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UTTER FAITH AND DEVOTION NEED NO YARD STICK! Therefore we conclude that a man is justified in his faith without the deeds of the law.—Romans 3:23.

## Futility Complex

The national House of Representatives passed off late on so so of debate to measure to revise the excess profits tax provision of the Federal revision system, an achievement which in ordinary times would have been regarded as a victory and opposed for perhaps days. Meanwhile, the Senate Naval Committee unanimously approved spending some 242 million dollars to buy American island possessions in the Pacific.

Only the lend-lease bill has had rough sledding, and it is generally agreed that it will win enough votes for safe passage once a decision is called for on the floor of the Senate, having already passed in the House.

In the North Carolina legislature the revenue and other major legislation was approved without even a dissenting vote and with very little argument in either house. One or two other measures seem fairly well assured of similar passage.

What, therefore, does all this add up to? Have we come upon times when even legislators feel it is useless to oppose ought to govern? Hitler may be a fanatic, but not so much one that he risked war with no more than a two-tug-fighter complex? A sort of attitude is that here is resistance and nothing and mean nothing that here are great and swiftly traveling movements that will brush aside all opposition, like a wind.

We could not guess what would befall us if the "so-called" doomsday to that direction comes, and State seems hellbent (ardon the profanity) for somewhere, and no one seems to know, and soon, surely even to know where.

Indifference has already lost liberty and independence for more than one generation. It has happened within the space of a bare two years. It can do it again, and likely will if permitted free course. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom" is a slogan coined years ago, but is as true today as it ever was. Unfortunately, however, all too many people do not see things that way. And sometimes we wonder if it would make any difference to millions of people in their thinking and otherwise whether they had freedom or were serfs and slaves. One would scarcely suppose so in the light of modern day attitudes.

## New Senate Districts

Senator White's heroic efforts to keep Vance and Warren counties in a senatorial district to themselves, instead of tying Northampton in with them, seem to have availed but little as a subcommittee has reported favorably the whole system of changes in the redistricting scheme, with a single exception in the western part of the State. So, as this department observed some days ago, Vance may as well prepare itself in the future to select a State senator once each six years instead of every four as heretofore.

Senator White offered an amendment to put Northampton in with Edgecombe and Halifax, with the district having two senators, thus leaving Vance and Warren as they have been for many years. But political gerrymandering won the day, with the result that this county will most of the time in the future be represented in the legislature by one of its own citizens only in the House.

On a population basis, which is the method of allocating the fifty members of the Senate among the one hundred counties, there would be one

senator for approximately every seventy thousand population. Vance and Warren would have been nearer an approximation of that arrangement than with the addition of Northampton to this district, and there would have been less disjointedness with Northampton tied to Halifax and Edgecombe, a district having two senators. Under that arrangement Northampton would have had representation every four years, whereas it will get it now only every six. But each four years Halifax and Edgecombe would have had to share their two senators, whereas now each will have a senator in every legislature.

There is a remote chance that Senator White's amendment, if renewed, might win approval on the Senate floor, but it is remote indeed. The great probability is that the Senate will accept the report of this subcommittee. For all intents and purposes, then, it may be supposed that Vance will not furnish the State senator to represent it in the legislature again until 1947.

## German Food Supplies

Two Associated Press correspondents home from Germany and other European centers are writing a series of articles on food conditions in the war countries, and especially in the Reich. Their conclusions so far have been that the Germans in particular have been getting ample food, but not such variety as they were accustomed to before hostilities began and before preparations for them were initiated by the Hitler renaissance.

All last summer and fall expressions were heard that the present winter would see disturbances and difficulties in the occupied countries, possibly even in Germany itself, that would create trouble in abundance for the Nazis. But those forecasts have proved erroneous.

As a matter of fact, the human body can get along on far less than it is accustomed to when it has to in the face of stark necessity. Most of us, especially here in America, eat too much regularly, and would be far better off if we took in less. It has been said that many a European could subsist on what the average American now wastes in unconsumed and leftover foods.

Hitler's house of cards may ultimately collapse under the weight of changes, but those who are looking to such an eventuality to bring speedy victory for the democracies are greatly in error. Hitching their wagons to the less to oppose ought to govern, Hitler may be a fanatic, but not so much one that he risked war with no more than a two-tug-fight complex?

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## What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

How many persons are in the employ of the State Highway and Public Works Commission?

How many persons in North Carolina have been assigned social security numbers?

What was the first institution of higher education for Negroes established by members of that race in North Carolina?

How many blind and deaf students were in the two state institutions last year?

Why did United States Senator Hayes of Raleigh resign in 1846? Who was Judge A. S. Merritt, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court?

## ANSWERS

1. According to the budget committee report to the present legislature the State Highway and Public Works Commission has a total of 3,825 employees. Their combined annual salaries amount to \$7,699,837.

2. Latest reports show more than 142,000 North Carolinians have been assigned social security numbers. This represents more than one person in every three in the State over 16 years of age.

3. Livingstone College, established in Salisbury in 1882. The institution was named in honor of David Livingstone, the famous explorer of Africa, who died in 1873.

4. Last year there were 400 at the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morehead and 350 at the State School for the Blind and Deaf at Raleigh. The net annual cost to the State for each student at the Morehead institution was \$835, and at the Raleigh institution \$870.

5. Senator William H. Haywood Jr., refused to accept the instructions sent him by the North Carolina legislature to vote for the Walker tariff bill. This bill had been prepared by the house ways and means committee under the chairmanship of James J. McKay, congressman from North Carolina. It had been passed by the house and was up for a close vote in the senate. The day it came to a final vote in the senate Senator Haywood, designated author of the bill, had just reluctantly voted for it, so he had reluctantly voted against it. The bill passed, however, with a majority of one.

6. Justice A. S. Merritt served nine years as a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court, the last three years, ending in 1892, as Chief Justice.

## ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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1. Fruit

2. Virginia

3. Fifteen billion

4. Tallahassee

5. Woodrow Wilson

6. Speed

7. Secretary of the Treasury

8. Fender

9. Lame Duck Amendment

10. German

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to get a parking space once in a while, at any rate.

Very soon it will not be possible to identify one of the state buildings as the "red brick building"; because workmen are very busy spreading a coat of very white paint over the structure which has for years housed the utility commission.

Many of the opponents frankly admit they personally suffered when they came here from time to time during the period while the meters were on Fayetteville street.

They freely admit that what they like to do is come to town, park and leave their machines for several hours on the main drag. That's why so many Raleigh folks—an overwhelming majority of them, if all the polls are not badly off—want the meters. They give a fellow a chance

to offensive must be wrested from Hitler and crushing defeat administered to him—not to Mussolini alone—before this war ends. It won't be stopped by hunger in the very near future, unless reports from Europe are contrary to actual conditions.

The man at the next desk says that he's still waiting for the great miracle—a radio program which proves to be really as good as the announcer promised it would be.

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