cherry Street, Gordon Avenue, and any other connecting streets which could be used to divert some of the traffic from the center of the business section of the city.

The council has plans for improving that block of seventh street from A to B, which will help some in providing one outlet off B street.

This city has outgrown its streets and this means that fullest possible use must be made of the streets we have.

Statement Regarding Drunk Driving

Driving while under the influence of an intoxicant is much more hazardous than the American public realizes. Our attention is focused on the flagrant cases—the drunk driver who has a crash, who kills or injures. There is a vastly larger number of reputable citizens who operate motor vehicles after moderate use of an intoxicant. While they are not drunk in the common sense of the term, the driving ability of many of them is measurably impaired. Better understanding of, and a solution for, this problem must cope with both kinds of driver.

More jurisdiction have strict laws governing 'driving while under the influence'. These laws are often made ineffective by police who fail to present valid evidence, by prosecutors who insist on reduction of charges, by jurors who refuse to convict in cases of apparent guilt, by failure to suspend or revoke the licenses of convicted drivers, and by lack of organized public support for strong official action against this serious violation. It is a generally accepted fact that every driver having a concentration of 0.15 per cent of alcohol in the blood is sufficiently under the influence to warrant prosecution, and a study has shown that such drivers have an accident rate 55 times that of drivers who have not had a drink. There are methods of scientific testing to determine the alcoholic content of the blood. Such tests are accepted as evidence by some courts, but their widespread use in many states will require legislation which will more accurately define intoxication and set standards of scientific determination.

The average person who has used an intoxicant in moderation feels perfectly capable of driving an automobile. He does not realize that alcohol has affected both his driving ability and his judgment. The

only remedy for this is a greater sense of individual responsibility and a more realistic appraisal of one's capabilities and limitations.

Economic Status Continually Changing

When the 81st congress convened early this year, President Truman was very enthusiastic for what he termed "inflation controls", which was a major plank in his re-election platform.

But in the short space of six months the picture has changed until "inflation controls" is a subject to be spoken of only in the past tense. Only a short time ago the president wanted power to put a ceiling on prices.

Now the picture has reversed and there is much talk in congress of wanting to enact "deflation controls."

Rising unemployment in the spring and summer has given some cause of uneasiness, but practically all economic experts agree there is nothing to worry about and that the present status of the economy is merely an adjustment and transition period from wartime to normal economy. But those who compare present conditions with the peak of post-war boom cannot help but see the gloomy side, when as a matter of fact they and everybody else should have known that the inflationary spiral brought about by scarcities could not go on forever.

In their more or less optimistic views the economic experts point out that there remains a great need for almost everything in this country, and that trade will reach a new high in volume when prices are adjusted and our economy gets into high gear. But while they predict this record volume they are quick to point out that they mean volume of goods, merchandise and products and not dollar volume, which may not equal that of 1947 or 1948.

The market has changed from a seller's market to a buyer's market. It is the customer now who chooses what he wants and has something to say about the price, instead of taking whatever is offered at whatever price is quoted. But for the alert business man who wants to serve his public the business is still there. It may take effort to get it, but the potential is very much a reality.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert
Spaugh, D. D.



"Man Lives After 'Dying' Twice on Operating Table", headlines in an Associated Press story from Baltimore, Maryland.

The patient, a 49-year-old printer entered the Maryland General Hospital for a hernia operation. He was given a commonly-used anesthetic and shortly afterwards his breathing stopped, as did his heartbeat. The surgeon made an incision in the chest and began gently massaging the heart.

"According to all the rules", the doctor said, "this man was dead". The surgeon patiently persisted in massaging for twenty minutes. Then the heart began to respond, but just as signs of life returned, they began to disappear. The surgeon continued his work. Again, the signs of life began returning. The heartbeat and respiration picked up. The surgeon said the patient has shown no signs his experience will produce a lasting disability.

Such an experience, we hope, will never be forgotten by the patient. But, alas, the memory of man is often all too short. During 25 years of dealing with people in trouble in one parish, I have learned that people all too quickly forget the mercies and blessings of God. I have watched many of them in deep trouble come seeking help. We have prayed earnestly together, and favorable answers have followed. Then so many of them by action have said, "Good-by God, I will call you again when I get in trouble".

I have seen it many times proven in my own experience, that we can't snap our fingers in the face of the Almighty and get away with it. We can't expect to use Him as a kind of disaster insurance.

We accept membership in the Divine Family, or remain outside. We can't be rushing in and out like small children running in and out the front door of a house.

If the Lord has been good to you, show your appreciation every day. Don't wait until you have to be thrown on your back to look up.

:SOCIETY:

Mitchell-Craven Vows Exchanged

Miss Lucille Mitchell, daughter of Mr. Rex Mitchell, of Sparta, and the late Mrs. Mitchell, became the bride of Ralph L. Craven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Craven, of North Wilkesboro, in a candlelight ceremony at the Shiloh Methodist church near Sparta on Friday evening, June 24th, at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Yokeley, the bride's pastor, officiated in the double ring ceremony.

Wedding music was presented by Miss Ellen Hardin, pianist, and Miss Jo Ann Phipps, soloist. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of navy blue with white and navy accessories. Her corsage was of white rose buds. Miss Evelyn Mitchell, sister of the bride, attended her as maid of honor. She wore a white dress with navy accessories, and a corsage of pink rose buds. Miss Shirley Mitchell, niece of the bride, was ring bearer.

Best man for the bridegroom was his nephew, William A. Craven, Jr., of Asheboro. Ushers were Robert E. Black, Jr., of Sparta, and Tommy Earp, of Boomer. Mrs. Craven attended Appalachian State Teachers' College, and taught school in Sparta during the past year. At present she is employed by the Allegheny Welfare Department.

Mr. Craven served two years with the Marine Corps in the Pacific area and is now attending Cleveland Business College.

The bride and groom left for an unannounced wedding trip immediately after the ceremony. On Thursday evening before

the wedding, the couple was honored at a cake cutting given by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mitchell at their home in Sparta.

Liberty Grove W.M.S Meets

The Woman's Missionary Society of Liberty Grove Baptist church met in its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Claud Caudill on June 28, with several members and two visitors present. The president, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Ralph Taylor led the devotionals.

A program was given by members on "Christ, the Answer For Our Youth of Today", and was enjoyed very much by all. Mrs. Ralph Taylor and Mrs. Tam Hutchinson sang a duet in keeping with the program. After the business session, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Carrie Henderson.

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