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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

## A Wise Investment

Public funds are a public trust and should be invested wisely. We have long believed that those occupying public positions should consider this at all times. County commissioners, county board of education, and others in similar positions should weigh carefully the wisdom of expenditure, and the benefits reaped by all people in connection with all public funds.

We know of no better investment than schools, if we are to continue to progress. In buildings and equipment many of our schools are far below the standards of those of the majority in this State. Is it fair to the future of the county to fail to improve our schools in keeping with others in North Carolina? It will take funds to do this and these funds must be raised through taxes. Let's consider the program from a broad angle, get an unbiased survey from the State Department of Education of the needs of our county and then start to work toward that end. We cannot accomplish all of this in one or two or even five years, but we can begin now. Remember an investment in education is an investment in the future of our county.

## Boys And Girls Week

This week the attention of the nation is focused on boys and girls interests, activities, and problems in connection with "National Boys and Girls Week." It is extremely fitting that this should be observed since there are 40 million children in this country between the ages of 7 and 17, who are tomorrow's citizens.

Sponsors of the observance are some fifty national organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, YMCA, YWCA and Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary clubs.

We heartily endorse all that is being done by organizations as well as individuals, to give impetus to all character-building activities of youth-serving agencies. Never before has it been so necessary to serve youth. Let's recognize and award the good in youth, not just this week but every week throughout the year. It may mean the difference in the making of a good citizen and a worthless criminal. A word of encouragement may mean more than anything else to some child. This costs nothing, but a little effort.

## 4-H Awards

It is significant to us that with the observance of "National Boys and Girls Week" also comes the announcement from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, that there are being offered to 4-H boys and girls this year more than \$317,000.00 worth of merit awards for superior achievements in national 4-H contests.

Outstanding records of members in the United States will receive recognition on county, state, sectional and national levels in 24 different 4-H agricultural and home economics awards programs this year, G. L. Noble announced. Adult and junior leaders, club and county groups will also be given special awards. In Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, 4-H'ers are offered rewards for superior records in ten of the programs.

The programs are conducted under the

direction of the Federal and State Extension Services. All awards are provided by private citizens, educational foundations and industrial organizations interested in furthering 4-H Club work.

Awards for county winners comprise 143,500 gold and silver medals, and \$9,200.00 in cash prizes of \$20.00 to each of the ten top ranking 4-H health improvement clubs in the state. Plaques of merit will also be awarded to the county in each state reporting the most outstanding 1947 program in 4-H farm safety and better methods electric activities. State, sectional and national awards include 184 gold watches, 1,087 U. S. Savings Bonds, 118 college scholarships and 795 educational trips to National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.

In addition, scholarships totaling \$38,480.00 are offered to adult and junior 4-H Club leaders in 42 states to receive special instruction at tractor maintenance clinics.

Two national 4-H achievement trophies are presented in the name of the President of the United States. Other national 4-H club programs in which awards are offered, are sponsored by a wide variety of national figures and concerns interested in youth.

We are proud of the 4-H boys and girls of this county and hope that many of them will try for some of these awards, which should furnish extra stimulus in the worthwhile work.

## Stopping Communism

When the foundations of the United Nations were laid at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in Washington nearly three years ago, the Nations pledged themselves to maintain international peace and security, and to cooperate in establishing political, economic and social conditions favorable to the attainment of those objectives. The Charter specifically precludes UN from intervening in the internal affairs of any Nation. There were fifty-one nations that signed up as original members of the United Nations.

One trouble with the United Nations is that many bargains made in the beginning have all been violated. Evidently Russia is the villain that has upset the world peace apple-cart. Even Senator Harry Flood Byrd has finally given up hopes. He arose in the Senate the other day and said: "If Russia is an enemy and persists in being an enemy of free peoples, it is better to have her outside the family than inside the family."

On the same day Attorney General Clark responded to an inquiry from Congressman Thomas of New Jersey, chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities. The Attorney General said he was "taking under immediate advisement" requests from the Government to outlaw the Communist party of the United States. J. Edgar Hoover is an official who has never stubbed his toe since he became head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation long ago. Hoover agrees with other witnesses who have appeared before Committees of Congress that the Communist party and its allies are enemies of the real American way of life.

## Fire Prevention Conference

The President's Conference on Fire Prevention, which will meet May 6-8 in Washington, D. C., has a series of specific objectives.

It will study building construction, operation and protection, with a view to finding means of eliminating present dangers.

It will consider the wide field of fire prevention education, with particular emphasis on instructional aides for schools and colleges.

It will analyze the adequacy of fire-fighting facilities and personnel, and make recommendations for needed improvement.

It will explore the broad question of laws and law enforcement as they relate to fire prevention and safety.

It will recommend a plan for obtaining organized, aggressive public support of fire prevention activity in all its phases.

It will establish a program for continuous research with respect to fire, which will provide information on which laws and regulations can be based.

The Conference will mark the start of the most intensive drive against the fire menace ever undertaken. President Truman called it to meet a grave and immediate emergency. And it can do its job only if it receives the widest possible public support. As a county and as individuals let's give it our support.

## 47 CASES HEARD BY GRAND JURY

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size, 24 sheets and 12 pillows be added to the jail supplies. They also recommended that toilet facilities be installed in one of the large rooms of the jail. The jail was reported to be in good condition otherwise.

An inspection of the prison revealed that it was in good condition. A new drainage for the laundry there was suggested.

Other suggestions included the repairing of the chimney of the community building which was partially destroyed by lightning sometime ago. Any private organization making use of the community building should be responsible for damages, the jurors recommended.

A new location for Sparta high school was also suggested.

Arthur Gambill served as foreman of the grand jury and others serving with him included: W. G. Harris, C. C. Castevens, Robert Joines, Lloyd Absher, G. M. Edwards, Lester Cox, Talmadge Phipps, Glenn Johnson, Hassell Rector, J. L. Landreth, J. A. Wilson, Letcher Gentry, Hoyt Joines, Robert Fender, Watson Lowe, Oscar Gambill and H. C. Evans.

## WILDLIFE MOVIE SHOWN FRIDAY NIGHT

At the meeting of the Alleghany Wildlife club here Friday night at the community building, the club was shown a movie on Wildlife and Soil Conservation.

Following the movie, brief talks were made by Kemp Doughton, R. Emerson Black, H. E. Singletary and Paul Swanson.

A serious cattle louse problem has been discovered in Florida by entomologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



It is apparent that whatever labor bill passes congress will be written upon the floor of the house or senate and not within either of the two committees which have been conducting hearings for more than six weeks and still are unable to reach any agreement.

It is also obvious, despite the telephone strike and John L. Lewis' spurious coal strike which actually violates the court injunction and the supreme court edict upholding the lower court, that no "tough" labor bill will get by a presidential veto, and the GOP leadership does not believe it has the strength to pass labor bill over the presidential veto. So a labor bill, which is to be written from the floor by amendment to any bill which comes out of the committees, likely will outlaw jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, force unions to publish memberships and financial standings and give employers equal voice with labor. There will be no ban on the closed shop or on industry-wide bargaining.

The appropriation bill ceiling is still stalemated and it looks now like a tax cut law will not get through the senate until sometime in late May or June. It likely will provide not more than a 10 per cent tax reduction for this year, maybe more for next year. As a matter of fact, treasury revenue is running far above estimates for this first quarter and not only will the administration be able to balance the budget by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, but likely there will be a three or four billion dollar surplus which no doubt will be applied on the national debt.

Fast action by the senate is expected on the President's request for a 400 billion dollar loan to Greece and Turkey. That this amount is a drop in the bucket as compared to loans and commitments already made and pending to foreign nations is evidenced in a study of budget bureau estimates. From July 1, 1945, to February 28, 1947, American aid plus aid authorized or pending before congress totals 15.8 billion dollars exclusive of payments to the International Monetary Fund and various short-term credits. A summation of all foreign commitments from 1940 through 1946 shows that non-war foreign commitments of this government total almost 22 billion dollars.

In addition, the treasury still is carrying upon its books a total of \$11,619,000,000 in principal and \$3,373,000,000 in interest to January 1, 1947, in World War I debts from other countries. The record shows that 12 different governmental agencies have given loans, credits, advances and financial aid to 76 foreign governments and entities since July 1, 1946.

So United States dollars have literally covered the world in the last six years. There is scarcely a country that has not received some sort of loan or credit, and many colonial possessions also are included. About 80 per cent of the direct loans, credits, advances and financial aid, however, has gone to countries and possessions of the British Commonwealth, to Latin America, to France, China and the Netherlands and possessions.

## It's a Difficult Day for Mother



## The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.

Character is caught, not taught. Parents should remember that in selecting schools for their children. They should further remember that even in this modern industrialized world, character is more important than specialized training.

I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry from business houses concerning young people who have applied to them for positions. Invariably it is the character of the applicant with which they are concerned. Following character comes personal habits, associates, family background. All of this means that parents should be most careful in the selection of schools to which their children are sent, and should certainly know something of the teachers under whose influence they are. A letter from a parent seeking advice on a preparatory school on my desk now, and provokes this column.

In the first place, it is my conviction that children, if they are going to college, should receive their pre-college education in schools at home if possible. The home influence, if it is good, should be retained as long as possible. Too many parents are sending their adolescent sons and daughters to boarding schools "to get them out of the way," and to avoid parental obligations in adolescence. But if the home is broken, and it is necessary to select a boarding school, then by all means one should be chosen where character training is emphasized, and where teaching of religion is a part of the curriculum.

If the boy or girl is not going to college, but to a business school, the standing of the school in the community should be thoroughly investigated. Discover if the head of the school and faculty are "church people." Are they men and women of fine character? If the school takes the boy or girl away from home, be sure to investigate the boarding place and the character of those who live there.

There are many schools where the administration and faculty realize the importance of character training, and place it foremost in their courses of study.

It is during the first eighteen years of life that character is largely determined. It is caught, not taught, from parents and teachers, from associates. It is not learned from textbooks. The best textbook on character is still the Bible. Its place here is not questioned.

their quotas which amounted to more than one third the total goal of \$300,000.

Music was furnished by the Glade Valley students directed by Rev. C. D. Hutton.

## HOUSE VOTES ON BUILDING CONTROL

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he will attempt to send the entire housing-rent bill back to the House Banking committee for re-writing. McCormack told the House that abolishing controls on building materials runs counter to appeals from all veterans organizations.

Across the Capitol, Senator Wagner (D-NY) and Taylor (D-Idaho) blasted the pending Senate Rent Control Extension Bill and advocated carrying on the present rent program unchanged at least through June 30, 1948.

The Senate bill would end controls next March 1 and vest a big measure of authority in local committees for making rent increases.

The House adopted, 107 to 31, an amendment by Representative MacKinnon (R-Minn) that would require builders to offer veterans priorities of purchase or rental for 30 days, at prices and conditions as favorable as the properties would be offered later, to the general public.

## TORNADO KILLS ONE; MANY ARE HOMELESS

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nearby homes.

Louis H. Powell, chairman of the Raleigh chapter of the American Red Cross, said that Red Cross offices in Atlanta had advised him that relief supplies would be dispatched to the scene at Fairmont "just as quickly as possible."

The Red Cross was told that one person was killed in the storm and that 200 or more persons were homeless.

Powell said that the relief supplies probably would be moved from Fort Bragg, closest Red Cross supply point.

ARE YOU IN THE DOG HOUSE?  
HAND HER THE WALLET and The ADS in This Paper

