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Rom. 12:2. That ye may prove what is the good and acceptable will of God.

Each On Its Merit

We can't enthuse much over the idea which seems to be gaining favor in Congress to let the present selective service act die in order to generate support for the peacetime draft. Rather it would seem that a better procedure would be to decide each issue on its own merit.

If it is more desirable and more to the advantage of the country to continue selective service to obtain replacements in or to bolster our commitments in Germany and Japan, or elsewhere, Congress and the people should be capable of passing on the issue. If our future security depends upon compulsory military training as permanent policy, that also ought to be determined on its own merit.

A vast field of legislation that goes on the statute books, both in Washington and in the states, gets there through compromise. There may be something that can be said in behalf of that practice. At the same time, some say certain in character or either of these would seem to justify separate and distinct decisions. Neither, in our judgment, should be voted against the other. Let each stand up and be judged on its own merit.

Unearned Credits

A novel policy toward service men has been adopted by the high school in Burlington, whereby four units of credit will be given to service men to enable them to obtain their diploma of graduation, provided they were enrolled in the school at the time of their enlistment or of being drafted, and if they took only four units, or one year's work, to graduate.

The plan apparently admits of several angles. If a boy left to go into service when he had almost finished school, and was away in service so long that he feels himself now too old to attend again in high school, or perhaps is not temperamentally inclined to resume studies, and if he does not intend to pursue his education in college or university, there would seem to be merit in granting the diploma. Assumption is that such a youth would have completed his course and graduated had he not been impressed into service.

If, however, the youth plans to go to college, and were given the four units of credit—equivalent to one year's study—to justify a diploma, he still would not be prepared for college, regardless of the certificate presented. He would find himself greatly embarrassed and in the midst of difficulties in keeping up with his classes by reason of the fact that he lacked sufficient high school preparation. He would not have the background and the foundation provided by the final year of high school, and if this were not essential to good work in college, then those who are required to take it would seem to be frittering away a year of time.

We do definitely sympathize with boys who were thus denied the finishing touches on their high school career by reason of military service. But no amount of sympathy can equip a boy with knowledge he does not possess nor with preparation he has not had. It is no serious concern if a higher education is not to be pursued, but if college or university lies ahead, a certificate from high school for work not completed will not make it complete and will be more of a handicap than an advantage in college—unless the college itself makes similar concessions.

Business Finances

Never was there a time before this when business finances were greater or in more wholesome condition in Henderson than they are today. By business finances we mean the banks and the building and loan associations. But it might as well embrace the many individual wholesale and retail concerns as well, along with individuals.

Bank resources are around eighteen million dollars, an unprecedented high. The two building and loan associations combined would account for another three quarters of a million, in round figures. So that the aggregate is a fanciful figure for a community and a county of our size.

All of this money belongs to the people, most of it to citizens of Henderson and Vance county. And the overwhelming portion of it is in a liquid state, that is, it could be quickly realized upon if necessary.

Over and above these resources are, too, the millions of dollars worth of government bonds held by thousands of individuals. This is a further backlog of financial stability, and, fortunately, also in the hands of the people themselves and where they can lay hold upon it, when and as desired.

Here, then is a cash reserve that is available for business expansion, for home building or repairs, for new automobiles, refrigerators and other items for which there will be great and increasing demand once production hits its stride after industrial peace is restored in the nation, as there is every reason to suppose that it will be.

This large sum of money belonging to a large number of people is a source of comfort and satisfaction, but the benefit it will bring will depend in large measure upon the wisdom with which it is applied, both now and in the future. Vance county people are fortunate in their financial position at this time. It is a asset that may be needed and can serve handily in the months and years ahead.

Just Common Sense

There is a moral in the case of the Durham citizen who last week was robbed of \$10,400 in government bonds and \$4,000 in cash. The bonds were recovered scattered on the ground in a grove near the residence, but the money is still missing, with fairly good chances that it may continue to be.

To say that it is unwise to keep such valuables lying around the house is putting it mildly. It is extremely foolish. Few people are so careless as to do such a thing, and when it is done habitually the owner often comes to grief as a result, as in this instance.

A safety box in a bank vault is the proper place for such possessions as this. That is just plain common sense. We had thought most people long ago were convinced of the wisdom of that course. Any man with enough ability to accumulate that much liquid reserve should know better than this man how to protect it. At least this ought to be a lesson in every one who hears of this misfortune—or certainly for those who have enjoyed such good fortune.

The full name, we've just learned, of the pretender to the ex-throne of ex-Austria is His Imperial Highness Archduke Franz Josef Otto Robert Maria Anton Karl Maximilian Heinrich Sixtus Xavier Felix Rematus Ludwig Gaston Plus Ignaz von Habsburg-Lorraine. In a world which knows its truly big boys by such tags as Harry, Clem and Joe this cookie doesn't seem to have a chance!

According to Factographs, there are less than 700 grizzly bears in the United States. Thank goodness we outnumber them!

Astronomers say the planet Venus has turned green on three occasions recently. But not with envy, surely, of the earth!

What They Did In War

75TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Blooded in the Battle of the Bulge. Eliminated German resistance between Colmar and the Rhine. Hopped across the Rhine, took Witten, mopped up in the north corner of the Ruhr pocket. On V-E Day was at Luetgen, Germany.

Jackson Will Be Able To Return To Court Bench

Washington, Jan. 17. — (AP)—President Harry Truman issued an order today which will enable Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief of American prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, to return to this country and leave to others the prosecution of secondary crimes.

The order authorizes Jackson to proceed against the secondary offenders before United States military or occupational tribunals and empowers him to designate a deputy chief of council, with responsibility to organize and plan the prosecution of charges of atrocities and war crimes other than those now being prosecuted as case number one in the International Military Tribunal.

A Lift For Today

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?—1 Corinthians 3:16.

TO UNDERSTAND that our bodies are temples wherein dwelleth the Spirit is to realize the sacredness of life.

Help us, O God, to prove to the world that we, Thy children, are indeed temples of the Living God, filled with purity and radiance.

GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test.
1. What is the crime of mayhem?
2. What is the justification of slander?
3. What is personal property?

Words of Wisdom.
A mind full of purity and knowledge is always rich. It is a bank that never fails; it yields a perpetual dividend of happiness.

Today's Horoscope.
Through perseverance and adapting yourself you will gain success in life. You are fair-minded, just and affectionate. You also have great executive ability. Your true happiness will be found in a deep and trusting love. These are the guides to your success today. Forge ahead with your ambition in the first hours of the morning. This is a good time to make changes. Don't argue with your wife, and buy integrals only today, don't be extravagant. Better deter contemplated changes as the day wears on, but follow up a hunch or good lead. The moon enters Leo at 3:06 p. m.

One-Minute Test Answers.
1. Not merely assaulting a person, but injuring him in such a way as to render him less able to fight.
2. Where a "spin to the truth" is made and established.
3. Speaking broadly, things that are movable.

ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

1. Treason (Pro-Nazi broadcast).
2. Five.
3. U. S. Marines.
4. Sixty-eight days.
5. Virginia, birthplace of eight Presidents—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, and Wilson.
6. Belfast.
7. Elephant.
8. Six months.
9. Thirty-three.
10. An accomplished fact.

Noon Prices For Lint Up Slightly

New York, Jan. 17. — (AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 25 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 10 to 20 cents a bale higher. May 23.56, July 24.39, Nov. Open. Close.
March 24.55 24.59-60
May 24.54 24.58
July 24.36 24.39
October 23.78 23.80
December 23.73 23.75
March (1946) 23.64 23.67

Next Assembly May Revamp State Highway Commission

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tem tends to break down statewide continuity of routes and uniformity in administration.

Several instances have served to illustrate presence of this feeling of jealousy. Governor Cherry did not "bawl out" the highway commission about the condition of country roads though some of the commissioners and departmental officials privately voiced resentment at being "bawled out" by the governor. Then when a particularly bad local condition exists in one division, other commissioners are quick to point out that they are being made victims of criticism that does not properly belong to them. When residents along impassable country roads protest to local crew foremen, the answer is that the engineering department at Raleigh isn't up to snuff on its plans and the locals are left.

Not Enough Salary.
Division commissioners do not draw enough compensation to justify giving anything like full time to highway work, and yet the job demands practically full time attention if it is done right. Whether the answer lies in more concentration or power in the chairman and a small committee at Raleigh, or in wider diffusion of authority throughout the division offices opinions differ. There is no divergent opinion on the point that the present arrangement lends itself too easily to buck-passing.

To less degree the same sort of thing prevails in the school system. There is continuing but not very serious conflict between state and local unit jurisdictions. Schools have an advantage in that local units are county size or less, whereas the highway divisions comprise an average of ten counties each. County boards of education have considerable authority over schools; county commissioners have no real authority with respect to roads.

It is true that personalities sometimes clash in the highway administration, but the trouble is deeper than that. There is someone in the administration machinery itself, and several members of the general assembly have indicated purpose to search out this fault and make an effort to cure it.

N. C. POLIO CASES INCREASE STEADILY

Chapel Hill, Jan. 17. — Almost half as many cases of infantile paralysis were reported in North Carolina in 1944 and 1945 as in the preceding 25-year period, according to figures compiled by Mrs. Phillips Russell, state director of organization in the current March of Dimes just launched.

From 1918, when the first epidemic of the dread disease occurred in this State, down to 1943, she said, 2,250 cases were reported in this State. From 1944 to November, 1945, 1,069 were reported, she pointed out, and there have been a number reported since then.

The steady rise in polio cases from the first epidemic following World War I would have produced even more dire results, she declared, if the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had not been organized to relieve state expense in the treatment of this disease and to further research into the causes and results.

WEAVER BACK AT STATE

College Station, Raleigh, Jan. 17. — D. S. Weaver, head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at State College, announced yesterday the return on December 1, of E. C. Ferguson, formerly of his staff, as Extension specialist in farm machinery.

From 1936 to 1941, Ferguson had served with the Extension Service as cotton gin specialist, but in 1941 he left the College to enter the Army.

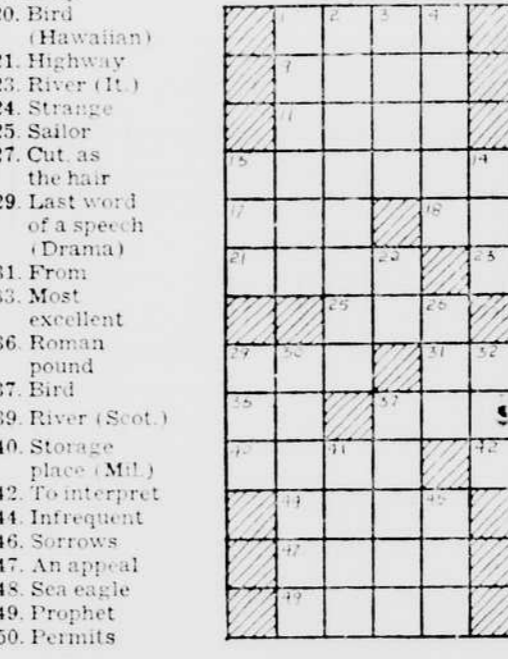
GRID DRILLS SHORT

Chapel Hill, Jan. 17. — Winter football practice at the University of North Carolina will open next Monday, it has just been announced by Head Coach Carl Smith, and will continue from four to five weeks.



DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Questions
5. Move with a beating motion
9. Gasp for breath
10. Tear apart
11. Haulboy
12. Measure (Heb.)
13. Device for producing air
15. Goddess (Egypt)
17. High (mus.)
18. Leap
20. Bird
21. Highway
23. River (It.)
24. Strange
25. Sailor
27. Cut as the hair
29. Last word of a speech (Drama)
31. From
33. Most excellent
36. Roman pound
37. Bird
39. River (Scot.)
40. Storage place (Mil.)
42. To interpret
44. Intrepid
46. Sorrows
47. An appeal
48. Sea eagle
49. Prophet
50. Permits
- DOWN**
1. God of beauty
2. Malignant destruction of property
3. To distinguish
4. Horse (poet.)
5. Back
6. Boundary
7. Birds as a class
8. Punctuation mark
10. Hinder
14. Knock
16. Turf
19. Steal
22. Perform
24. Attentive
26. Arch
28. Siberian gulf
29. Bounder
30. Seizes without right
32. Craze
34. Becomes aware of
35. Letter T
37. Probe



CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

YLZ BGYW GJ RSJYWMP WGIQRGW
GJ LIUMP ZYSJZ—VIVJ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT RATHER OCCURS TO ME THAT IT'S THE COMMONPLACE PEOPLE WHO DO THINGS—LEACOCK.

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A. W. GHOLON, JR.,
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