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Four Days To Decide

Counting today, there are only four more days before North Carolina Democratic voters go to the polls to nominate a governor, a U. S. Senator, lieutenant governor, and men for four other state offices, besides members of the 1949 legislature.

The three leading candidates for governor have made themselves clear, time and time again on the issues at stake. So have the two candidates for the post of U. S. Senate.

Perhaps there are some voters who are still confused as to how they should vote. Those who have not made up their minds, should give the matter serious consideration.

North Carolina needs the best man possible to lead and direct and to cope with the growing problems confronting the state government. The voter holds in his hand the destiny of this state.

Outlaw The Bible

We have realized for a long time that this old world is, and has been, in a sorry plight for years, but we never thought we would see the day when our own Supreme Court would outlaw the teaching of the Bible in our public schools.

It seems to us that what our nation needs most at this time—and the entire world too—is a greater belief and faith in God rather than a more abrupt turn-away from His teachings.

To us it matters not what faith one believes in. After all, all truth faiths point to the same goal, and if one eventually reaches that goal, why worry by which path he came?

The Bible contains the greatest truths for living that are in existence. Study of the Bible will reveal these truths, and if its teachings are heeded, life should be easier for both the individual and the nations.

Some say that Bible should be taught in church schools only. But our Constitution guarantees every citizen freedom of worship in whatsoever manner or fashion he pleases.

We hope the recent ruling of the Supreme Court will not affect our state schools. For if it becomes unlawful and unconstitutional for the Word of God to be taught those who seek this teaching, then may God have mercy on all of us!

Two highway patrolmen in Eastern Carolina have resigned their jobs, giving as their reasons, "the pay is too low." One is joining a police department, while the other is going to work for a packing plant.

There is something about a commencement exercise that gives even our old folks a new inspiration and interest in life. The enthusiasm of the graduates seems to be contagious.

What's Wrong With P T A

The situation that recently took place with the Parent Teachers Association in Morganton could easily happen here.

After twenty years of functioning, the Morganton organization last week was officially dissolved. In its place a parents' advisory committee was named to fill as best it could the needs served by the P. T. A.

The elementary schools here have P. T. A. organizations, but none in the high school. In some places such an organization thrives, while in others it seems to be an uphill, and steadily losing battle.

The Morganton News-Herald commenting on the situation, said in part:

"The Morganton Parent-Teacher Association has been dissolved. A nominating committee of that organization, having tried vainly since February to draw up a panel of officers for the new year, prompted a recommendation by the executive board that in the absence of public interest the P. T. A. be abolished and an advisory group be set up to fill as well as possible the needs of the school normally fulfilled by the P. T. A.

"Those faithful few who have held this organization together the few years rightfully objected to having to shoulder all the responsibilities year after year. Their distaste for repeated terms of office is heightened by the utter indifference of the majority of parents and teachers who never attend a meeting nor otherwise acknowledge the group's existence.

"The answer to this indifference seems to be that the P. T. A. has relied on the assumption that our schools and school children are matters which alone should attract parents and teachers in large numbers. This is where it has erred. It seems we can't be inveigled into taking part in any civic activity without the attraction of a meal.

"It was too embarrassing to draw a comparison between our P. T. A. and the large vigorous groups in Valdese, Glen Alpine and Drexel. At a recent meeting in Valdese there were 500 present. Glen Alpine turns out en masse at almost every meeting.

"By our indifferent attitude we have forced our association into non-existence and have said in effect thereby that we no longer consider community interest in schools and school children as important. What the new substitute organization can accomplish is yet to be seen. We wish for it success but if it does not get any more backing from the parents and teachers than was given the P. T. A., it will be doomed to an ineffectual existence.

Schools vs. Prisons

One of the big and serious problems of Sylva and Jackson county as well as some of the other counties of the state is the lack of adequate school buildings.

Here in Sylva the elementary students are having classes in three churches of town because their school building has been condemned by architects and engineers as unsafe for use.

From the report from Raleigh in the daily press of March 23, we wonder if we're working for help through the wrong channels, if the fault is in the men in charge, or if we're just all wrong in the importance of our children we're trying to educate as the future leaders and citizens of our nation.

Is it fair that we build modern buildings, both comfortable to live in and attractive to the eye, for the outlaws of our county while we let our children shift around from one place to another for a place to go to school? Is it just right to have to send our children to schools, with the majority of them attending in buildings heated with obsolete systems, the window arrangements so poor that the children have to move with the sun to keep from working with the glare in their eyes, and in many instances the blackboards so scratched that they can hardly read what has been written on them.

We believe in humanitarian treatment for those who are sentenced to prison, but in too many cases, the treatment is too good for the type of some of our criminals.

It's time North Carolina paid more attention to educating the youth of our state under proper environment, which should help reduce the number falling into the class that become inmates of our modern prison camps.



Rambling 'Round

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

Food for thought... and a golden opportunity for discussion, during the rush noon hour at a popular restaurant.

A rapid thinker suggested, on the above, that the cook put all four eggs in one pot and boil them seven minutes. Perish the thought!

Into the lives of all of us comes those days when the road ahead seems terribly cluttered up and the going hard. Try this simple remedy...

She stepped out of her long, sleek car, closed her eyes and threw back her head inhaling deep drafts of mountain air.



WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON — Though the new half dollar, just released for circulation, has Benjamin Franklin's profile on it, Franklin himself was against having anyone's portrait on coins.

Had he known in his day that 150 years hence his image would be placed on a coin of this, his native land, to whose service his life was consecrated, we may assume, I believe, that he would not have been seriously displeased.

Mrs. Ross says she has been "a Poor Richard fan" all her life. She has made a hobby of studying Franklin's writings as well as the books other men have written about him.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the Mint, who is personally responsible to the design of the new coin, says so. "But probably it was royal heads he objected to," she explains.

The late John R. Sinnock, engraver, sculptor and designer at the Mint in Philadelphia, had practically finished the design at the time of his death, in May a year ago. His assistant, Gilroy Roberts, completed it.

The new half dollar is being minted both at Philadelphia and Denver, Mrs. Ross says the Denver production of 3,500,000 will be marked "D". Each coin is individually struck. Twelve presses are turning out 3,000,000 at Philadelphia. The new coin will gradually replace the Liberty fifty-cent pieces.

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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can you be unhappy and not know why?
Answer: Certainly. Most of the times when you think you know why you're unhappy, the reason you give yourself is not the real one, or at least, does not explain why you should "take it so hard."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Would you like to have voting machines installed instead of the present ballot system?
Dr. W. Boyd Owens: In view of the fact that machines would count faster and better than the present system, it might be a good idea.

T. L. Gwyn: I certainly would.
Mrs. L. M. Richeson: Definitely, yes. I think they are much more satisfactory.

C. J. Reece: Yes, off hand I believe I would.
Jas. Hardin Howell, Jr.: Yes! Definitely.

Clyde Fisher: Yes. I think it would be a definite improvement over the old system.

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By LAWRENCE... Consulting...

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is there any... "religious... Answer: Not... santly caused... most frequent... ness is a sense... ple with a... have a religion... may use religion... of justifying... weapon for... building delusions... are saints, or... there is no... sense of guilt... his relations with... if he feels that... of him, he'll have... religious or not...

Are some men embarrassed by a display of affection?
Answer: Yes, and usually not because they do not want it, but because they do not dare let themselves realize how much they crave it.

COMMONISTS?—A filling station operator who lives between Spring Hope and Nashville was last week asked how he stood on the Governor's race.

"Are any of 'em Communists?" he wanted to know. Told that they were not, he replied, "Well, then I don't care who makes the grade. I just don't want no Communist running this State."

BOTTLE CAPS.—The Kerr Scott followers were searching all over last week for \$1,800. With this money they wanted to do some effective advertising on milk bottle caps in several cities next week.

particular. At last reports they could not find the cash. They had planned to place the campaign slogan "Forward with Scott" on the bottle caps, which would be read by the housewives on the A. M. of May 29.

NINE MONTHS SCHOOLS.—Although Kerr Scott and Charles Johnson are now pleading the cause of the teachers, R. Wayne Albright was first to come out for a \$2,400 starting salary for them.

We have come a long way, for it was only five years ago... 1943 Legislature... provisions for the nine months...

Saltstall Challenging Martin's 'Favorite' Role

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Backers of the dark horse aspirations of Speaker Joseph Martin (R) are now worried that they cannot count on the 25-voice Massachusetts delegation, originally figured to vote for "favorite son" on the first ballot.

This would set the speaker up for the vice presidency. However, Senator Everett Saltstall, Massachusetts, is challenging the vote and his supporters are predicting the delegation.

Meanwhile the big California delegation to place the name of Gov. Earl Warren in the GOP nomination and hold with him until Warren, unopposed in California, a potential dark horse.

His backers figure that if he can carry every state west of the Mississippi except four.

AIR POWER—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R), Michigan, GOP foreign policy leader, is the top presidential dark horse of the top presidential dark horse of the top presidential dark horse.

Members of Congress who want to see American air power increased say they are fighting the same old battle that dawned the late, famed Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell.

(Billy) Mitchell after World War I campaigned relentlessly for air power. He fought the higher the issue but his vision went unheeded. In 1920, Mitchell and his vision went unheeded. In 1920, Mitchell and his vision went unheeded.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



LAST JANUARY, WHEN IT WAS TEN BELOW, THE MUSICAL STOCK COMPANY PUT ON "SCANTIES OF 1948" BRRR!

NOW IT'S 102 IN THE SHADE—SO WHAT ARE THE GALS IN NOW? WHY A LITTLE OPUS CALLED "PETTICOATS & BUSTLES!"

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HATLO TO CHORINES RONNIE AND NANCY PHILADELPHIA, PA.