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Stray Dogs Present A Serious Problem

North Wilkesboro police department last week issued a warning that dogs in North Wilkesboro which annoy neighbors and the general public had better behave or suffer the consequences.

Loss of sleep because of barking dogs is not a little matter, when sleep is hard to get in hot weather anyway. But since reports of mad dogs have been altogether too frequent, the question of stray dogs has become a serious one.

Last week a hound went onto a porch and attacked a man, biting him six times before he could subdue the mad animal, which was later found to have rabies at the time. There have been other reports of mad dogs. One dog was killed in North Wilkesboro and it appeared to be mad, but the head was so mutilated that a test was impossible.

People who have dogs which they value will have to use extra precautions to protect their dogs, and at the same time protect the public. The officers do not want to hurt anybody by killing dogs that are prized and valued and which are the pets of children. But on the other hand the public must be protected.

During this threat of a rabies epidemic we would suggest that dog owners keep their dogs confined to such an extent that they cannot be reached by mad dogs. In this way there will be no danger to the public.

Doubtless many have failed to have their dogs vaccinated as provided by law, and these unvaccinated dogs are subject to be killed at any time. Protection of human lives cannot become secondary to any other element at this time.

Korean War For Peace and Justice

There is some danger that the free people of the world do not thoroughly understand what the war in Korea is about.

Some have tabbed the conflict as a "useless war." In fact, an American army captain in Korea was quoted by a correspondent as uttering that phrase.

At the end of World War II the United Nations was formed for the purpose of preventing war by protecting the weak from strong aggressors.

Russian supported Reds in north Korea invaded democratic South Korea. The United Nations stepped in and because American troops were in Japan and America is the greatest power in the United Nations it was fitting and proper that American troops take the field.

It is no secret that Russia plans world conquest by communism. Reds are committed to that policy and determination. The Korean conflict, no doubt instigated by Russia, is to test the efforts of free peoples to stand for their rights in unity and strength. If Korean Reds had met no opposition, other nations would suffer the same fate as South Korea and the United Nations would have ceased to exist as a world power and influence.

Other nations will help the United States in the Korean conflict, but Korea is a long way from England, France and the other Republics who had no powerful forces near Korea when the war started. English and Australian air and naval forces are already in the fight, and Canada is sending aid. In order for Russia to be given a powerful

expression which Reds can understand, each democracy in the United Nations should put some forces into the fight, and present a united front of free peoples against communistic tyranny. In that way and that way only can Russia be told where to get off.

The Korean war is our fight, and is also the fight of every freedom-loving people on the globe.

Borrowed Comment

DOORS AHEAD

(Raleigh News and Observer)

One saving grace about Americans in violent domestic debate about bitterly contested issues is that generally the saving grace of humor comes in. It has already arrived in the angry argument about "socialized medicine."

A story current in North Carolina is about "socialized medicine" in 1970 when, according to this story, it had already been adopted and systematized. In that year a fairly elderly gentleman went to a clinic. He found himself in a room with two doors, one marked "Male" and the other "Female." He opened the "Male" door and went in.

He found himself in another room with two doors, one marked "Under 21" and the other "Over 21." He opened the "Over 21" door and went in.

He found himself in another room with two doors, one marked "Minor Irritations" and the other marked "Major Ailments." He was feeling a little bad by this time so he opened the door marked "Major Ailments" and went in.

He found himself in another room with two doors, one marked "Republicans" and the other marked "Democrats." True to his ancient faith, he turned the knob on the door marked "Republicans."

And found himself in the back street.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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World events are urgently pointing American people to the necessity for re-armament. There is no question but that we must become increasingly strong in the face of world aggression.

But we must never forget to build up our spiritual armament. Long ago the prophet wrote, "Not by might, nor by power, but by spirit, saith the Lord." Our national motto, "In God We Trust," was taken from Psalm 118:8-9. The psalmist reflects the same thought elsewhere: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes . . . Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain . . . Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

We dare not forget the greatest power of all — the power of prayer. As we turn back the pages of our history, ever and again there have been powerful instances of answered prayer in national emergencies.

From the time when Christopher Columbus set foot upon the soil of the new world and immediately fell to his knees in prayer of gratitude, prayer has been the greatest source of strength to the American people.

Turn the pages of history for yourself. See Washington on his knees during that winter at Valley Forge. See Lincoln prostrating himself in prayer to Almighty God to preserve this nation. Turn the page to May 30, 1918, when Wilson proclaimed a National Prayer Day to which the people responded, and after which the Central Powers never won an important battle. Rehearse the events of the American and British Prayer Days in World War II. Following the first of these in 1940 came the miracle of Dunkirk. Following another when London was receiving its awful bombing, Hitler hesitated on the shores of France and failed to invade Britain.

Rehearse those many other war time prayers, particularly those on D-Day and on VE-Day.

America, yes, the world, is today desperately standing in the need of prayer. This is a contribution to our national defense in which we can all have part.

Church bells and church chimes are still ringing out prayer calls at noon and at eventide.

Budget Estimates For Wilkes County Published Today

Tax Rate Of \$1.38 Per Hundred Will Remain Same As Last Year

Statement of estimated budget for Wilkes county for the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1951, was released today by J. C. Grayson, Wilkes county accountant and tax supervisor.

The estimated budget as adopted by the county board of commissioners calls for a county tax rate of \$1.38 on each \$100 assessed valuation of property, which is the same tax rate as has been in effect for the past several years.

The budget calls for total expenditure of \$979,814.

Largest division of the budget is social security, which sets up expenditures of \$592,764. However, \$543,264 of this amount will be federal and state aid funds, with \$49,500 set up as coming from the tax levy.

School capital outlay fund has \$116,000 set up. This money is now being expended in the current school building program in the county. Current expense division of the budget calls for a total of \$187,000.

The estimated budget is published elsewhere in this newspaper. Any person desiring detailed information concerning any consolidated items in the budget may get in touch with Mr. Grayson at his office in the county courthouse.

Navy Veterans With Dependents Can Be Enlisted In Navy

Chief H. A. Moore, U. S. Navy Recruiter, who visits the City Hall Building, North Wilkesboro, each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday announced today that many

ex-Naval Personnel who heretofore have been rejected for dependency reasons when applying for enlistment or reenlistment in the Regular Navy, may now be accepted.

In making the above announcement Chief Moore stated that lifting of the above restrictions effects about 85 per cent of all ex-Naval Personnel desiring to reenlist. It is due to the fact that dependency restrictions have been lifted to permit men eligible to enlist in pay-grade E-3 formerly known as Pay Grade 5 regardless of their dependency status. In addition to the above, men discharged by reason of dependency may now be accepted also. Chief Moore urges all ex-Nav-

al Personnel considering reenlisting to contact him at the City Hall Building to determine the rates and pay grades in which they may reenlist in.

Revival Service At Cranberry Baptist

Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro will be guest minister in the revival service to begin Sunday morning July 23rd, at 11:00 at Cranberry Baptist church.

The church and pastor, Rev. L. T. Younger cordially invites all to attend the services, which will be held each morning at 10:30 and evening at 7:45.

A Brunswick County farmer, Earl Earp, harvested an average of 75 bushels per acre from 60 acres of Victor grain oats this year.

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