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CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!

We extend congratulations and best wishes to the large group of young men and women who are about to complete their high school work from the four Jackson county high schools and who will receive their diplomas next week, indicative of the fact that they have successfully passed the required work for graduation from high school.

Graduation has been spoken of as, "the golden prelude to a richer career in real life out in a friendly world." This, it is our hope, will be the experience of each of these young men and women. To you graduation is a cutting loose from the youth of life; a taking hold of things of the future. It is what you take hold of, young men and women, that determines the course you travel. It is truly within your power to live a beautiful life—a life rich in virtue, hope, love, enthusiasm, friends—all to end in a perfect day.

May it be your desire, your will, and your accomplishment to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you."

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Add all these together and you have America's traffic lottery, a complex game of life and death in which each one of us, willing or not, must have a hand.

Last year 33,900 were killed and more than 1,300,000 injured in U. S. street and highway accidents. It was a year in which most of us did not yet have that new car and those new tires with which to drive as frequently, or as fast, or as far as we might have liked. But the casualties were heavier than in any year since 1941. Why?

Most of the 1946 dead and injured were killed or hurt because they took a chance. They didn't pause to consider the risk because they didn't expect to lose. They DID lose.

1947 AS SEEN BY 4047

The current much-publicized English historian, Albert J. Toynbee, recently lecturing at Bryn Mawr college, ventured some prophecies, based on the last 6,000 years, as to how the present era will look to historians of 4047. Our age, he believes, will appear as having accomplished the first real step in unification of mankind, which to those future men will be a condition taken for granted. They will be concerned with this unity as expressed in religion.

Apparently Toynbee believes a kind of world religion is developing now from the interaction and impact of what he calls the four higher religions with world-wide missions existing today: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Far Eastern Buddhism. On this composite group the Englishman foresees Jesus of Nazareth and His teaching in 4047 as still "important to mankind."

While these long looks into the future may offer no practical aids for today's complexities, such a mental exercise gives man a sense of perspective. The present, and his part in it, become merely an episode in the long stream of civilization. There is hope and inspiration in this philosopher-historian's sweeping glance backward and forward at man's struggles on our earth.—Reidsville Review.

Roman soldiers carried a sponge with them for use as a drinking vessel.

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON — Latest speculative possibility as a vice presidential nominee, to be run by the Democrats on their Truman ticket in 1948, is Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the Army Air Forces.

The rumor got started at the annual Jefferson Day dinner at Washington's Mayflower hotel where 2,000 loyal and well-heeled Democrats paid \$100 apiece to dine and hear the president speak.

Spaatz and Mr. Truman did not sit far apart, and during the course of the evening they frequently conversed. This led to the behind-the-scenes speculation among correspondents and amateur politicians that the Democrats could do a lot worse than name Spaatz as Truman's running mate if they want to carry Pennsylvania next year.

The general is the first military man to be discussed as a vice presidential nominee in a wide-open race, which probably will not be decided until the Chicago convention.

Others are Navy Secretary James Forrestal, War Secretary Robert Patterson, Commerce Secretary W. Averill Harriman and Interior Secretary J. A. Krug—the latter before he was raked by the big verbal guns of John L. Lewis in connection with the Centralia, Ill., mine disaster.

Political observers are wondering just how secure the reportedly high-powered organization of Senator Robert Taft (R), Ohio, really is, and whether it will be able to deliver the goods when the GOP national convention meets next year.

Capitol Hill observers, keeping a chart on the Ohioan's activities since Jan. 3, have come up with some facts indicating that his grip on the Senate already appears to be loosening.

They say he got the worst of a compromise on national debt reduction with Senator William F. Knowland (R), California, a Senate freshman. On the reciprocal trade agreements, Senators Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado took the GOP leadership.

One must be acquainted with Senate tradition to understand why atomic committee senators allowed a non-committee member, Senator Kenneth McKellar (D), Tennessee, to force them to listen, week after week, to his prolonged battle against David E. Lilienthal.

Chairman Burke Hickenlooper (R), Iowa, frequently displayed his annoyance over McKellar's tactics. Other members were also irked.

However, it was not until hearings on Lilienthal's appointment went into its sixth week that the atomic senators agreed to silence McKellar's inquiry. Here is the explanation:

1—A committee, as Hickenlooper explained, is a "convenient arm of the Senate." It merely facilitates getting information for the Senate as a whole. Thus, a non-committee senator may participate in any hearing in which he is interested.

2—The Senate is zealous about maintaining full freedom of debate and expression, and that goes also to the freedom of producing evidence on which to debate. Senators boast that their body is the world's only remaining legislative forum for untrammelled debate.

So, had the committee cut McKellar's questioning short, it would have been accused on the Senate floor of breaking Senate tradition, of gagging a colleague, of breaching senatorial etiquette and courtesy.

Above all, the committee wanted to be, as Hickenlooper put it to newsmen, "uncriticizable" on that point.

Delegates taking off from the United States for the Geneva conference to establish an international world trade organization felt that it was "touch and go" on whether anything will come out of the important meeting.

Top officials pretended to have every confidence that some sort of agreement would be reached, but privately they were less optimistic.

In their efforts to impress the importance of the conference on Congress and the people they encountered strong competition for public attention in the debate on the Greco-Turkish aid bill. Russia's agreements adds to the problem.

In the United States, Congress on May 8, 1914, designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

If you were suddenly confronted with the knowledge that death was imminent, and wanted to make your last statement, what would you say?

The recorded last words of King Christian X of Denmark, uttered shortly before his death on April 20th, read like a benediction: "My task on this earth is over. I am at peace with my God and myself. I am so tired."

Dearly beloved by his Danish subjects whom he ruled for thirty-five years, including the bitter wartime years of German occupation, the words of the 70 year old king make us thoughtful. Not everyone has the privilege and opportunity of King Christian, but everyone has the opportunity to be a Christian! Those who truly walk the Christian pathway can say at the end, "My task on this earth is over. I am at peace with God and myself."

This recalls what the veteran apostle St. Paul wrote at the end of his long, useful, and turbulent career: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." He then added words which tell us that the same things await all men who can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the

faith." "And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Several weeks ago there was a disastrous explosion in the Centralia coal fields in Illinois, and a number of men perished, some of them lingering sufficiently long to write death notes to their families. One wrote: "God bless you all." Another wrote to his wife, asking that she and her children be regular in their church attendance.

All this reminds us that one day each one of us will receive a call to leave this old earth. There is no escaping it. It is highly important that we be ready to go. If we will walk with our Lord here in daily living, death will be but a door into the fuller presence of God. The Bible is most definite about that. If we don't walk with Him here, how can we expect to be with Him hereafter?

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Mrs. Keith Hinds

Entertains Bridge Club

Mrs. Keith Hinds was hostess Thursday evening for the meeting of her bridge club at her home at Cullowhee. A dessert course was served after which two tables were made up for play.

When the games were concluded Mrs. Ralph Sutton and Mrs. W. T. Wise had tied for high score and both were given awards.

Members playing were Mrs. Philip Stovall, Mrs. Leon Sutton, Mrs. W. T. Wise, Mrs. T. N. Massie, and Mrs. Ralph Sutton.

Guests were Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. C. C. Buchanan and Mrs. Newton Turner.

AT BAPTIST CONVENTION

Baptist ministers from Jackson county attending the Southern Baptist convention in St. Louis this week are Rev. C. M. Warren, Rev. W. N. Cook, Rev. B. S. Hensley and Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr.

ATTEND N. C. DENTAL SOCIETY MEETING

Drs. Harold and Patsy McGuire were in Pinehurst the first three days of this week attending the meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society.

When Your Back Hurts -

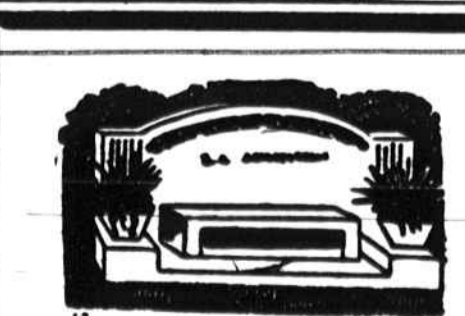
And Your Strength and Energy is Below Par

It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

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Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Myers announce the birth of a son on Sunday, April 20. Mrs. Myers is the former Miss Beulah Brown of Cowarts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sarno of Denver, Colorado announce the birth of a son, George Dennis, on March 27. Mrs. Sarno is the former Miss Catherine Galloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Galloway of Glenville.

ATTEND ROTARY MEET
Dr. D. D. Hooper and Paul Kirk of Sylva and W. E. Ensor and Sam

Gilliam of Cherokee were in Charlotte Monday and Tuesday attending the district meeting of Rotary.

DR. WALTER L. CUTTER

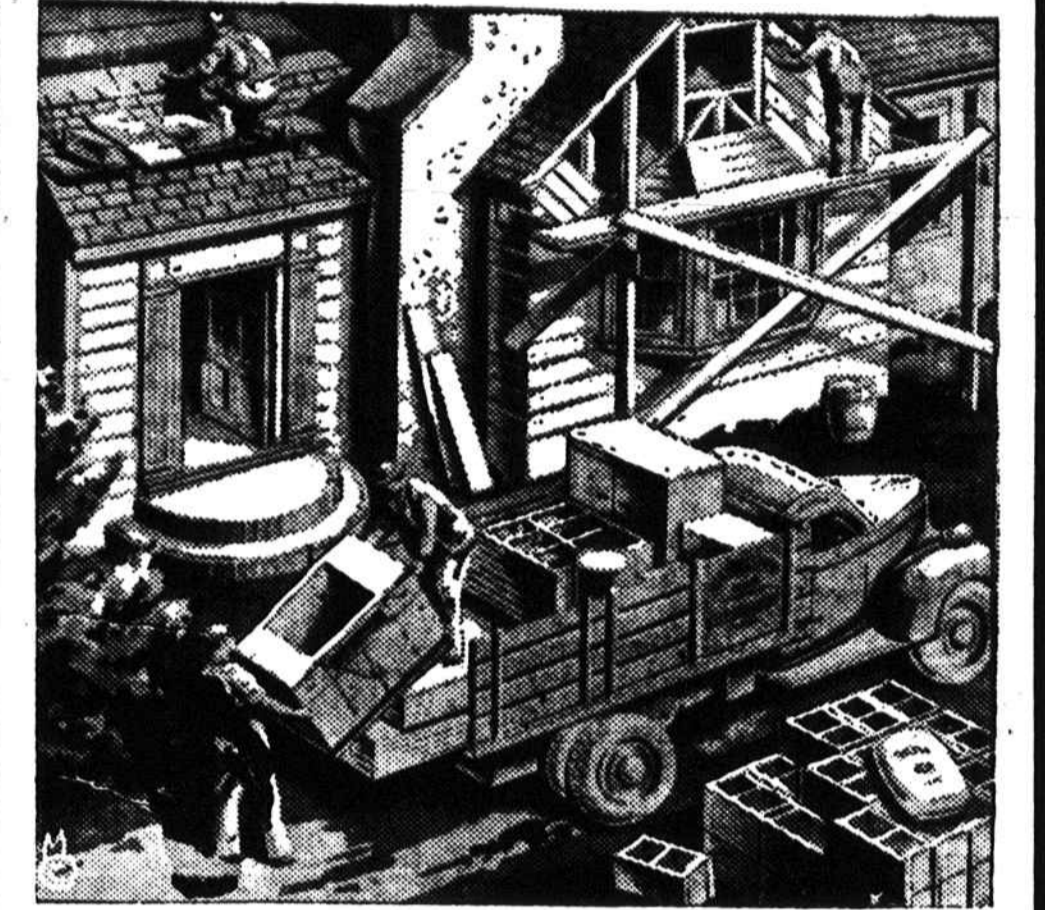
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