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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. Naturally, the man best qualified for the place should be the one to get your vote. His past record, his ability, and qualifications should come in for every 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 and her 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; would decide with an atheist against those who believe in and worship

It seems to us that what our nation needs most at this time-and the entire world toos 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? And if there are those denominations which, through jealousy of other denominations, are working for the discontinuance of Bible in the public schools of our land, then those denominations, it would seem to us, need to set their own house in order.

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. Yet because too many of us are heedless of these inspired writings, we are suffering as a consequence.

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. Then if we desire that our children be taught Bible in our schools, why should our will be frustrated by those who believe other than we? If those who oppose the teaching of Bible in the public schools do not wish to have their children take the course, then that is their affair. So far as we know, Bible courses in North Carolina are not compulsory.

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!-Elkin Tribune.

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.

This looks like another problem for the 1949 legislature to thrash out next January.

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

### What's Wrong With PTA

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. This recommendation was accepted by the executive board at a meeting on Tuesday night and the dissolution of an organization, which has for years played a leading role in the cause of good schools, was completed.

ganization together the few years rightfully sibilities year after year. Their distaste for repeated terms of office is heightened by the utter indifferences of the majority of parents and teachers who never attend a meeting nor en opportunity for discussion; dur- vanish into nothingness. Take otherwise acknowledge the group's existence, mg the rush noon hour at a popu- brisk walk around the block of After having labored diligently to present far restaurant, two customers came time prohibits a longer trip; and programs of wide and vital interest it has and the other wanted two 4-min- a good look at the mountains and been most discouraging to them to have a utc eggs handful of persons show up on meeting

"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 those days when the road ahead it has erred. It seems we can't be inveigled seems terribly cluttered up and the into taking part in any civic activity without going hard. Try this simple remedy the attraction of a meal. Bring out the turkey and the joke-cracking speaker and we are raring to go.

"It was too embarrasing 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 WASHINGTON - Though the was consecrated, we may assume, school children as important. What the new new half dollar, just released for I believe, that he would not have substitute organization can accomplish is yet circulation. has Benjamin Frank-been seriously displeased. to be seen. We wish for it success but if it self was against having anyone's Poor Richard fan" all her life. She ver production of 3,500,000 will be was only five years ago does not get any more backing from the portrait on coins.

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T. A., it will be doomed to an ineffectual existing and teachers than was given the P.

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the Mint, who is personally responsible for the design of the new sponsible for the ne does not get any more backing from the portrait on coins.

#### Schools vs. Prisons

One of the big and serious problems of tive land, to whose service his life graver, sculptor and designer at 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 con- p W Ferguson form a motor exdemned by architects and engineers as unsafe press company which will operate

From the report from Raleigh in the daily press of March 23, we wonder if we're work- ribbon for most beautiful formal ing for help through the wrong channels, if garden and Mrs Rufus Siler rethe fault is in the men in charge, or if we're ceives blue ribbon for most attracjust all wrong in the importance of our chil- ed by Community Club. dren we're trying to educate as the future leaders and citizens of our nation. We were shocked and infuriated when we read that bids have been accepted for four new and modern county prison camps to replace the old "cage-type" prisons.

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. The buildings in more than one instance have been condemned as fire hazards.

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. —Sylva Herald.

### WHO HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY?



# ood schools, was completed. "Those faithful few who have held this orange anization together the few years rightfully." Rambling 'Round'

objected to having to shoulder all the respon- -Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members--Of The Mountaineer Staff-

in. One wanted two 3-minute eggs fill your lungs with fresh air. Take

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

Into the lives of all of us comes

Food for thought ... and a gold-j..., and see how quickly obstacles follow their example of calm serenity. You are bound to encounter some one or something that will transfer your gloomy thoughts into a much happier frame of mind

> She stepped out of her long. sleek car, closed her eyes and threw back her head inhaling deep drafts of mountain air. The car bore the license tag of a (Continued on Page Three)



### WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

150 years hence his image would more often. be placed on a coin of this, his na- The late John R. Sinnock en- ears in clay" most of the time in

cnin, says so, "But probably it was the \$100 bill of the current series, replace the Liberty royal heads he objected to." she She says it seemed a good idea to pieces. put him on a piece of currency Had he known in his day that which the average citizen sees

### MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Answer: Certainly, Most of the times when you think you know why you're unhappy, the reason you give yourself is not the realone, or at least, does not explain why you should "take it so hard." A man who develops a depression "from losing his money" does not actually suffer from real or expected poverty or hardship, but from the idea that he's a "failure," and that "the world is against him." When you have the blues, it's not because of something that just happened, but because it revived childish tragedies you thought you had forgotten.



Are some men embarrassed by

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. There is much truth in if he feels that the recent statement of a visiting of him, belling anthropologist that American men

sense of pull m his relations with religious or not

Would you like to have voting machines installed instead of the present ballot system?

Dr. W. Boyd Owens: In view of system, it might be a good idea.

Mrs. L. M. Richeson: Definitely. yes. I think they are much more

C. J. Reece: Yes, off hand I be- fective advertising on milk bottle

satisfactory

would be a definite improvement bottle caps, which would be read idea for a sense

tically finished the design at the

Mrs. Ross says she has been "a Denver, Mrs. Ross says the Den- We have come a long way for it informs investigation has made a hobby of studying marked "D". Each coin is individ- 1943 Legislature

> Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer, wife of Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer, is "up to her

# VOICE PEOPLE

faster and better than the present were not, he replied, "Well then T. L. Gwyn: I certainly would.

over the old system. the Mint in Philadelphia, had prac-

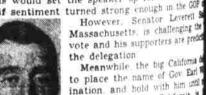
time of his death, in May a year Although Kerr Scott and Charles merchant has ago. His assistant. Gilroy Roberts. Johnson are now pleading the which the are completed it. The new half dollar is being Albright was first to come out for and chambes minted both at Philadelphia and a \$2,400 starting salary for them of the little

# *Inside*WASHING

Martin's 'Favorite' Role

Senator Everett

aspirations of Speaker Joseph Martin (B). are now worried that they cannot count on the \$4 chusetts delegation, originally figured to vote to "favorite son" on the first ballot:



His backers figure that if too can carry every state west of a

AIR POWER-Senator Artis

Saltonstall over the size of the Air Force Here are three res 1-If there were no other reason, the senator with Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg, new chief of the

2-Armed forces legislation is outside the office

3-The fight over a 70-versus-66 group Air Feb a political "hot potato." As a presidential possible point in Vandenberg getting at olds with GOP vance of the Republican convention or campaign

worth of warplanes for the United States in Well working out a plan under which the American and reach maximum production in minimum that I

tional Trade Association of Plane Builders Echols is completing his plan in concert

Members of Congress who want to see Americal

air power increased say they are fighting the and old battle that downed the late famed Gen william (Billy) Mitches!

Air-minded lawmakers feel confident that the Mitchell fight will end differently The country. supreme air power if defense leaders do not

## Looking Back Over The Years

#### 15 YEARS AGO W. L. Massie, W. A. Bradley, and shed. burns.

from Asheville to Atlanta,

Mrs. J. M. Long is awarded blue tive rock garden in exhibit sponsor-

10 YEARS AGO

More than 100 acres on Cherry George.

Cove branch, on Waynesville water

Mis and Mrs. Colin McInness and two children arrive after twovear-stay in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Mr. McInness is connected with A. C. Lawrence Leather Company.

ment of the engagement of Miss Bragg ... William Ranson Frazier Sikilia Demestriou and Chrest A. Jr., is named acting corporal of

nut Street, is called to active duty with WAACs

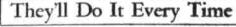
Cordial interest throughout the community attends the announce-

5 YEARS AGO St. John's School receives Min-

ute Man Award for its part in selling war bonds Miss Beulah K. Bristol, of Wal-

Fire destroys Sloan warehouse

Fifteen reservists leave for Fort group.

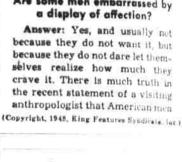


LAST JANUARY, WHEN IT WAS TEN BELOW, THE MUSICAL STOCK COMPANY PUT ON "SCANTIES OF 1948"-BRRR!









### Capital Let By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

COMMONISTS"-A filling sta school from Sun tion operator who lives between to case North Spring Hope and Nashville was caltinal ladder

last week asked how he stood on extramouth a

the Governor's race, "Are any of 'em Commonists" ber at fife the fact that machines would count he wanted to know. Told that they in his News and I don't care who makes the grade I would probably just don't want no Commonist can ning 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 elcaps in several cities next week

and on the day of the Primary of Editor The Most particular. At last reports they could not find the cash. They had any or my be planned to place the campaign slo- they afold Clyde Fisher: Yes. I think it gan "Forward with Scott" on these profit, and sand by the housewives on the A. M. of

NINE MONTHS SCHOOLS

Letters

cause of the tenchers. R. Mayne they advertise

Saltonstall Challenging

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON-Backers of the dark born of

This would set the speaker up for the vice president if sentiment turned strong enough in the GOP to

ination, and hold with him und ren. unapposed in California potential dark horse

except four

(R), Michigan, GOP foreign policy of the top presidential dark has play a "hands-off" policy of

prove embarrassing. The young general is a nephro Vandenberg, who heads the Senate foreign resistance His policy has been to stay in his own field

Meanwhile, the man who bought most of the

The man is Maj Gen Oliver P Echols with general of the Army Air Forces material command on purchases in the last war Since retired he set

Douglas. Glenn Martin. Larry Rell Dutch Kinds American and William Allen of Boeing

martialed and dismissed from the service for said the bucket compared to what the Air Force nor ha

TUESDAY

Answer: Not ! samily caused most frequent m tiess is a second ple with a mon have a religious b may use religion of justifying the weapon for building deluis ure saints, or a there is no rede