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Religious Education

Religious Education Week begins on the 29th of this month in the United States and possessions. It will be the purpose of teachers all over these United States to stress religion and better education in religion to young people that week.

Perhaps one of the most pressing problems in the country today, religious education, has been neglected in many homes during the war and youth in this country have had their minds on fighting, killing and hatred opinions of other nations and peoples.

While it will not be the duty of religious education teachers in this country to teach young people to expect good out of every person or race, it is their hope to instill a personal religion and religious belief in humanity as a whole.

The emphasis being laid on Religious Education Week this year is not misplaced. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recently said: "I cannot imagine my own life in my youth or now without religion. Without it there is only catastrophe for our country and all on earth. With it there is no limit to which our scientific progress, our industrial skill, or national strength may lead us."

Hoover went further than that. He pointed out the sharp rise in crime since the end of the war, saying that in 1944 the major crimes committed in this country were over twelve per cent lower than in 1945. He stated that forty-nine per cent of the burglars, sixty-one per cent of the car thieves, thirty per cent of the rapists, thirty-five per cent of the robbers, and thirty-five per cent of the thieves were youngsters under the voting age in 1945.

These percentages are high, considering figures of past years. They will be lowered in future years, we all hope. And one of the best campaigns being conducted today to help lower those totals is that which is being waged by the International Council of Religious Education. To their plea that we observe Religious Education Week this year with more than passive support, we can hardly afford to turn a deaf ear.

Aluminum Houses

From London comes the news that British airplane plants are producing aluminum houses which can be put together in less than two hours.

The houses leave the factories complete in four sections, with electric wiring and plumbing in place and wardrobes, cupboards and a heating plant.

The houses have four rooms and a bath and sell for $5,400. They are one of the prefabricated styles with which the British hope to replace the 4,500,000 dwellings destroyed during the war. While designed for temporary use, it is estimated that they can last for twenty years or more.

The use of prefabricated houses is not new but, in this country, as in England, the process of adoption is slow. Current production in both countries represents only a small fraction of the homes that are necessary to meet the housing shortage. Obviously, the prefabricated houses can help in the emergency, but it will take some form of mass production on a stupendous scale to bring prices down to suit the pocketbooks of many families which need better housing.

January—Soon Enough

There have been a good many suggestions that the president call a special session of Congress to legislate on some of the current problems. Mr. Truman seems not to care to follow them. We doubt if a special session would have set well with the public at this time.

There may be much needed legislation at this time but it seems to us that both the people and the Solons should have a little time to get their bearings and take a look at things. While most of us have been disappointed at the tempo of the reconversion period, we must bear in mind how much happened in such a short time, and that to untangle the results of the speeded era, it is going to take time.

It may take enough time for some of us to learn from sad experience that we will have to work these problems out in a cooperative manner, and not one group expect to hand out orders with a high hand of authority.

We think that President Truman showed balance when he turned a deaf ear to the urge for a special session. Come January, 1947, will be time enough to try to work out of the turmoil, which no doubt will during the interim shape up so that a better diagnosis may be made from the symptoms, which will be more pronounced.

To Avoid Sudden Death

The king of amateur sports is arriving all over the country today. Football—the big college sport in this country — begins in earnest this week and next in every State in the Union, with it come cooler weather, and the football trips nearly every business man plans.

Every year there are many unnecessary deaths resulting from too much exuberance on the part of some fans. The long drive home sometimes is dangerous because of bad weather hazards and crowded highways and reckless, rushing drivers. The most fatalities occur after the game, not before.

Each year the various state highway departments appeal for motorists to drive to and from the big games carefully and avoid unnecessary risks on the road. But the toll after each big game nevertheless remains impressive.

Probably the best way to prevent accidents and costly wrecks on week-ends to come, is a program of constant warning and appeal to motorists before the season gets under way. This appeal is being made to you in the hope that it may save your life, your car or some other person's life some cold, icy Saturday afternoon this fall.

U. S. Autos Go Abroad

Before World War II, American-made automobiles and trucks appeared in practically every market of the world. Since the end of hostilities, American automobile manufacturers have shipped about six per cent of their output into foreign countries, seeking to retain the markets previously won.

In the first seven months of this year, the motor vehicle industry produced 849,804 passenger cars and shipped 51,452 of them to foreign countries. Of the 342,744 trucks and other commercial vehicles produced, foreign markets received 83,059.

The automobile industry in this country is one that has not required high tariff protection for its growth. In fact, many foreign countries have established a system of import controls in order to prevent American cars from predominating their markets. Apparently, the automobile industry in this country is able to make cars cheaper than the foreign manufacturers and stands an excellent chance of developing a tremendous export business, if world trade conditions are arranged in a manner to encourage increased world trade.

If this proves to be the case, the automobile industry will give work to many thousands of Americans. In return, if they are wise, the American people will purchase some of the goods and services of other nations. In no other way can world trade be promoted. It is impossible to sell all the time without buying because, fundamentally, world trade is a matter of swapping and cannot prosper when the traffic moves in only one direction.

War And Education

There is one definite result of World War II, and that is the response to the advantages offered throughout the GI Bill of Rights in its educational departments.

North Carolina colleges have hit an all high record with the current enrollments. The total number now attending institutions in the state stands approximately at 40,000 according to an announcement made by Dr. James E. Hillman, director of the division of Professional Services of the State Board of Education. Of this number 7,000 are Negro students.

This year's estimate shows an increase of approximately 10,000 over the high of 30,000 students shortly before the war.

HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

No so long ago we wrote about the pleasure of showing the editors from Eastern Carolina where they are long famous for their barbecue, that we also know in this county something about the fine art of preparing meat this style. We must have proven that we can by the following note to Rufus Siler from the editor of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram:

Dear Mr. Siler:

When it was my opportunity and pleasure to have been among those present in the Armory at Waynesville last Friday night, I made a mental note and reduced it to writing, when your name was mentioned as the individual who had prepared the meat for the occasion. It happens that I have a little farming effort down here in Nash county and a few Herefords that might lend themselves to the making of delicious barbecue like that one, if we knew how to prepare it.

At any rate, won't you use the enclosed stamped envelope and let me know how it is done and maybe if I can get sufficient instructions and have confidence enough in myself, I will undertake to do something of the sort down here.

Again let me thank you for the wonderful occasion which all of us enjoyed and your efforts were a distinct contribution to it all.

(Signed)
JOSH HORN.

We had to visit the Waynesville kindergarten during the week to get a party list. We thought we could not tear ourselves away from watching Mrs. [illegible] those 30 odd small fry [illegible] There was one entertainment [illegible] after another—with such [illegible] and joy from the children taking part that it was positively [illegible]ing. Among the games was one choosing your wife or pleasure "Peter Pumpkin Eater [illegible] Each small boy was given the privilege of selecting [illegible] he led her by the hand and helped place her in a big yellow [illegible] basket (pumpkin shell) and there he kept her very well." These little boys behaved just like they, no doubt will do, some day when the time comes in their lives to take this important step. The little girls just beamed with [illegible] and some went so far as to hide up their hands, early show our womanly traits of trying to please. Their response had me [illegible] on those little boys. They [illegible] ground with after nainty [illegible] looked around and [illegible] their choice regardless of [illegible] agement or lack of it [illegible] up to that yellow [illegible] haps more persuasive [illegible] than they will [illegible] down a church aisle to the strains of Lohengrin's [illegible] tion.

We have just read about Dr. Wilfred Funk, who used to publish dictionaries [illegible] and ugliest word in the English language. Maybe you will agree and maybe you won't. For the discomfort to the ear, Dr. Funk chose "gown," "hush," "lullaby," "luminous," "murmuring," "quake," "tranquil," "golden" and "melody."

For the bitterest word he takes "[illegible]" and the most reverent, "Mother," the most frantic, "death," the most beautiful "Love," the most vicious, "Revenge," the most peaceful "tranquil," the saddest "Forgotten," the warmest, "friendship," the coldest, "No," and the one bringing the most comfort, "Faith."

Another sign that the Mason and Dixon line has disappeared is that a bronze bust of Sidney Lanier, the Confederate soldier and poet will be placed next month in the New York Hall of Fame. By rights the southern poet should have been there long years ago, for his works entitled him to this recognition. In addition to this famous poems, his book, "The Science of English Verse" is one of the permanent contributions to American scholarship. All English students in our schools get acquainted early in life with "The Marshes of Glynn." We understand that the Haywood chapter of the UDC has been invited to attend the unveiling.

Complaints about the summer's heat are declining and in a few months you will begin to hear people being sing to hot weather.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

TURFMEN, we read, plan to follow their horses in training by means of helicopter. This should give a new meaning to the phrase that an owner is "high" on his horse.

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Dopsters naturally will figure it's inside stuff if an owner starts following his nag not by 'copter but by jet plane.

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Ectcha Dollar Dier says he expects the "feed box special" soon to be replaced by the tip "straight from the clouds."

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Fortunately, horses are not noted for their curiosity or they might stop in the middle of a sprint to wonder what that thing is buzzing overhead.

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The luckless bettors who took a "flyer" on a badly beaten nag can have the consolation that so did the owner.

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Up to now, looking down on horse racing has been the pastime solely of those who would abolish the sport.

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The whole idea may boomerang since helicopters are noted for their ability to stand still and even move backward. This could be disastrous, if nags should consider this a good idea worth adopting.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you think of the State of Georgia's law allowing persons to vote at the age of 18?

C. W. Minett: "I think a lot of 18-year-olds have as much sense as the older ones."

Stephen Plemmons: "I don't see anything wrong with it. They draft boys into service at 18."

W. L. Allen: "I don't think they are old enough to know what it's all about at that age."

W. T. Mehaffey: "If they are old enough to fight they're old enough to vote."

G. C. Summerrow: "I don't think a young man is settled enough to know how to take voting seriously at 18."

181 Drivers' Licenses Revoked In One Week

During the week September 6-13 a total of 184 driver's licenses were revoked by North Carolina courts, bringing the grand total in the state to 66,162.

Three Haywood county men are named on the revocation notice issued by the state highway safety division. Most of the revocations were based on driving while drunk.

ALONG BROAD

By

Walter Winch

Notes of a Newspaper Man:

The Justice Dept. members who are planning to ashcan the sedition cases are as spineless as spaghetti. The defendants aided nazi Hitler and still are echoing nazi propaganda . . . It provides a sad contrast. Thousands of American soldiers lost their lives fighting nazism. Others lost their eyes, hands and limbs. But some nickel-sits in our justice dept. [illegible] Fake Hitler's stooges into court for fear of losing a case! . . . And remember that any American soldier who refused to fight when it seemed like the nazis would be victorious—could have been shot.

Vignette: Laura LaPlante, the movie star who is still a looker, tells it herself . . . She drove up to a gas station recently where the attendent did a double-take and said: "Say, did anybody ever tell you that you look like Laura La Plante?" . . . A bit coyly, Laura replied: "Why, yes. As a matter of fact several people have" . . . To which he hastily added "Oh, don't get me wrong, lady. I don't mean the way she looks NOW."

An American newspaper man and a Russian scribe not chummy at the peace conference. "I can't understand why the Yank said the Yank wire to get as ers into Russia." "What are about?" chuck "It took a wire Russian newspa

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Capital Lett

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

SHEARS—The Advisory Budget Commission will move into town within a few days now. Each member stomped with a long pair of shears. Some budgets this time have been cut up as much as 25 per cent over those presented to this group in the fall of 1944, it is said, and heavy slashing is privately expected by many department heads though budget needs are always submitted with dreadful faces. They figure on heavy cuts and that is why they are kept at such a high level. "We actually need $75,000, so we will request $100,000." So it goes . . .

TEACHER PAY—The Charlotte Observer has asked for a teachers pay schedule ranging from $1,560 as a minimum up to $3,600. This would cost the state an additional $21,000,000 per year over the present educational budget . . . or nearly half of the total amount being expended each year now for education . . . but a Bd. of Ed. request of a 15 per cent raise for schools is really expected here.

NOTES—As this was written, Lynn Nisbet, afternoon newspaper columnist who is read daily by up-

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SCHAUB [illegible] ing his post [illegible] State College [illegible]

To those who eagerly await their new Chevrolets . . .

Here Is the Latest Ne about Chevrolet Deliveries

Everybody from factory to dealer is doing everythin that can be done to speed deliveries to you

We have been informed by the Chevrolet Motor Division that the past month has witnessed only a slight improvement in the rate of production of new Chevrolet passenger cars. As a result, shipments of new cars to dealers for delivery are still far below the level we and the factory had hoped to attain by this time. In fact, through August, Chevrolet's output of cars in 1946 was only 22.6% of the number turned out during the corresponding period of 1941.

We know that Chevrolet is doing *everything* possible to step up its production totals—to ship more and more cars to us and to its thousands of other dealers throughout America . . . and we know, too, that we are assured of getting our full proportionate share of the current output and of future production gains.

Disappointing as the total figures have been—and despite the fact that Chevrolet was out of production entirely during the first three months of the year—it is nevertheless true that *Chevrolet led all other manufacturers in production of passenger cars during June 1946,* and has continued to maintain its lead in total production from that day to this.

We shall continue to make deliveries of new Chevrolets to our customers just as fast as we receive them; we regret delays as deeply as you do; *we thank you for your friendly patience and understanding;* and we promise you a new high motoring experience when you take delivery of your new Chevrolet, giving BIG-CAR QUALITY AT LOWEST COST!

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