

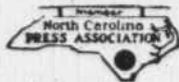
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Stream Pollution

For half a century or so, a few Western North Carolinians have been fighting against stream pollution.

And year after year, they have fought a losing battle.

The latest effort is that of Representative Bruce Elmore, of Swain County. Mr. Elmore recently proposed legislation to prohibit pollution of the Tuckasee river. Though his bill would have given industrialists until 1950 to so adjust their processes as to dispose of their refuse in some way other than just dumping it in the river, the measure was promptly killed.

Balked in his effort to pass local legislation, he has introduced a state-wide bill. But those who have watched the losing fight over the years have little doubt of that will happen to this second bill: the people who have a selfish interest in the matter are too strong.

And the strange thing about the whole issue is that intelligent, well-planned, effective anti-pollution laws almost certainly would mean money in the pockets of the industrialists who have so consistently fought such laws. For most industries today make profits chiefly by capitalizing on by-products, and it is the history of industry that, as circumstances or law have demanded it, industry has found new, and profitable, use for what it previously discarded as useless.

A Good Idea

The plan evolved at the Chapel (Negro) school here for 10 of its students, accompanied by the principal, to go to Atlanta, at their own expense, for an observation tour of educational institutions for Negroes in that city deserves commendation, and tends to stimulate the desire for more and better education. Visiting other schools brings to students new ideas. Even more important, it presents an opportunity for them to compare the work they are doing with what is being done elsewhere.

Senator Weathers Wonders . . .

Publisher-Senator Lee Weathers, of Shelby, in a speech on the floor of the state senate last week, voiced some of the wonderings a lot of us have had about the North Carolina Good Health Association. An excerpt from his speech appears elsewhere on this page.

Like most of us, Senator Weathers is wholeheartedly in agreement with most of the objectives of the Good Health Association.

But he wonders if the association really believes it can propagandize people into being healthy.

He wonders where the money has come from for its high pressure radio and newspaper campaign, and he remarks that nobody seems to know.

And he wonders if the association, with the best of intentions, hasn't damaged the very cause it is championing, and the state as well, by failure to stick closely enough to the truth.

"Camping Association to Hold Meeting at Hotel", says a headline. The softies! Next thing you know hotel men will be having conventions at tourist camps.

Easter Dawn

Rise with the Risen Christ
This Easter Day—
Roll from the door of mind
The stone away;
Look to the glowing East—
Be born again—
Else for you the Dawn
Breaks in vain . . .

—BESS HINSON HINES

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'He Is Risen'

AND now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph beheld where he was laid.

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Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying,

"Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, 'After three days I will rise again'.

"Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, 'He is risen from the dead': so the last error shall be worse than the first."

Pilate said unto them,

"Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can."

So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he said unto them,

"Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

† † †

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all of the things that were done.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying,

"Say ye, 'His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept'. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you."

So they took the money and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

† † †

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did out run Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. . . . Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her,

"Woman, why weepest thou?"

She saith unto them,

"Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her,

"Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?"

She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him,

"Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus saith unto her, "Mary."

She turned herself, and saith unto him, "Rabboni"; which is to say, "Master".

† † †

It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. . . .

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them,

"What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?"

And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him,

"Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?"

And he said unto them,

"What things?"

And they said unto him,

"Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests, and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not."

Then he said unto them,

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying,

"Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

† † †

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them,

"Peace be unto you."

And when he had so said, he showed them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. . . .

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him,

"We have seen the Lord."

But he said unto them,

"Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said,

"Peace be unto you."

Then saith he to Thomas,

"Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said unto him,

"My Lord and my God."

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And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. . . .

OTHERS' OPINIONS

OVERPLAYED THEIR HAND

(Excerpt from address of Senator Lee Weathers, of Cleveland County, in N. C. senate.)

I have no motion to make or amendment to offer. My point in rising is to make some brief observations about the good health program.

In the first place, let me say that I voted for the entire program as a member of the appropriations committee. I shall vote for its final passage today. As a publisher, I advocated that the state take this important step toward better health for all its citizens.

The good health association, however, in its zeal to promote better health in North Carolina has created unfavorable and harmful impressions in the minds of newspaper readers and radio listeners both within and without the state. Where the money came from to carry on this gigantic propaganda campaign, I do not know and I doubt if you know. I hope the campaign was projected for the best interest of all the people in this great commonwealth extending 600 miles from the coast to the mountains.

Since 1937 the state of North Carolina has appropriated about \$1,000,000 and has in its budget for the next biennium \$200,000 to be spent in attracting tourists, permanent residents and to induce industries to locate within the state. Much of the benefits we have derived and expect to derive from this vast sum to promote North Carolina have been nullified by reason of this harmful and unfavorable publicity put out by the Good Health association. It will take years to overcome the zealous propaganda that has been put forward. I do not charge that the radio programs were set up to deliberately mislead the people, but the proponents have overplayed their hand to our harm and to our dismay.

We are proud of our great state as a pace setter in the South. We hear its glories sung in political campaigns but when we come to Raleigh and listen to appropriation appeals we are shown charts and given comparative statistics that make us look like a backward state if we didn't know better.

The Good Health association should go back on the air with renowned radio artists and proclaim over and over again the fact that according to the United States Public Health service report of 1945 we had the lowest death rate of any state in the Union. It should be required to amplify and analyze in the most favorable manner the real reasons for our large draft rejections during the war. It should furnish the radio artists with the information that while our birth rate in North Carolina during this past year, 1946, was the highest of any state in the Union, our infant mortality rate was the lowest per thousand births of any year for which we have official records.

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