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It's been something like a mad-house rush this preparation for the mid-century production of The Duplin Story - this year. It has had its share of worries and headaches. The apprehensions have been great but as we approach opening night and reflect back over the past few weeks the job hasn't been nearly so tough as last year. During 1949 we were fighting The Duplin Story for 8 1/2 months before opening night. In fact the fight started nearly a year before the beginning of the last eight months. From day to day new problems presented themselves that had to be overcome from the start. During 1950 we at least knew how to solve the problems when they arose and most of them were anticipated and the solving was already worked out before they actually presented themselves.

Sam Byrd and Corwin Rife have again done a bang-up job. They brought with them "Dusty" Walker from Charleston who has been Rife's man Friday. O. P. Johnson, Faison McGowen, Oliver Stokes and Garland King have handled the 1950 production like they were veterans at the job.

The press and radio throughout the state have been very cooperative and I think right here we should pay special attention to the News and Observer. Sam Ragan, Jack Rile, and Herbert O'Keefe of the staff of the N & O have rolled up their sleeves and went all out for us. The News and Observer as well as all newspapers and radios have asked no financial remuneration. Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern who was again our feature writer has done a bang-up job. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Carraway because when a news story goes out with her name attached there are no questions asked. They just get printed. Two more ladies who are entitled to special mention are Mrs. Elizabeth Swindell of the Wilson Daily Times and Mrs. Moffett of the Fayetteville Observer. They have cooperated almost more than could have been expected. In general the people of Duplin County County say thanks to all the press and radio.

Carl Goerch in his State magazine did a swell job in publicizing the Story. Billy Carmichael drove down from Raleigh and surveyed the situation, interviewed Sam Byrd and wound up with a swell story in the magazine. The week following Mr. Goerch adorned the cover of his magazine with a picture from the Sarcina scene.

The North Carolina News Bureau and especially John Hemmer, the chief photographer, have given us splendid cooperation and have advertised "The Duplin Story" in grand style for us. To all, we say many thanks. **J. R. GRADY.**

The Teacher's "If"

If you can take your dreams into the classroom,
 And always make them part of each day's work -
 If you can face the countless petty problems
 Nor turn from them nor ever try to shirk -
 If you can live so that the child you work with
 Deep in his heart knows you to be a man -
 If you can take "I can't" from out his language,
 And put in place a vigorous "I can" -
 If you can take Love with you to the classroom,
 And yet on Firmness never shut the door -
 If you can teach a child the love of Nature
 So that he helps himself to all her store -
 If you can teach him life is what we make it,
 That he himself can be his only bar -
 If you can tell him something of the heavens,
 Or something of the wonder of a star -
 If you with simple bits of truth and honor,
 His better self occasionally reach -
 And yet not overdo nor have him dub you
 As one who is inclined to ever preach -
 If you impart to him a bit of liking
 For all the wondrous things we find in print -
 You have him understand that to be happy,
 Play, exercise, fresh air he must not stint -
 If you can give all of the best that's in you,
 And in giving always happy be -
 If you can find the good that's hidden somewhere
 Deep in the heart of every child you see -
 If you can do these things and all the others
 That teachers everywhere do every day -
 You're in the work that you were surely meant for;
 Take hold of it! Know it's your place and stay!
 - R. J. Gale.

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Quitter Makes Good

Lesson for September 16, 1950

UNLESS THAT boarding house in Antioch was different from other boarding houses, you could hardly have a private quarrel in it. There would be some inquisitive people who would notice when voices were raised, and who could not resist the temptation to listen.

One of the quarrelers was none other than the famous Apostle Paul, and the other was his best friend Barnabas. At least, Paul and Barnabas had been good friends up to that day.

After that day's argument we do not know that they ever saw each other again. Paul never mentioned the incident, but the story got around, and Luke put it into his book of Acts.

Young Man Seeks Position

THE ARGUMENT was all about a young man named John Mark. Young people do not always realize how often they are discussed by their elders, or how much those discussions affect their lives. A young man applies for a job (which he would rather call a "position") and he either gets the job or he does not. But he never sees the files. He never hears the conversations about himself. He never knows just what remark got him the job—or cost him the job, as the case may be. So John Mark may never have known just what Paul and Barnabas said about him.

The facts were plain. John Mark was a native of Jerusalem, son of a woman at least well-off enough to have a large house of her own. He was some relative of Barnabas, perhaps a nephew. (Tradition says he was the young man in embarrassing circumstances described in Mark 14:51-52.) When Paul and Barnabas set off on their first missionary journey together, this John Mark went with them as a general assistant.

All went well at first. But when the party landed on the hot steamy shore of Pamphylia, and when the missionary expedition was about to take off over the high lonesome ranges through bandit country, John Mark left the party and took the first boat back to home and mother.

Two Bosses

WE HAVE no idea why he went. Maybe he had good reasons, maybe not. Anyway, we do know that he quit. And that was all Paul wanted to know. A new missionary party was being made up, and Barnabas wanted to take his young relative along again. But Paul could not see it.

Why take a man who had already fallen down on one job? Why take an assistant that could not be depended upon? The argument between Mark's two bosses boiled down to this: Paul judged their assistant on past performance. It was all he had to go by. Barnabas judged Mark by his love for him and his belief in him. The quarrel was sharp, and the two old friends could not agree. Finally the incredible happened: Paul and Barnabas parted company, and each went his separate way from that time forward.

What happened to Barnabas we do not know. But we do know that Barnabas was right about John Mark. Years later we read in more than one letter from Paul that Mark was a real help to him. We find that another great leader, Simon Peter, called Mark his "son." These leaders of the Christian church, though they might differ on some things, agreed about Mark, that he was a man to rely on.

What This Goes to Show

ALL THIS GOES to show several things. For one, it is clear that even an Apostle may be wrong. No man can be an infallible judge of another man. And another thing: You can't judge a man on his record alone. There may be more in the man than the record shows.

On the other hand, people do judge others by their records. The dubious young man does not always have a relative who will give him the benefit of the doubt.

If your record is bad, you must realize that there are numbers of people, even good people, who will judge you by that alone.

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CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh, N. C., September 8.—Some folks have expressed doubt that Kerr Scott will back Willis Smith in the coming senatorial campaign, despite the Governor's repeated pledge to take the stump for his party's candidate.

The Governor is a Democrat first, and despite his opposition to Willis in the two primaries will take to the stump for Smith if party leaders want him to. As a matter of fact, it has already been planned for Smith's Alamance county campaign -- if not the entire campaign -- to be kicked off with a big Alamance Young Democrats rally for Smith at the Governor's own Haw River farm home.

Tar Heel hoarders can be proud of themselves. They sent sales tax receipts up about \$400,000 more than was expected last month. Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw reported a gain of more than \$350,000 above the same month a year ago. Since this was more than \$400,000 above the average gained each month this year, Shaw could only attribute it to "hysterical war buying and hoarding."

If the North Carolinians fighting in Korea had acted with the same patriotism, the Korean war would have been over two months ago -- with us pushed off the mean little peninsula.

Reported irregularities -- particularly misuse of public property -- are being investigated in the State Forestry Division's First District.

The First District includes the seaboard counties, where forest fires are a serious problem each year.

The reported investigation apparently isn't worrying First Division personnel. Just a few nights ago, the Forestry boys of the First pitched themselves quite a party over near Little Washington.

Along in the shank of the evening, the boys became quite gay. The gayer they got, the more courage they found, and before long they lifted their voices in song -- like a bunch of hounds baying at the moon.

And what do you think the tune was they were singing? A little ditty entitled: "Who's afraid of Big Bad Kerr Scott!"

You can forget that dry dock at Wilmington. Blame it on a lot of things: lackadaisical attitude of New Hanover county, which always has its hand out but doesn't seem to want to help itself; fumbling by the State Ports Authority; and the Navy's refusal to cooperate with a retired Army Colonel (Col. George Gillette), despite all that talk about unification.

A \$15,000 outlay would have brought the drydock to Wilmington.

The Navy wasn't too hot about the idea of putting the drydock in Wilmington to start off. Shipbuilders were opposed, too. But the Governor pushed the idea, and after personal insistence of Senator Frank Graham, President Truman intervened and the dock was assured if the \$15,000 could be raised. The State did not want to enter private business, so rightly felt it could not put up the money. Despite their alleged desire to expand, folks in New Hanover looked the other way.

So Wilmington can be assured of remaining a second rate port, because ship owners are not going to send their ships 36 miles inland unless there are repair facilities available.

Time-payment cattle are slated for North Carolina's future. A group of New York money-men are interested in starting up either a bank or finance company to loan money to farmers to buy cattle. It's worth just like buying a cow.

week until the loan is paid, with the cattle as security. Some loans will be made without even a down payment, it is understood, if the plan goes into effect.

The New Yorkers are enthusiastic about North Carolina's possibilities as a cattle country, both beef and dairy. And any time you don't think there's money in cattle raising, look at all those Texas millionaires. The experts say that North Carolina is better suited for cattle raising than the Lone Star state, and that cattle can be raised cheaper here.

The Governor at a press conference took a swipe at North Carolina bankers for "not having enough vision" to finance cattle buying. The banks were the same way about financing cars some years back, he said, so the finance companies came in and "made a killing."

Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood said that only a few Tar Heel banks now make loans on cattle.

Assistant Budget Director Dave Coltrane is hunting a farm management specialist to take over the supervision of all state-owned farms. The hunt is on because Coltrane found recently that some of the State's farms are losing money. In one case, it was discovered that a farm had twice as many registered cattle out to graze as the pasture would stand. In times like these, even a state-operated farm ought to at least break even, Coltrane believes.

With its decision to allow Tidewater Power and Light Company a \$200,000 a year rate increase, the Utilities Commission by a 3-2 vote has put its approval on poor management of the company.

The raise is being paid by home and store consumers, while industrial users will get a slight cut. The amazing thing about the whole action is that no where in the many-paged report of its decision is any reason given for the raise except "to allow Tidewater to sell some \$2,000,000 in new stock."

This two million bucks is needed, it was said, to "expand service" and to make repairs -- a lot of which, the report said, have been needed since the war when materials were unavailable.

No one would quarrel with an expansion of service by Tidewater, but it is peculiar that it is one of the few -- if not only -- companies in the country that did not build up a reserve during the war to make post-war repairs. Other companies, unable to get materials during the war, put aside the money that would have been spent if they could and saved it for work after the war ended.

Despite poverty pleas, Tidewater has been able to pay an average dividend of one dollar a share for at least the last two years.

The Commission's refusal last week to re-open the case, means that the poor consumer will have to go to court if he wants to fight the raise further. And the Utilities Commission is supposed to protect the public!

If the Utilities Commission wants to do something, it could either force Tidewater to give its consumers decent service at a decent price or make them sell to someone who can. Since the company buys 95% of its power from Carolina Power and Light Company then resells it at a profit, and since CP&L's President Louis Sutton says his company has plenty of power, it looks as though that would be the logical company to serve the Tidewater area, anyhow.

Tidewater's poverty pleas surely brought a laugh in front of the Sir Walter Hotel here last week. Two top Tidewater officials stepped out of the hotel, one a white-

Incidentally, Tidewater's president is reported to get a salary of more than \$25,000 a year plus a "very generous" expense account. The expense account plus salary, the report said, runs more than the combined salaries and expense accounts of all five of the Utilities Commissioners. Not bad for "pore folks."

And the power argument spotlighted last week bids likely to become the biggest political issue of the state. The Governor says the state's power potential is great but under-elooped. He claims industry is passing the State by because of lack of power and that hydro-electric, flood control, water conservation dams should be built with federal funds.

CP&L's Louis Sutton says tain't so; that private power companies are taking care of all needs adequately; that steam power is better than hydro-electric; that industry is not passing the state by; and that it's all just another attempt by the government to take over private power companies.

But Sutton talks only about flood control, other than it should be done some other way, and he doesn't even mention water conservation.

Up to now no one has come up with any flood control, water conservation plan that doesn't entail government spending. If at the same time power output can be boosted, it would be foolish not to do so.

Since North Carolina is one of the top states in payment of federal taxes -- and on the short end of the deal as far as federal money spent in the State -- the Governor and some others think it's time some of those federal projects came this way.

Anyway, it'll be a knockdown, dragout fight.

This week's report from Washington, via the Tar Heel Capitol: Direct controls affecting the farmer -- on such items as farm implements, fertilizer, etc. -- are not in sight. They won't be clamped on unless the war spreads beyond Korea.

Some 850,000 farm workers will be eligible for social security -- old age benefits -- come January 1. The law leaves out farm owners or operators, tenants, sharecroppers, migratory workers, and members of the farm family under 21. A farm worker must establish eligibility by working full time for one employer for a calendar year, and must put in two months work out of every three to stay eligible.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Treaty of Paris ends Revolutionary war.
- 2 - Labor day.
- 3 - First Yanks enter capital of Japan, 1945.
- 4 - President McKinley fatally shot by Leon Czolgosz, 1901.
- 7 - Russian independence day.
- 8 - Harvard university established, 1636.
- 9 - California admitted to Union, 1850.

Uncle Sam will collect a 3% tax on all cash wages -- paid equally by worker and his employer. Benefit payments run from \$25 a month to a top of \$80 a month.

Orchid of the week goes to Captain L. R. Fisher, director of the Highway Safety Division. Since taking it over, he has turned it into a smooth-working organization. In addition, he's carrying the brunt of the load for the Governor's Advisory Committee on Highway Safety. A concrete example of Fisher's work is the reduction in highway deaths during July. That's the first time this year that has happened.

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