

Community Council for Zebulon?

At a meeting of one of Zebulon's civic groups, the suggestion was made that a Community Council be formed of the organization presidents, church pastors, and leaders of other clubs and fraternal bodies in Zebulon. This group would serve as a clearing house for problems affecting the whole community, doing away with the duplication of effort and eliminating any conflicts in meeting dates, projects, and other matters.

How many have had to choose between two meetings held the same night? And at Christmas who remembers the worry over whether two groups would give baskets to the same family or whether some family would be left out altogether? These are but two of the many problems which could be solved easily by a Community Council.

Some time ago a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed about the Raleigh Community Chest, and some investigation was made toward establishing a Community Chest for Zebulon. A Community Council, with representatives from all the civic, fraternal, and church groups, would be logical choice to head the Community Chest.

Right now we are in the midst of a campaign for funds for the March of Dimes under the capable leadership of Rev. R. H. Herring. During the year we are called on to help numerous other causes. One fund drive often follows closely on the heels of another, until the saturation point is reached and folks refuse to give more. Here too, the Community Council will be able to play a part, consolidating and coordinating the drives until more results would come from less effort, and we would all like it better.

Other good suggestions have been made, praised, and then left to die from inattention. This should not be the fate of the Community Council.

Mission Concluded

Myron C. Taylor deserves credit for having served with dignity and discretion in a post which was controversial from its inception. As personal representative with rank of ambassador, he was the envoy first of President Roosevelt, then of President Truman, to the Vatican.

While his mission may have been useful as a channel of information during the war, this newspaper feels that it should no longer be continued. Mr. Taylor's resignation affords a good opportunity for ending a diplomatic anomaly and an affront to the historic American policy of separation of church and state.

Theoretical basis for diplomatic representation at Vatican City was laid when the Lateran Treaty of 1929 gave temporal sovereignty over its territory to the Pope. That territory is less than one-sixth of one square mile, and its population is given as 1,250.

If representation were scaled to area and population of the Vatican State, the post there would be at best a consular one, not an ambassadorship. San Marino, Monaco, and Andorra, diminutive, independent states of larger area and population, receive not even a consul from the United States. Liechtenstein has a consul general.

If diplomatic representation to Vatican City is based on the importance and scope of the Roman Catholic Church as an institution, that is a recognition not accorded to any other church, nor desired by any of the large Protestant church bodies.

Moreover, if ambassadorial rank is designed to signify that though Vatican City is small, the Roman Catholic Church is conceived to represent, as among nations, its many millions of adherents in various parts of the world, then another question entirely and of great seriousness is presented.

Does not that come perilously close to an acknowledgment of dual citizenship such as Hitler's Nazi philosophy claimed for persons of German blood under whatever other national sovereignty they might reside? That claim was properly and vigorously rejected. Roman Catholics themselves deny they owe any dual allegiance.

For these cogent reasons, we believe the mission to Vatican City should be terminated.—The Christian Science Monitor.

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Seen and Heard

From our *Record* files of six years ago this week: Mrs. Ruric Gill was ill with influenza. Lt. Charles Whitley was home on leave from Camp Mackall. Mrs. Robert Ed Horton was on nursing duty in Louisburg.

The engagement of Miss Mary Barrow to Major James Coleman was announced by her parents. The home of the Ed Richardsons on Sycamore Street was damaged by fire. Zebulon was hit by epidemic of whooping cough, measles and flu.

The fourth war loan drive was under way in Zebulon, with committeemen including L. M. Massey, C. V. Whitley, D. D. Chamblee, Graham Bunn, William Richards, Forest Broughton, and Robert Ed Horton.

The man who edited the *Record* before your present editor does not see eye to eye with his successor. He disagrees with his son on such matters as crop subsidies, liquor control, politics, whether the Baptists should take that hospital money, Kerr Scott, and the weather.

The former editor also doesn't like the way we work late at night, and take off during the day, should there be a ball game or the like. His response to our plea that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy is simply that all work and no play makes Jack!

All of which reminds us of the Canadian executive who thought his office staff was procrastinating a bit too much, and posted the

following notice on his bulletin board:

"While it is true that bread is the staff of life, there is no reason why the life of this staff should be one long loaf!"

When you argue with a fool, be sure he isn't similarly engaged.

Willie B. Hopkins was called out by neighbors of a colored couple to stop what sounded like the battle of the century. When the fight was ended, the chief lectured the recalcitrant husband. "Fighting again!" he exclaimed. "Liquor?"

"No, suh, Mr. Willie B.," came the reply. "She won dis time."

Being positive is sometimes just being mistaken at the top of your voice.

With Other Editors

Here is distressing news: drunken driving is on the increase in Minneapolis.

Up to October 1, 1948, 520 cases had passed through municipal court. In the same period this year, there were 652 cases.

Last month 86 motorists either pleaded guilty to drunken driving charges or were convicted of them. That figure set an all-time record.

What is wrong? One obvious answer is too much leniency . . . The maximum penalty which may

be given for this offense is \$100 fine or 90 days in the workhouse . . .

Perhaps what the situation needs, in a period when drunken driving increases sharply is more workhouse sentences. Beyond that it also needs a greater measure of public support for those judges who impose stiff penalties where warranted, even in the face of private pressure . . . The indignant howls that go up when some citizen is faced with the possibility of a workhouse term might almost convince one that

drunken driving is a trivial offense, comparable to overtime parking . . .

But as a matter of fact, drunken driving is an extremely serious offense. The drunken driver is not a simple mischief-maker; he is a potential accident looking for some citizen to maim or kill. If the threat of fines will not deter him, then let us have more workhouse sentences. The judges need the public's moral backing when they hew to a strict line in such cases.—*Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune*

Zebulon Personal Items

Mrs. Sprite Barbee is visiting Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Barbee for a few days.

Dr. G. S. Barbee is home from Duke Hospital and will soon be able to return to his office.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Whitley left yesterday for High Point to attend the furniture show. Their daughter, Nancy, will return home with them for her mid-semester holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Barnes spent Sunday with the Fred Becks.

Gilbert Beck and family moved yesterday into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. W. N. Pitts. Mr. Beck will be in business with his brothers at the veneering plant.

Mrs. R. H. Brantley, Jr. and baby are visiting the R. H. Brantleys for a few days while R. H. is in Charlotte. They will move to Charlotte next week, where he will be with the Associated Press.

Bill Brantley is home from Wake Forest College with his parents for a few days.

Bob Brown and S. G. Flowers were home from Campbell College Sunday for the services at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. C. M. Watson has been sick at her home for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Watson and son, Jimmy, from Franklinton, visited Mrs. C. M. Watson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Watson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Meacoms and baby from Bailey were visitors in the Watson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rom Moser spent the weekend in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. James Creech and family visited Mrs. Drury Partin of Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Holding and daughter, Cimber, of Raleigh visited the Sidney Holmeses Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Alford and son, David, visited the Herman Dickens of Louisburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Harris and daughters, Anne and Carolyn, from Fountain, spent Sunday with the Foster Finches and attended the services at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Phillip White, a charter member of the Zebulon Methodist Church, Waldo, Wallace, and Willard White from Wendell attended the Methodist Church services Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powers and son, Cornell, from Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Devitt and son of Raleigh, Dr. and Mrs. Sigma Finch from Oxford, and Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Finch and two sons from Dillon, S. C., were in Zebulon Sunday for the services at the Methodist Church.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Coltrane left for a trip to Florida the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Miller and children of Wake Forest visited Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Davis Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Brinkley and Mrs. Chris Hibbard of Durham visited in the home of Mrs. C. E. Flowers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Screws are in High Point attending the furniture show.

Mrs. Woodrow Watkins has the flu.

Cloid Wade, Jr. was home from school last week with a virus infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Debnam from Holly Springs spent the weekend in Zebulon.

Mrs. Frederick Chamblee's parents from Boston are visiting her before going to Florida.

Mrs. J. M. Potter, Jack Potter, and Eloise Fretz were visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Theo. B. Davis Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barker Kannon Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Farris Kannon and children from Franklinton, Mr. Isaac Kannon and Katherine from Wendell, Mrs. Ellis Nassif and Miss Louise Bolus from Wake Forest, Father Frederick Koch, editor of the North Carolina Catholic, from Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Eunice Kannon and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kannon.

Tar Heel Farm Facts

Christmas trees are ready for market at eight to 15 years of age, depending on the species, soil conditions, and the size desired.

U. S. farms now produce about 75 per cent more than in 1910 and nearly 40 per cent more than in 1935-39.

An increasing number of farmers and small woodland owners are finding Christmas trees a profitable cash crop, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Production of alfalfa hay has increased 50 per cent in the last 10 years.