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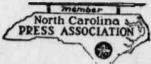
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COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE RELIGIOUS

In widely separated sections of the country, Dr. Charles Whitney Gilkey, associate Dean of the Divinity School, University of Chicago, reports evidence of a significant increase of interest in religion among college students.

This is interesting, confirming the opinion of those who have declined to accept the nonsensical charges made against youth by many so-called leaders.

Dr. Gilkey believes that the increase of interest in religion is caused by the present acute sense of insecurity, the search for realities and a sense of something deeply wrong with our social order and accepted ways of life.

It is easy to believe that a ferment works in the minds of college students. Any individual, boy or girl, who has developed into manhood or womanhood within the past fifteen years must be deeply impressed with the problems which face society. Certainly, they must be convinced that there is "something deeply wrong" and anxiously alert to discover the cure for existing ills.

It is refreshing to believe that the young people of this country are approaching the problems of life without the handicap of accepting everything that exists as the best that is possible.

When people are thoroughly satisfied, there can be no progress. It is only when the minds of men comprehend facts and question conclusions, that civilization moves forward another step.

FEEDING OUR ENEMIES

"If thine enemy hunger," said the Apostle Paul, "feed him."

With this thought in mind, there are individuals in the United States and Great Britain who insist that steps should be taken to feed and to clothe the destitute in the European lands, occupied by German armies. There are some who insist that, if necessary, food should be sent to the population of Germany to prevent suffering and starvation.

We are not inclined to split hairs with those who would uphold a literal observance of the instructions of the Apostle Paul, but, just the same, it seems to us that it would be the height of folly to send supplies to augment the strength of those who are bent upon destroying the civilization of free peoples.

So far as we have been able to observe from what has happened to Europe already, the success of Hitler would mean the end of freedom for peoples everywhere. The German Fuehrer seems to be definitely against the interests of religion, even when we accord a broad definition to the word. Certainly, he is an enemy of the liberties that encourage the spiritual growth of individuals and his triumph would mean the end of opportunity for free-minded souls.

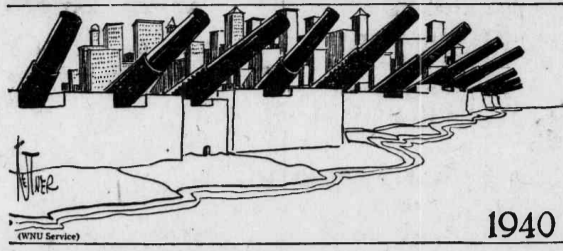
In view of these facts, we are utterly opposed to sending food or clothing to any people under the domination of Hitler, or his allies. To do so would relieve Germany of much responsibility and insure the Nazis against the discontent of conquered people.

There is no reason for us to become alarmed about the possibilities of starvation as long as the German leaders have the power to prevent it by giving up their nefarious schemes to dominate the world.

Moreover, so long as German bombs rain upon the inhabitants of great cities, indiscriminately killing men, women and children, one cannot blame those fighting Hitler for the use of any weapon that will strike a blow in their defense.

If you don't go to church regularly, you ought to know why.

Our Coast Line



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FARMERS IN EXCESS?

Are too many persons living on farms in the United States?

To this question last week the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics answered "yes," and it based its conclusions on two factors: (1) an increase of 2,000,000 in U. S. farm population during the past decade, and (2) technological advances in agriculture. As a result of these two developments, according to the Bureau, the nation has 3,500,000 more farmers than were actually needed at this time to meet the demand for farm products.

The Bureau found that the general 1930-40 increase in agricultural population was far from uniform throughout the country. A decline was noted in areas stricken by dust storms and drought, while in other regions there was an increase. As a whole, the nation's farm population had reached a total of 32,450,000 in 1940 as compared to 30,445,350 a decade ago. During the same period, the Bureau said, the number of available farm jobs had dropped by about 300,000, owing largely to the greater use of machines.

MUST WE DIE ON THE HIGHWAY?

Traffic fatalities showed a decided increase in the United States during recent months and safety experts are at a loss to explain the spurt in deaths due to automobile travel.

This reminds us to remind you, as a potential driver of an automobile, to resist the little impulses that sometimes lead an automobile driver to take a chance. Not only does the habit endanger the safety of the driver, and those in his car, but it is perilous to others who have done nothing to invite increased danger.

Regulations for traffic control represent the careful study of those who are giving their time to a serious effort to eliminate traffic dangers. Every automobilist should make it a point of honor to observe all traffic rules. This includes parking regulations. Highway patrolmen and other officers of the law should not hesitate to make cases against those who violate the rules of safety and courts in which they appear should not be reluctant to inflict fines. Of course, a fine is not sufficient punishment for a person who operates a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic drinks. The careless individual who recklessly invites homicide should be treated as a national peril. He should be punished.

AN EARLY WINTER AHEAD

Well, folks, it looks like an early winter is about to descend upon us.

Dr. Irving Krick, weather expert at the California Institute of Technology, who uses the air-mass system of forecasting, says that many of our old weather proverbs are reliable.

He points out that wild ducks and geese are riding the tail winds south and that there is a heavy growth of fur on rabbits. The dope from Nature appears to coincide with his air-mass information.

Our own system records that the past summer has been cooler than usual and, consequently, we suspect that the mercury will get down faster than usual this fall. If any of our readers have a better system, we would like to hear about it.

The youngsters who started to school for the first time this year are beginning to wonder if education is what it is cracked up to be.

The people of the United States, in our opinion, are well able to settle all public questions and we will abide by their judgment.

As October comes along it might be a good idea to check up on all those things that you were going to do in 1940.

Every man can vote like he pleases if he pleases to vote that way.

TWO FREAKS OF NATURE DISPLAYED IN MARION

Freaks of nature from farms in McDowell county continue to turn up in Marion with two oddities being seen here this week. J. E. Huffman of Marion displayed two sweet potatoes here that had grown together to resemble a put-it-together-puzzle. The potatoes had twisted around one another, but could be taken apart.

On display at the Cut Rate Market is an unusual squash, brought in from the home of K. L. Simpson from the home of his parents. Two different kinds of squash appear to have grown together to form one large two-colored specimen.

FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY FOR JESS HOLLIFIELD

Final rites for Jess Hollifield, 95, who died at the home of his son, Bulo Hollifield, Wednesday of last week, were conducted Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Turkey Cove cemetery. Rev. Charles Parker officiated.

Mr. Hollifield suffered injuries during the flood that swept over McDowell county this summer when his house caved in on him under a landslide. He is survived by five sons and two daughters.

WEST MARION NEWS

James Clark spent the week-end with friends in Canton.

Irene Brown of Boone spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brown.

Hollis Early has returned to his home from the Marion Hospital where he has been a patient for a week.

Rev. M. G. Lyerly will preach at the West Marion Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. J. B. Norton is spending some time with relatives in Stanley Town, Va.

About 9,000 employers in North Carolina, normally those with eight or more employees, are subject to the State Unemployment Compensation Law.

One-third of all pedestrian accidents in this state are fatal.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

By Rev. Paul A. Boriack, B. D.,
Pastor St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Marion, N. C.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," certainly describes the general condition of the present world. Even true Christians are fearful and often afraid to speak forth the truth in the face of much wickedness and unbelief.

"An uninformed person, observing how positive and certain infidels and scoffers apparently are when they ridicule our faith in Jesus and our hope of eternal life, and how timid and hesitant the Christian often is when he speaks of his faith and hope, might come to the conclusion that the faith of the believer rests on no certain foundation.

"But things are not always as they seem to be. Many an enemy of the Gospel of Christ who in his lifetime spoke against Christianity with such positive assurance revealed his uncertainty in the hour of death with cries of wild despair." Anyone can think of numbers of them.

"The Christian's hope is certain, in life and in death. 'I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day.' Is there any uncertainty in that? 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.'

"Our faith is not merely a pious wish but an all-conquering conviction, for it rests upon the eternal promises of our faithful God and in the love which He revealed in Christ Jesus. And since our salvation rests in the hands of our Redeemer, we are assured of our inheritance. He has declared: 'And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.' John 10:28."

There's nothing that can sever Me from the love of God; No want, no pain whatever, No famine, peril, blood. Though thousand foes surround me And in their base design A sheep for slaughter count me The victory still is mine.

SHELBY JAYCEES SEEK SHORT ROUTE TO MARION

Shelby, Oct. 5.—The Shelby junior chamber of commerce seeks a shorter and improved highway route from Marion to Shelby by Polkville. At a meeting this week, the Jaycees decided to seek the route as a major project over a period of the next few months.

At present, the best route from Marion to Shelby is by Rutherfordton, a distance of 55 miles. The Jaycees will work to secure a paved highway through Polkville and the well known Golden Valley area into Marion a distance of 37 miles. A road over the proposed route is already built, but 17 miles between Polkville and Marion are not paved.

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