

### But Nobody Does Anything

We recall a classic quotation from Mark Twain to the effect that while everybody talks about the weather, nobody does anything about it. We may add that the weather is no longer unique in this respect.

When Governor Scott held his press conference earlier this week, many of the reporters present were singing the blues because of what they considered inexcusably harsh disciplinary practices in North Carolina prison camps.

The press was practically of one mind about the situation, agreeing that Governor Scott should appoint a commission to investigate prison disciplinary practices. The Governor immediately appointed such a commission, said commission to consist of the reporters requesting same, whereupon the visiting dignitaries of the press sheepishly begged off.

Well, that's about average. Talk is cheap, and action comes high. The more sensational an event, the more people talk and the less they are willing to do themselves. Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it, except the people who have been trying to solve the problem all the time.

### Recreation Authority Needed

We are witnessing just now the completion of an amazingly successful softball season in this community. It is most amazing because, like Topsy, it just grew. What the administration of the program amounted to has been, in essence, arbitrary assumption of authority by a self-created commission and voluntary acceptance of that authority by players and spectators. That such a basis provided a sound program is a tribute to commission, players, and public alike.

At the same time, this particular situation points up a need for a recreation commission in Zebulon with authority based on ordinance. The local Board of Commissioners will shortly have the privilege — and responsibility — of creating such a unit, looking toward year-around provision of recreation for our community. We are confident the commissioners will meet this challenge with wise and immediate action.

### Join Your Local Farm Bureau

The farmers of North Carolina, allied with labor and educational groups, have now become the dominant political factor in our state. Wise use of farmers' political power will make North Carolina, still largely agricultural, a richer state and a better place to live, provided we accept the thesis that when Tar Heel farmers make money Tar Heel merchants and manufacturers also make money.

If we accept this thesis, we must look for ways to keep our farmers prosperous. One of the first steps to be taken in this direction by an individual farmer must be affiliation with a national organization of farmers and other agriculturalists, either the Grange or the Farm Bureau. In our locality this group is the Farm Bureau.

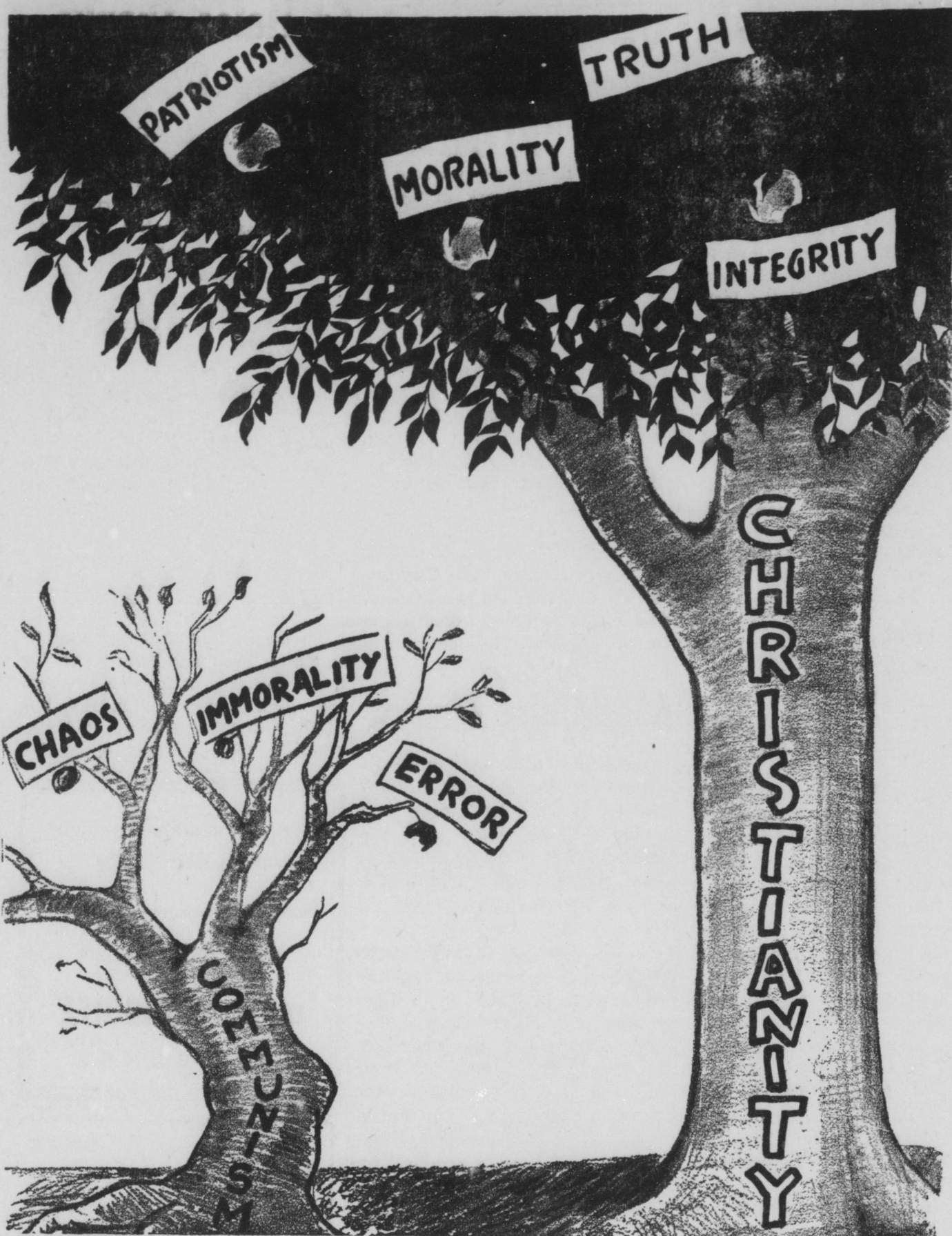
Through effort and circumstance the Zebulon Farm Bureau has played an important part in the furtherance of both the state organization and a sound program — the two go hand in hand. At present the local Farm Bureau membership constitutes about one per cent of the North Carolina total; while a tremendous increase in state membership is anticipated for 1949-50, by increasing local membership we can continue to play a strong and a sound part in state Farm Bureau affairs and therefore the agricultural program in general.

Zebulon merchants have presented for the past two weeks other phases of the Farm Bureau membership campaign; all these considerations make it purely and simply good sense that every farmer in Little River Township join the Zebulon Farm Bureau this fall.

Dr. R. E. Earp of Thanksgiving, who delivered an address at the local Rotary Club last Friday night, has applied himself to his duties as a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission with energy and purpose. Whatever his decisions may be, they will be based on personal information and observation to a degree not previously attained by any divisional highway commissioner.

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Every calendar day brings new proof that cooperation with Communist groups is dangerous to all that gives life value — belief in God and the possibility of higher spiritual life. Denying this, communism strips the human being of dignity and rejects his individual responsibility.

Individual responsibility and the right to make decisions affecting one's own life do not fit in with the aims of the Politburo; hence

the churches, which uphold the moral responsibility of each human being, must be brought under control of the Politburo. When the church resists, force and intrigue are employed by the Communists to the end that religion may be abolished.

Free trade unions were one of the first groups to learn that they could not cooperate with Communists without becoming tools to serve totalitarian ends. This was

the meaning of the recent conference in Geneva of representatives of 47,000,000 workers of free lands who were determined to organize a new world federation of labor along democratic lines and free from Kremlin control. That conference agreed upon the kind of organization that could serve free trade unions and appointed a committee to draft a constitution.— William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

### Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."—Psalm 34:3. Scripture lesson: Psalms 23, 42: 1-2; Psalm 90: 1-2, 16-17.

Next Sunday, September 25, we study three Psalms from which many of our hymns have been taken. The 23rd Psalm, probably the best known and most beloved of them all, has been set to music, and is all the more impressive and inspiring because of it.

"Lead, Kindly Light," the great hymn by Cardinal Newman, was taken from the 42nd Psalm, and "O God, Our Hope in Ages Past"

was inspired by the 90th Psalm. These three sources of Christian hymns are all included in our scripture lesson this week.

We shall consider three major points in this lesson: the Lord is our shepherd, the Lord provides us with sustenance, and the Lord is the source of our satisfaction, our happiness; he is our reason for existence.

We must believe as did the psalmist in the familiar refrain of the 23rd Psalm that, whatever conditions obtain in the temporal world, the Lord will guide and keep us, if we but keep him in our hearts.

With another psalmist, we must agree that the Lord provides for all our needs: material, intellectual, and — above all — spiritual.

We will agree that the desires of our hearts cannot be satisfied unless they constitute a wish for God's entrance into our lives. "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth . . . for the living God" (Psalm 42: 1-2). The soul of every man who has known possession of material things thirsts for God, whether that man knows or admits it. Let us resolve to satisfy that inborn longing for unity with God.

### Seen and Heard

Down at the bus station the other night some of the fellows were discussing the vagaries of a late resident of this community, interested in sawmilling, among other enterprises.

It was generally agreed that the deceased was a fine hunter, a wonderful mechanic, and an astute business man. However, from that point on, the discussion dealt more with fancy than fact.

The conversation stopper, as usual, was given by Hugh Pippin: "That man," he declared, "was so tight that when his boiler burst and blew three of his men into the air, he docked them for the time they were off the job."

From our Record files of 9 years ago this week: Mrs. Avon Privette presided over her first meeting as president of the local Wo-

man's Club. Mrs. C. G. Weathersby took office as president of the Wakelon PTA.

Local sports fans are torn by many a loyalty just now. They want to see the softball play-offs, they want to see Raleigh and Burlington in the Carolina League finals, they want to see Big Four football, and they want to listen to major league broadcasts. Tough.