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(Our guest editor this week is the Rev. C. E. Vale, pastor of Wendell and Zebulon Methodist Churches.)

ON THE ROAD TO FASCISM?

By C. E. Vale

Is it happening here? Are we, a so-called Christian democracy on the way to barbarous fascism? How does it happen that Italy which nurtured early Christianity also nurtured fascism, and Germany which opened the door to the protestant revival also opened the door to the revival of brutal tyranny called Nazism? The answers point a pertinent warning for America. In these countries—

(1) Religion was largely a form and not a force. Whenever repetition of liturgy is used to take the place of an inner spirit of goodness anything can and usually does happen. Religion loses its meaning and it is either forsaken or perverted to serve baser ends.

(2) Education became the destroyer rather than the enlightener of their peace. Especially in Germany, critical analysis of all things led its people away from constructive understanding of anything save the materials of war—their own destroyer. Education became the handmaid of oppression and the ally of the basic bestiality found deep in most men.

(3) Social organization without a social conscience led to destructive dictatorship. Laws, government and its controls without a genuine desire for public good became agents of gigantic evil. But we know that freedom uncontrolled for the public good also leads to disrupted society and bedlam.

(4) Inventions without moral insight into their correct use became the destructive weapons of war.

(5) Power in the hands of a few led by no desire for good save their own and no god but themselves inevitably degenerated into the destructive chaos we now see.

What is needed is a rebirth of a reawakened conscience growing from a reawakened spiritual interpretation of life and reliance upon God. A return to the church would mean the return of our prodigal civilization to safety away from its road to ruin.

NEW DIVORCE REMEDY

Disturbed over the rising divorce rate a Baptist preacher in California, Rev. Cecil Osborne, has announced that couples coming to him to be married must "sign on the dotted line" or else. Before performing the ceremony he requires the interested parties to sign these four stipulations: (1) To pray regularly, (2) to attend church of choice faithfully (3) to seek the will of God (4) to jointly air differences before a clergyman, before going to a lawyer or a court.

If all ministers made such demands before performing a marriage ceremony, we wonder how many would back down. Now, if lawyers would try some plan to back the preacher up, we suspect that would mean more to hold the bond than the pre-marriage agreement. For the sake of the fee, we doubt if many lawyers would do other than encourage meditated divorces. We suspect ministers and lawyers are more to blame for divorces than all else outside the parties themselves. We know of a few recent instances where ministers have married more or less prominent couples that had no Scriptural grounds whatever for divorce or marriage. Such clergymen most assuredly are accountable to their God for such violations of their sacred duties.

BIGGER TURKEY FLOCK

The swelling gobble of turkeys this spring is the loudest in history, forecasting a sixth more drumsticks than last year.

The flock of 35 million will produce some 515 million lbs. of meat, the War Food Administration estimated. G. I.'s will eat about 4 lbs. each; civilians, 3.3

lbs. (3.1 lbs. last year.)

Most civilians won't get theirs until the Army, which has just commandeered all turkeys raised in 21 states, buys up its requirements. His means turkey dinners wait until hanksgiving.

CO-OP BIG BUSINESS

The 10,300 farmer cooperatives scattered across the country did a \$5 billion business in 1944 a 62 per cent increase over the record established in 1943 said Farm Credit Administration.

Marketing Co-ops handling dairy products, grain, livestock, fruits and vegetables, wool and other products did about 80 per cent of the total business. Those purchasing and distributing feed, fertilizer, gasoline, farm implements and other supplies accounted for the rest.

Parties Honor Mrs. Carsey Tippett

Mrs. Carsey L. Tippett, of Wendell, the former Miss Frances Grey Henderson, was entertained at a lovely bridge party and a table of rummy Thursday evening by Mrs. J. P. Batten and Mrs. J. T. Allen in the home of Mrs. Batten.

Mrs. Tippett and her mother, Mrs. J. J. Henderson, were presented corsages of roses. The house was decorated throughout with roses and peonies.

The high score prize for bridge was given to Mrs. W. C. Nowell, and the bridge bingo prize was won by Mrs. Tippett. The high score prize for rummy went to Mrs. H. T. Moody. Mrs. Tippett was presented a gift of two lovely floral prints.

The hostesses, assisted by Miss Rachel Raybon, served delicious home-made ice cream, bridal cakes and nuts to the following guests: Mrs. Tippett, honoree, Mrs. J. J. Henderson, mother of the bride, Mrs. Berdon Eddins of Zebulon, sister of the bridegroom, Mesdames O. C. Mullen, W. C. Land, M. M. Veasey, J. B. Bittsoly, W. M. Strickland, W. W. White, J. H. Sanders, E. R. Sykes, L. C. Ledford, W. C. Nowell, F. L. Dew, H. T. Moody, and Misses Geraldine Jones, Rachel Raybon and Jeannette Kannon.

Mrs. H. T. Moody and Mrs. F. L. Dew honored Mrs. Carsey L. Tippett, the former Miss Frances Grey Henderson of Wendell, at a luncheon on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Dew.

The dining room table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of snapdragons, peonies, roses and mock orange blossoms, carrying out a green and white color scheme. The bride's place was marked by a miniature bride and bridegroom and a gift of linen from the hostesses. The living room in which appointed tables were arranged was beautifully decorated with pink and white roses.

A two course luncheon was served to the following guests: Mrs. Tippett, honoree Mrs. J. J. Henderson, mother of the bride, Mrs. Berdon Eddins of Zebulon, Mesdames J. P. Batten, W. C. Land, R. P. Baugh, W. B. Brantley, C. R. Rogers, O. C. Mullen, E. R. Sykes, C. L. Edwards, D. T. Bailey, R. H. Johnson, R. P. Ihrie, W. F. Farmer, M. R. Creech, and Misses Geraldine Jones and Jeannette Kannon, and little Miss Margaret Dew.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Mary Sue Todd of Wendell and Jeannette Mae Horton of Zebulon celebrated their birthdays together on April 13 at the Community Center near Hephzibah Church.

The rooms of the spacious building were decorated with roses, snowballs and other flowers, a color scheme of red, white and blue being observed also in crepe paper streamers and rosettes and in the many candles used.

Mary Alice Jones and Mattie Scarboro greeted guests. Games were directed by Mesdames Oris Horton, Charlie Scarboro, Joe Knott, Amos Dean, Goldie Martin, T. U. Martin. Special games introduced boys and girls to each other. A wishing well and scavenger hunt were features of entertainment.

The diningroom table was centered with the decorated, five-tiered birthday cake. Ice cream and cake, and red cups filled with

nuts were served on plates bearing tiny flags and rosebuds.

Approximately 90 guests were present from Wendell and Zebulon. They brought useful and attractive gifts.

Goodbyes were said to Mesdames Charlie Scarboro and Oris Horton.

Home Burned

J. W. Carroll, who lived near the R. M. Richardson place, lost his home and contents by fire on Friday of last week. Only one bed and the radio were saved. Mrs. Carroll and two small children were in the house when it was found to be burning. She suffered from the effects of the smoke and excitement and is now in Duke Hospital.

There are in the family six children, ranging age from two to sixteen years. Their clothes were all burned except what they were wearing.

Barbecue Dinner

On Sunday, April 22nd at the home of R. C. Watkins, on Zebulon Route 3, a barbecue dinner was given in honor of Mr. Watkins who was celebrating his 70 birthday. Those present were his children: N. R. Watkins of Manchester; H. C. Watkins, of Raleigh; Mrs. Roscoe Perry, of Wendell; E. H. Watkins, of Zebulon;

D. E. Watkins, Henderson; Mrs. Lawrence Godwin, Clayton; and their families. Two sisters Mrs. Hattie Horne of Zebulon; Mrs. Minnie Adams of Wendell. Four brothers, Jim, Frank, Charlie and Arthur Watkins of Zebulon. Others present were Mrs. A. W. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watkins and daughter, John Fowler, Lowell Watkins, Hildred Duke, Hersey Horne, of Zebulon; Mrs. J. B. Edwards, W. T. Underwood, Mrs. Macon Bailey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beck of Wake Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fuller and daughter of Durham; Mrs. Elton Martin and son of Dunn. Mrs. J. E. Edwards of Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Hanna of Henderson; Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Weathers of Knightdale; Rev. T. D. Sutton of Gibsonville; Mr. A. V. Watson of Raleigh; M. L. Pulley of Youngsville; Bruce Watkins and Miss Phylie Richardson of Neuse.

Knightdale Seniors Entertained

Mrs. James Sledge and Mrs. Bunn entertained the "44-45" Seniors of Knightdale, Friday night at the Hephzibah Community Center, in honor of Frances Bunn one of the seniors and a niece of Mrs. Sledge.

Decorations carried out a blue and white class color scheme.

Games and contests were played, followed by several games of

bingo, with prizes being awarded the winners.

Punch was served with potato chips, wafers and cakes to about fifty guests.

CLASS MEETING

Mrs. Irving Privette, Mrs. Tal Yancey, Mrs. Harvey Hocutt and Mrs. Kenneth Hinnant were hostesses to the Baker Bible Class Wednesday at the Community Center.

Mrs. Kenneth Hinnant gave the devotional. Mrs. Harvey Hocutt gave another beautiful talk from the book, "In His Steps."

Contests were then enjoyed by all with winners receiving prizes.

The hostesses served strawberry short cake with whipped cream and coffee.

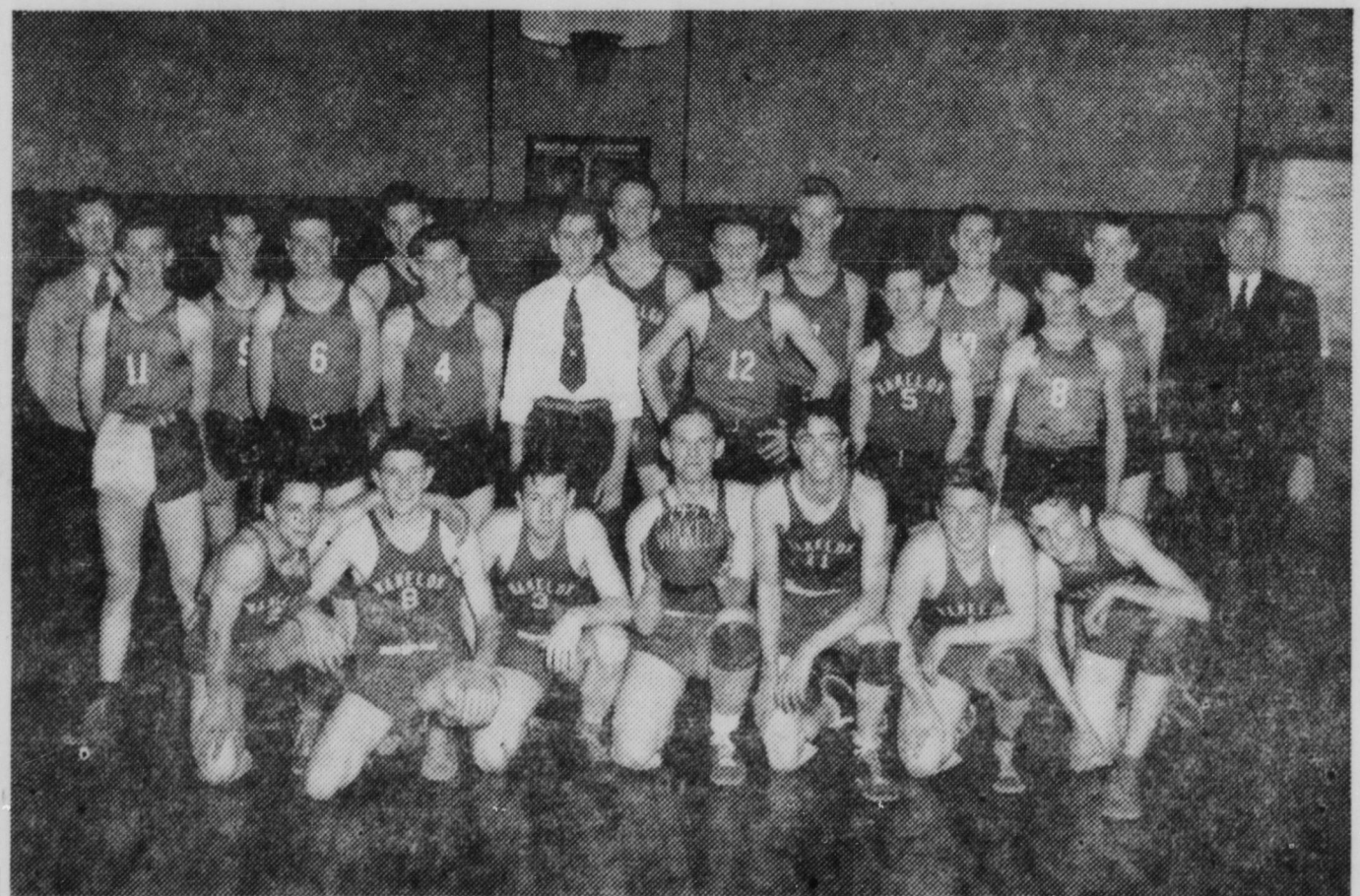
Mrs. Morris Hood had as guests Saturday afternoon Lt. Col. Edward Hood and Mrs. Hood, their small daughter, Ann, and Mrs. E. W. Hood. Lt. Col. Hood has recently returned from Belgium.

Postwar Europe: Trouble, trouble, toil and rubble.

Science at war: Scientists in Washington tell generals planning invasions where to find buried gravel beds, unknown to the natives, needed to build runways.

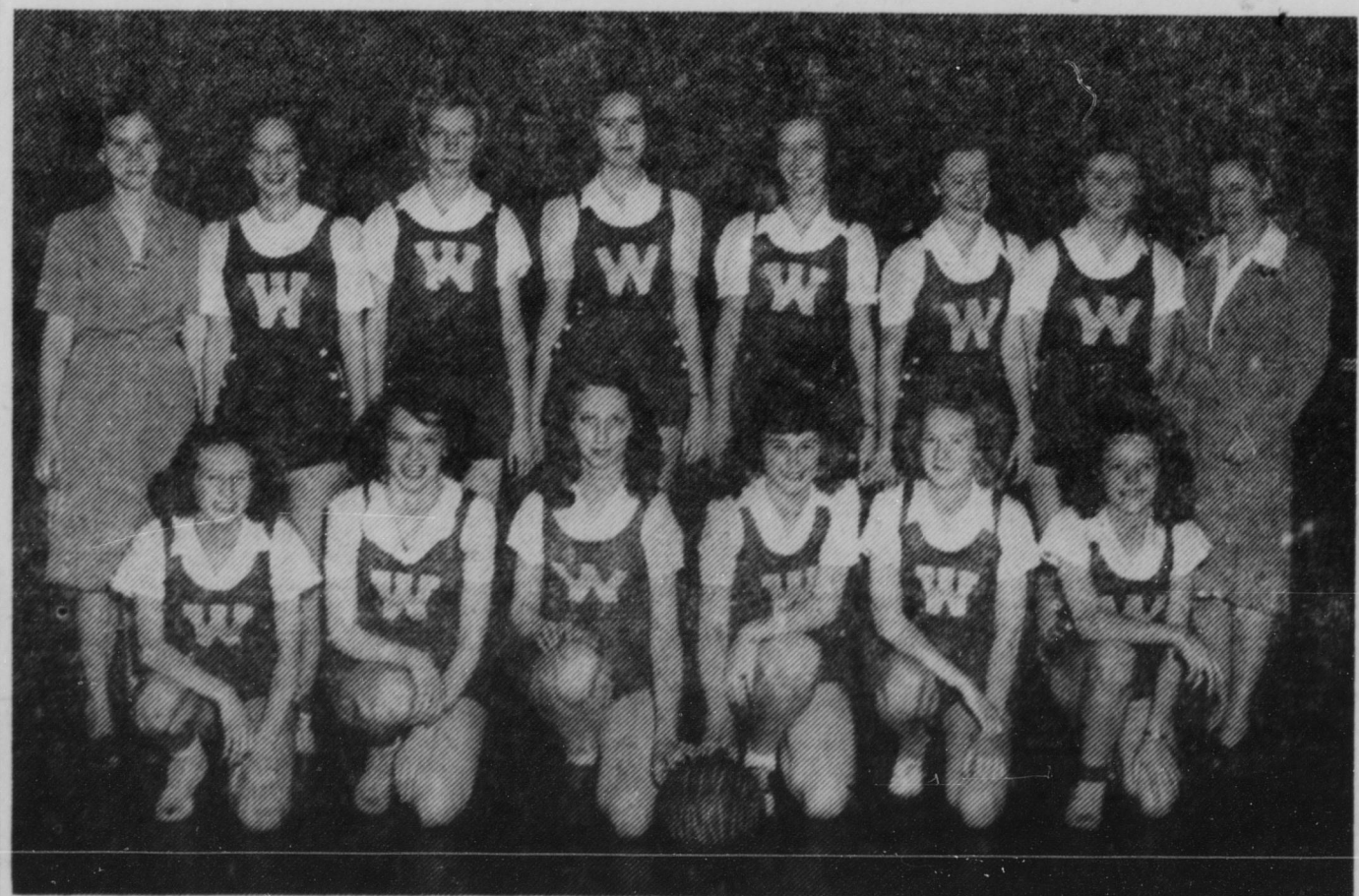
"Jim Crow" rules are not made by color alone. Though few will admit it, the discrimination is also economic and hits the poor regardless of color.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1944-45



Front row, left to right: E. G. Richards, Elmo Finch, Mitchell Duke, James Robert Fowler, Bobby Duke, Baxter Hopkins, Hilliard Greene. Second row, left to right: Bobby Pace, James Debnam, Ben Massey, Wilber Conn, Manager, Bobby Phillips, J. B. Croom, Fred Bunn. Third row, left to right: Mr. R. M. Bunn, Assistant Coach, William Wood, Buck Massey, Allen Hinton, Rex Tippett, Ned Frazier, Charles Pace, Mr. R. F. Lowry, Coach and Principal.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1944-45



Front row, left to right: Camilla Driver, Georgia Eddins, Margaret Horton, Hilda Lewis, Carolyn Massey, Hilda Winstead. Back row, left to right: Miss Rachel Bright, Assistant Coach, Emma Vic Gill, Penina Bunn, Peggy Perry, Allyne Starnes, Willa Dean Edwards, Mary Kemp, Miss Lowmy Olive, Coach.