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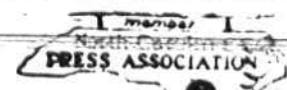
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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. Proverbs 22: 1

THE TEST OF GOOD FAITH IN THE HEALTH PROGRAM

In the lap of the legislature are the relatively modest proposals of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission to give substance and reality to the health plan promoted by two governors and the 1945 set of lawmakers. It is hardly conceivable that the plan will be either side-tracked or mutilated.

With characteristic Tar Heel conservatism, the Commission is proposing a central State investment of only \$14,140,000. It seems unlikely that either Governor Cherry or the legislature of 1945 could have had a smaller figure in mind when they directed the Commission to implement the health plan.

The recommendations of the Commission, derived from careful investigation not only of method, a task to which it was assigned, but of need, which the 1945 legislature assumed as self-evident, propose a capital investment considerably smaller than might have been expected. They propose, for instance, that the State pay only one-third of the total costs of the hospital building program tentatively projected under the inspiration of the Hill-Burton Federal statute.

Of course the Commission did not include in its figures the costs of improvement of the facilities for care of mental and tubercular patients. Adequate provisions for these will increase the total demand on the legislature by a large sum, but the grand total will be within the reasonable range of expectation for all who in campaign commitments, in party conventions and in the General Assembly have declared their purpose to effectuate a "health plan" for a State that needs one.

Neither mild impeachment of the enthusiastic propaganda in favor of the program, nor the slight—and unsightly uncandid—confusion over the relative importance of schools and hospitals, should obscure the issue. North Carolina's need for more hospitals is clear and it is equally clear that the State faces a chance to build them with Federal and local help that is exceptional. The State government cannot afford either to decline or to postpone seizure of this opportunity.

In the State's fiscal planning it must distinguish between capital outlay and maintenance. Neither the health plan nor the educational system should be maintained with the so-called surplus. Right now the general fund is producing at a rate exceeding 100 millions a year, while spending is predicated on a budget of some 71 millions. One great problem of the legislature, greater perhaps than decision as to use of reserves, will be the proper basis of regular spending for operation account.

How much above the present 71 millions can we go in regular commitment for maintenance of public service? It is a difficult question in view of the high sensitivity of our tax plan. Money flows generously under that plan in good times; it dries up readily in hard times. Whatever the decision may be about maintenance commitments, they should not be based on a theory of deficit spending. That is, they should not be made with an idea of using surplus except to tide over a brief emergency.

The State has been accumulating millions in reserves because it did not abandon what it declared an emergency tax device, the sales tax, after that device lifted its finances out of the depths. The logical use of those reserves is to declare a dividend to the taxpayers in terms of greatly needed public service facilities, whether hospitals or school buildings. There should be no plan to use them generally to pay current operating costs.

Therefore, there should be no confu-

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—CIO President Philip Murray's decision to extend the steel wage contract to May 1 adds up to a neat bit of strategy. It puts the pressure on John L. Lewis again.

Murray's contract would have expired Feb. 15—right in the middle of congressional consideration of new labor legislation.

Another industry-throttling strike—such as steel—would have fired congressional tempers and brought drastic labor legislation down on the head of the CIO.

Murray sidestepped, however, and put Lewis on the spot. The miners have been ordered to stay at work until March 31. Negotiations are expected to open March 1 for a new soft coal contract.

If the union-operator talks fail, the miners will be on notice to lay down their tools at midnight March 31. In such a situation, Lewis would be the target of Congress.

Some of the most ardent backers of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the Republican presidential nomination already are planning to offer a compromise to Ohio's Senator Robert Taft although the GOP convention is 16 months away.

These Dewey supporters see Taft as the man most likely to beat their candidate in his bid for a second chance to head the ticket.

However, they also figure that Taft might be influenced to throw his weight behind Dewey and release the Ohio delegation in event a deadlock develops which would otherwise pave the way for a "dark horse" candidate.

This compromise would be in the form of the vice presidential nomination. But, it must be remembered that Dewey backers plan to offer the vice presidential nomination to Taft only as eleventh-hour strategy.

The Republican bill to reduce personal income taxes 20 per cent is sure to be thoroughly rewritten before it is ever passed by Congress. And even then the prospect is that it will be vetoed by President Truman. Opposition to the 20 per cent proposal has developed in Republican as well as Democratic ranks.

Rep. Carl T. Curtis (R) of Nebraska, a member of the House ways and means committee, predicts the committee will change the bill to give low-income taxpayers a larger percentage tax cut than those in higher-income brackets.

In the Senate, Senator Taft (R) of Ohio has thrown out suggestions that taxpayers earning up to \$3,000 might be given special consideration. Taft emphasizes, however, that his suggestion does not mean he favors such an idea.

These views add up to the following conclusion:

The chances are that any tax reduction bill passed by Congress will give special consideration to low-income taxpayers, perhaps by a moderate increase in exemptions, although there may be a straight percentage cut in addition—possibly 10 per cent.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

Trepanning was so popular among the Incas that when their skulls are dug up nowadays they look just exactly like whitewashed bowling balls.

One of the directors of a British company tried it. He had the medicos excavate his noodle and short-circuit a fifth of his brains.

On recovery, the story goes, he became so smart the boys elected him chairman of the board. Seems a drastic way of trying to get a raise in pay.

The ancient Incas and Aztecs, archeologists tell us, practiced trepanning. That means cutting a hole in a pal's head—but only with the best of intentions.

There is nothing exceptionally advanced in the State's health plan. It is consistent with what is being demanded and being done elsewhere. We will not be ahead of the leaders if we adopt the Commission's proposal but we will be far behind them, indeed, if we do not adopt it.—N. C. Better Health

THE (LAND) LORD'S PRAYER



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Marriage should be the happiest and most satisfying of human experiences. It was ordained by God to be such, and when entered into with His blessing, and consummated under His sought direction, it is. When we leave God out of marriage, anything can happen, and often it is a tragedy. An awful example of a goddess and bitter marriage comes through the Associated Press from New Albany Indiana. Here a circuit court jury acquitted Mrs. Goldie Sutton, 43, on a first degree murder charge in the shooting of her husband, Guy, 46, after hearing her testify that he had:

"Broken her collarbone by throwing her over a cliff. Stepped on her neck. Poured kerosene on her and tried to set her clothing afire. Tried to slash her throat with a razor. Threatened to pour hot grease on her. Singed her hair with a shotgun blast."

Such a domestic tragedy did not happen all at once. The parties were not young, but middle-aged. They had evidently been fighting together for years, with final and tragic results.

Too many marriages, often entered into lightly, quickly become battlegrounds. Who hasn't heard the old wisecrack that an appropriate marriage hymn is, "The

Field Is On!" Marriage quickly becomes a fight, when it is entered into selfishly, and with God left out.

When a man and woman marry, they enter into a contract, "for better or for worse." It should and can be, "for better." But all too often it is "for worse." The rising divorce rate indicates that.

Let it be remembered that a man and woman must reach physical maturity before they can consummate a marriage. During the years of growth they have been reared in entirely different environments in which they have acquired a variety of different habits:

There must be a common denominator in marriage if it is to succeed. That must be more than physical attraction, if it is to develop into a fine satisfying companionship instead of increasing warfare. There must be a willingness to give and take. Above all, we should remember that the perfect common denominator is a common faith in Almighty God, and active membership in the same church. When a man and woman are divided in religion, they leave the door open for other dividing factors which quickly produce struggle and domestic warfare, and perhaps final tragedy.

Webster, Savannah P.T.A.

Hold Joint Meet Thursday

Webster and Savannah schools held a joint meeting of their Parent-Teacher Associations last Thursday at the Savannah school. The Webster organization was

in charge of the program and presented Mrs. E. L. McKee, who spoke on the duties of the parents and the teachers in relation to the child. She stressed the need for close cooperation between the two.

Savannah P. T. A. was in charge of the refreshments.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



ROUGH GAME
GOALIE ROY WORTERS (FORMERLY WITH N.Y. AMERICANS) HAS LOST 11 TEETH—25 STICHES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN HIS FACE AND SCALP DUE TO LACERATIONS, AND HAS HAD A KNEE DISLOCATION AND A FRACTURED KNEE

SCRAPBOOK
K WOULD TAKE A TRAIN TRAVELING A MILE A MINUTE ABOUT FIVE YEARS AND THREE MONTHS TO GO AROUND THE SUN
HOW MUCH SULFUR DOES THE HUMAN BODY CONTAIN?
ENOUGH TO KILL THE FLEAS ON THE AVERAGE-SIZED DOG
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LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

M. B. Madison, county superintendent of schools, states that the Jackson county schools will run for their full time as usual. He gives credit to the teachers for the immediate solving of this problem, for proposing to teach the other two months and wait for their pay until the proper tax collection is made to enable the county to pay them.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Moody and C. B. Thompson spent the weekend in Atlanta visiting the former's daughter, Miss Ada Moody, and the latter's son, Charles Thompson, who is attending a commercial art school.

Mrs. T. H. Hastings, John Hastings and Tom Kelly left last Tuesday for Florida where they will spend some time.

Mrs. I. H. Powell, Mrs. J. G. Murray and Mrs. Jack Messer of Sylva and Mrs. W. N. Cook and Miss Frankie Buchanan of Webster left today for Greensboro where they will attend the W.M.U. meeting.

On Friday, Feb. 19, nineteen of Willets interested citizens met and organized a Parent-Teacher Association and elected Mrs. A. S. Sutton as the first president. Mrs. J. D. Cowan, Dr. W. P. McGuire, and E. V. Vestal spoke to them in the interest of the association.

Mrs. W. R. Sherrill, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, was removed to her home last Saturday.

At a social meeting of the senior B.Y.P.U. held at the Chamber of Commerce building Monday evening, the principal feature of entertainment was a mock trial in which "Scrub" Bryson, Sarah Cruise, Lloyd Bryson and Sue Allison were the main characters in a breach of promise suit.

Symphony Orchestra Will Give Concerts Here

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ald, Jackson County Bank, Buchanan Auto and Electric Co., Cogdill Motor Co., Hooper Motor Co., Hall and Norton Tire Shop, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Gulf Oil Corporation, Reece-Hampton Motor Co., Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Co., Sylva high school, Sylva Rotary Club, W. H. Crawford, Bell's Department Store, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Allison Motor Company, Cannon Brothers, Dr. Roy W. Kirchberg, Armour Leather Co., Sylva Laundry, Fred Hooper, Sylva Coal and Lumber Co., Stovall's Cafe, Southern Lumber Co., Hale's, Reed and Jenkins Grocery, P. E. Moody, E. P. Stillwell, Drs. Harold and Patsy McGuire, Builders Supply and Lum-

A PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States of America

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross, traditional friend and counselor of the serviceman, and the veteran, furnishes comfort and renewed hope to our sick and wounded in hospitals, and provides morale-building welfare and recreational facilities for our occupation forces abroad as well as a wide range of services to those returning to civilian life in this country; and

WHEREAS the Red Cross chartered by Congress and equipped by experience to cope with human needs when disaster strikes, performs its errands of mercy with skill and expedition; and

WHEREAS the Red Cross is devoting increased attention to its home-nursing and first aid programs which are designed through training courses to check the spread of diseases and to reduce the frightful toll of accidents; and

WHEREAS this organization is entirely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the people of the United States in rendering these services, and has estimated that a minimum fund of \$60,000,000 will be necessary for the implementation of its philanthropic program in 1947:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America and American National Red Cross, do hereby designate and proclaim the month of March 1947 as Red Cross Month and urge every citizen of this country to respond generously to this essential, humanitarian cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed. DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

(Seal)
By the President:
G. C. MARSHALL
Secretary of State

ber Co., H. J. Landis, E. L. McKee, Ben Lessing, Dan Moore, Stovall's Five and Ten Cent Store, Dave Karp, Neil Crawford, Hugh Monteith, Ritz Theatre, Ernest Lewis, S. W. Enloe, Sylva Pharmacy, Lela's Beauty Shop, and the Sylva Flower Shop.

Modern Methods and Materials for Teaching Science by Heiss, Obourn, Hoffman, MacMillan, 1941, should be on the shelf of every professional library. The authors give an excellent treatment of the principles of science teaching, the major goals, the psychology, and a rather unique chapter on the evaluation of learning in science.

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