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60 Per Cent Not Christians

Last Sunday morning, Rev. L. G. Elliott
told the congregation of the First Baptist
church here, "there are many people in Hay-
wood county who have never heard the gos-
pel preached." For emphasis he repeated the
statement, and it became even more thought
provoking each time.

To the casual listener the statement was
just an added "punch line" to the missionary
subject under discussion, but further ponder-
ance, made one realize the magnitude of the
statement. In order to get additional
information, we have checked further on the
subject.

A recent survey revealed through an estimate
there are 20,000 people in Haywood who
are not Christians. The 1940 census gave the
county a population of 34,800. This means that
about 60 per cent are not Christians. Further
search shows that there are at least 62 churches
in Haywood, and no section being
too far removed but what the citizens could
attend church if they so desired. Further,
there are at least six denominations with
churches within the county.

The Baptist pastor made his statement upon
the basis of citizens over twelve years of age,
and figures are those now used by all denomina-
tions.

We cannot feel that the situation is any
worse here in Haywood than in the remainder
of the state, and certainly the nation, yet it
is a matter that provokes much thought.
First, churches have been built in almost
every community for the convenience of the
people. Second, every church of any size
hold services on a regular schedule. Third,
every denomination has missionaries or special
workers delegated to work with the church
members to enlist non-members. Fourth, the
citizens know they are welcome to any
church and service any time.

Does all this add up to the fact that we are
losing interest in religion? Does it mean that
the church is losing its grip on America? Is
the church failing to offer people what they
seek? Are we so absorbed with worldly affairs
that we no longer feel the need for religion?

Our answer to the above is no.
We feel the situation is due cause for deep
concern, and affords a challenging undertak-
ing to every church and to every church member.

A Humane Thought

We have often pondered for a second or
two on the big percentage of horses and
mules that one finds blind. Not a very brilliant
deduction but one we feel worth con-
sideration is the manner in which these work
animals are hauled from farm to dealer and
from dealer to farm.

Ninety per cent of all horse and mule deal-
ings are made during the winter months
while farm work is at a comparative stand
still. The animals are always transported in
open topped trucks with their heads and eyes
exposed to the frigid 40 to 45 miles per hour
blasts of wind.

This too frequently results in infections of
the eye that cause blindness. It seems to us
that individual blinds of some kind or a wind
break to protect the animals' eyes might be
highly desirable additions to the business of
horse and mule dealing both from humane
and economical points of view.

Are we right or are we wrong?—Hertford
County Herald.

A New Day For Apples

Up here in this apple growing country,
where many new trees are set out each sea-
son, it is hard to realize that there are a third
less apple trees in the nation today than in
1910. These figures are supplied by the U. S.
Department of Agriculture.

The department points out there are 151
million fewer apple trees on American farms
today than back in 1910, although the popula-
tion has increased by 61 millions since 1910.

The American Nursery Magazine, in dis-
cussing this same subject, says that many
apple orchards in Europe have been either
destroyed or neglected to the point where it
will require years to bring new orchards to
profitable production. The conclusion this
fact affords is that America will have to sup-
ply Europe with the large part of the apples
consumed there.

A further study of the apple industry, re-
veals that there has been a period of heavy
planting once each generation, covering a
cycle of about 35 years. It seems there was
heavy planting in 1840 and again about 1870.
The next planting boom came in 1910 and
1912. With history running true to form, it
appears that it is about apple tree planting
again.

Needless to say, the apple industry here
in Western North Carolina has taken some
progressive steps in the past few months,
when growers banded together to do co-
operative advertising and marketing. This
will mean larger sales, and of course big sales
will create a demand for more production.

With the historical facts, as well as present
details at hand, it looks like the apple indus-
try is ready to go forward as never before.

Calling Solomon And Job

Down in Charlotte the other day, two teen-
age boys, one 13 and the other 14, drained a
5-acre lake and caused the death of about
5,000 fish. About the same time, two boys of
similar age in Atlanta, had a gay night by
riding through a residential section shooting
a 22 rifle into homes and automobiles in the
area.

Both groups of boys were tried before a
juvenile court, were turned over to their
parents for a period of three years of good
behavior, after payments of small fines.

The boys have to report to the welfare
department each Saturday with a behavior
report from their school teachers.

The excuse the boys gave for damaging
property, and endangering lives was, "we
wanted something to do."

Judges charged with handing down deci-
sions in such cases have a much harder prob-
lem on their hands than if they were dealing
with adult criminals. Somehow, our sympa-
thy goes out to all four parties in such cases:
the judge, the boys, the parents, and the per-
sons injured.

Our first inclination is that strict discipline
in the home is the answer, yet some authori-
ties tell us that this often leads to resentment
on the part of a child, and makes bad matters
worse. The problem is one of concern for
all citizens but solving the problem is one
that will require the patience of old Job, and
all the wisdom that Solomon could muster in
these modern times.

Wanted, An Answer

The merchants of Douglas, Ga., have offi-
cially set aside April 1-8 as "Leave Us Alone
Week."

They acted after counting up the different
drives for funds in the last months, which
totaled an even dozen.

There has been a lot of comment in this
area about the same situation, and almost
everytime, the suggestion has been made that
the community chest plan should be inaugu-
rated here. Many people differ with that
idea, pointing out that there are hundreds of
people who will contribute small sums to
every campaign who would not be in a po-
sition to make a substantial donation at one
time to a community chest.

Others argue that the saving in man-hours
of business and professional men on solicita-
tions is a matter worthy of serious considera-
tion. During each campaign now, scores of
people give hour after hour of their time so-
liciting money.

It cannot be said, but what every campaign
is important, and justifies our support and
money, yet it appears that the matter is about
to get out of hand.

Frankly we don't have a satisfactory solu-
tion to offer. It is an important part of our
economic and social life in America, and plans
that work in some communities are not al-
ways satisfactory in others. We only wish
we knew the right answer.

Under the impact of the economy drive in
Hollywood, the supercolossal is now giving
way modestly to the merely colossal.

Suggested campaign slogan for Henry
Wallace: "I'd rather be Left than President."



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—
Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Seen in passing... the very
attractive waitress wearing a
blouse made from silk sent by her
husband who is stationed in Jap-
an.
... the curly haired dog
rolling in the rain-soaked grass
on the Courthouse lawn and
seemingly having a grand time.
... the lady who cautiously
looked both up and down the street
before crossing, then suddenly
turning and running back to the
curb just escaping a knock-
down by a motorist who almost had
a stroke when he saw what was
happening.
... the beautiful stream-
lined automobile making a turn
into a filling station, disclosing
... the other side bashed in like a
crumpled piece of paper.
... the extreme popularity of
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Q. Public
now that election time is in the off-
ing.
Now we've seen everything. On
Sunday when the dinner rush was
on in the Cafeteria, a decidedly
plumpish lady grabbed a tray and
pushed herself under the rail ahead
of about six standees. Then had a
very red face when she discovered
she was above the meat and veget-
able sections... and the standees
wouldn't let her move back. Ha ha!
Those who are not devotees of
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WORLD WAR II
CEMETERY PLANS OUTLINED
FOR CONGRESS
By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON—The American
Battle Monuments Commission is
asking Congress for \$3,000,000 for
the establishment of 10 permanent
World War II cemeteries in the
European theater, three in the
Mediterranean and one in the Pa-
cific theater.
It plans a memorial chapel in
each cemetery, service buildings,
headstones, roads, paths, walls,
lawns, and other items.
Brig. Gen. Thomas North, sec-
retary of the commission, reported
in recent congressional budget
hearings that architects already
are drawing up plans for the
cemeteries. He estimates con-
struction will take from three to
four years, starting about the
middle of 1949, providing the ap-
propriation is granted.
In the meantime, the remains
of the dead who are to remain per-
manently overseas are in tempo-
rary cemeteries maintained by the
Army.
General North says the perman-
ent cemeteries are to be con-
structed at:
Cambridge, England; Margraten,
near Maastricht, Holland; Henri-
Chapelle, near Liege, Belgium;
Neuville-en-Condruz, also near
Liege; Ramon, near Luxembourg
City, where Gen. Patton is
buried...
In France at St. Laurent,
"Omaha" Beach; St. James, south
of Avranche; St. Avold, east of
Metz; Epinel; Vosges, and Dra-
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Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
\$10,000 in gold and gold certifi-
cates is turned in at the First
National Bank and Post Office.
The American Legion is spon-
soring sale of advertising labels.
Arthur Francis is awarded first
place in a public speaking contest
held at high school.
Grover Bradshaw, Wayne Dot-
son, and Henderson McClure, all
of Iron Duff complete plans to drift
from Lake Junaluska to Muscle
Shoals, Ala., in three 15-foot boats.
10 YEARS AGO
Commissioners order revaluation
of property in county.
A bitter campaign is expected
on proposal liquor store measure
in this county.
A bucket of paint exploded at the
Pure Oil Service Station—no
damage is done.
Seal Sale for benefit of crippled
children begins.
Indians vote 6 to 5 against ex-
changing land with Park.
1,300 children are served hot
lunches in WPA lunch rooms.
Miss Ruth Rogers, of Clyde, is
a member of the girls' varsity bas-
ketball team of Woman's College.
5 YEARS AGO
OPA sets points for meats. Ev-
ery civilian has weekly allotment
of 16 points covering meat, butter,
cheese, etc.
R. L. Lee, Jr. is named appointee
to Annapolis.
Seniors at Bethel, Fines Creek,
and Crabtree schools get diplomas.
Haywood buys half of March
bond quota.
USO and Woman's Club give
dinner for visiting service men.
Miss Margaret Hyatt weds Bishop
Ray Pilarski.
Walter Taliaferro gives party on
eleventh birthday.
Bethel women open Red Cross
work room in study at Bethel
Methodist Church.

They'll Do It Every Time



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is it natural to need someone to love?
Answer: It's not only natural;
it's unavoidable as long as life
lasts. But the object of your love is
not always a living person; it may
be the memory of someone you
have lost, or a mental image of
someone whom you have dreamed
of but have never met. It may
even be an animal to whom you
attribute the emotions and re-
sponses of a person. But you must
love somebody or something, and
the less success you have in find-
ing a "love object" other than
yourself, the more your love will
be centered on yourself in morbid
self-absorption.
Is making a child behave
"repression"?
Answer: Certainly not—there
could be no worse distortion of the
findings of psychology than this
half-baked idea. You force a child
to repress his feelings only when
you frighten him so badly that he

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

How do you like to spend your
leisure time?
Mrs. Joe Limer—"Reading. I get
more pleasure out of reading than
anything else I do."
Mrs. Tom Campbell, Sr.—"I have
such little time to read, I consider
reading a luxury."
Bill Cobb—"If I had any leisure
time, I'd like to spend it fishing."
Miss Vena Blanton—"Reading—
except in summer when I enjoy
riding in the country and picnick-
ing."
Hugh Jolly—"I like to spend my
leisure time at home reading and
listening to the radio."
Harry Lantz—"It depends on the
weather. I like to garden when
the weather is suitable and when
weather is bad I enjoy reading and
playing bridge."
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Capital Letter

LITTLE INTEREST—An inform-
al survey made by this corner in
18 counties in various sections of
the State last week shows that
there is little real interest at this
time in politics. People contacted
were more eager to talk about the
high cost of living, the delay in
getting crops in the ground, and
the international situation.
"Who will be our next Govern-
or?" or "Who will be our next Con-
gressman?" or "Who is going to be
our next U. S. Senator?"
The county political rings
and, of course, Raleigh—are think-
ing along political lines, and they
are making desperate attempts to
persuade others to do so, but the
average man is more interested in
the weather, the cost of bacon and
eggs, and Joe Stalin than in Char-
lie Johnson, Kerr Scott, J. M.
Broughton, or Senator William B.
Ustick.
THROTTLED?—The belief
around Raleigh is that if former
Agriculture Commissioner Kerr
Scott continues to conduct a "dis-
tinguished" campaign for Governor, he
might as well pull out of the race
now and go back to his fine herd
of Jerseys and Holsteins in Alama-
naco County.
So far, his candidacy has creat-
ed hardly more than a ripple on
the political waters of the State.
His speeches have not carried the
fire that people have long associ-
ated with Kerr Scott. He has col-
ored, but he isn't using it. He may
lose any day now with something
interesting, something that will
crack the front pages of the papers.



FUGITIVES FROM HITLER
GIVE GERMAN PLAYS
IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK—One of the most
interesting show-producing units
here is a group of actors who call
themselves "The Players From
Abroad."
These artistically inclined folks
are full fledged professionals.
Some are highly regarded actors
of the stage and screen. They
present their plays in German and
do not make much money from
them. But they manage to divert
not only themselves but a great
portion of the local citizens of
German extraction who favor an
occasional entertainment excu-
sion in the language of their an-
cestors.
The Players From Abroad in-
clude, for instance, Albert and Elza
Basserman. Basserman was Mister
Big of the German and Austrian
stage before he took exception to
the nasty way Hitler was showing
about his Jewish actor and writer
friends. Although he wasn't a Jew
and Hitler wanted him to help em-
phasize his ideas about Aryan su-
remacy, Basserman indicated that
he'd have no part of it. He and his
wife packed up their clothes and
hustled out of the country.
Basserman came to the United
States. So highly was he regarded
that he was shoved into a Holly-
wood film before he learned Eng-
lish. He was forced to play an en-
tire film phonetically, uttering
sounds he didn't understand. But
he was successful in the doing and
quickly assumed importance here
as a fine character actor.
Basserman is honorary presi-
dent of The Players From
Abroad. The active president, and
founder, is Felix G. Gerstman, a