

EDITORIAL

"RECKLESS -- SMART ALECK -- COCKY"

Raleigh, N. C. — "Reckless . . . Smart Aleck . . . Irresponsible . . . Cocky . . ."

"These," L. R. Fisher, head of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, said today, "are the words that the public is applying to youthful drivers with ever-increasing frequency and vehemence. And, yet -- as in practically all such cases -- such descriptions apply only to a small but conspicuous minority."

"A study of drivers some time ago," Fisher continued, "indicated that drivers between 18 and 24 years old account for only 13 per cent of the drivers on the road, but they were involved in about 27 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents and about 22 per cent of all non-fatal accidents."

"It would appear," he added, "that drivers in this group are having about 50 per cent more accidents than they might be expected to have."

Inexperience coupled with immaturity are blamed by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for this off-balance accident record of the young drivers. Of these two factors, immaturity far out-ranks inexperience as the more dangerous.

"Adequate formal training in correct driving attitudes, behind-the-wheel training, and a good example by older drivers is the three-pronged attack on the problem that must be taken," Fisher said.

"Until this three-way approach is universally accepted," he continued, "all of us -- young and old alike -- must suffer the penalties. The immature teen-age drivers will continue to kill themselves at a high rate and take a lot of older folk with them."

"Parents will continue to suffer both emotionally and financially when these drivers are out in the family car. Worst of all, bad youthful drivers seldom improve with age. Their faults are carried on through life and they become, in effect, 'carriers' of bad driving -- influencing others around them to indulge in the same unsafe practices."

Fisher offered the following tips for young drivers and their parents:

1 - Young Drivers: Nearly three-fourths of your life is still ahead of you. More than 201 individuals in your age bracket (15-24), however, died last year in automobiles. Are you prepared to gamble 40 to 50 years of happiness against an hour of "excitement" in a fast, reckless-ride?

2 - Parents: Drive as you would have your child drive. Teach him correct attitudes when driving. If it becomes apparent to you that your son's or daughter's driving is immature, reckless, or indicative of an unhealthy attitude, it is your duty to him and to those whom he endangers to deny his use of the family car until he can demonstrate to your satisfaction that he has improved.



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Giving Yourself

Lesson for October 8, 1953

WHEN a girl throws herself away on a man, she generally takes pretty careful aim.

That may be so; but more than a few persons throw themselves clean away without taking aim at all. They amble through life, they do not march. They have no personal five-year plans, not even five-week plans. They stumble from one day to the next, they live from hand to mouth. They care for nobody and few Dr. Foreman care for them. They may be found on Skid Row, living from one handout to another, or they may be found in the Silver Spoon Club, with plenty of money but no idea how to spend it and hardly enough energy to waste it.

A Man Gives Himself

MOST people, however, do give themselves to something. Every man who amounts to something, gives himself in one way or another. There was a college student once who practiced nineteen hours a day on the piccolo. It was said, "Naturally he couldn't stay in college at that rate, so they got rid of him. But he landed, as you might expect, in one of America's finest orchestras."

If you want to succeed in music, give yourself to music. If you want to succeed in a law course, give yourself to your books. Men usually give themselves to what they think is of greatest value. Some give themselves; that is to say, they devote themselves to their own comfort and happiness.

That is cheap and selfish, of course, but there is a kind of transferred selfishness which is almost as common: giving oneself to one's family to the exclusion of everything and every one else. A good man will love his family, a good mother her children; but there is a kind of ingrown family affection and mother-love which is blind to community needs.

Down the River

THERE are bad ways of giving oneself. A prophet once said of King Ahab, he sold himself to do evil. That is still done. Some give themselves up to liquor and gambling.

There have been quite selfless and tireless advocates of atheism, and communism, and fascism, and bad religions of all varieties. Men have worn themselves thin in the service of Hitler and of other tyrants. If the energy and persistence, for example, which is spent in trying to prevent the humane use of unwanted animals in medical research, were spent in intelligent support of preventive medicine, how much better the world would be!

Say Yes to Christ

SO the question is not so much, "Shall I give my life?" The question is, "To what? To whom?" For three months these Bible studies consider "Growth in Christian Living." All growth starts at some point; and Christian growth starts at the point where the Christian gives himself to Christ and his cause.

Consider what "commitment to Christ" means. It is not sentimental devotion to his memory, it is not singing songs about him or to him. (Not that such songs are wrong!) It is not following a historical character, though Jesus was and is a real person. It is saying "Yes" to Jesus Christ. It is giving one's highest devotion, one's first loyalty to the Son of God. It is devotion to the living Christ, ever-present; to the One whose reign is destined to be over all. It is devotion to Christ's cause; to his Kingdom, his control, his way of life. It means growing into his mind; it means becoming more and more like him, wanting to be like him, till at last Paul's words come true again: "For me, to live is Christ."

You Get More than You Give

IT is a mistake to think that if one gives his life to Christ, then he cannot give his life to anything else. The astonishing truth is, when a person first gives himself to Christ, he finds that Christ gives back far more. Christians can be, and are, devoted scholars and business men and mothers and doctors and farmers. The more truly one is committed to Christ, the better he is likely to be at his job, whatever it is.

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High Court Upholds Nuptial Agreement

DUBLIN—An important judgment dealing with the religious upbringing of the children of a Catholic-Protestant marriage has been delivered here by the president of the high court of Ireland, Justice Gavin Duffy.

Justice Duffy granted the application of Mrs. Mary Josephine Flanagan, of Dublin, to have restored to her by her husband the three children of their marriage.

Evidence was presented at the hearing that the parties had been married in a Catholic church, and that the husband, who is a member of the Church of Ireland (Anglican), had agreed that all their children should be brought up in the Catholic religion.

Early this year the husband placed the children in a home. He denied that the agreement signed by him before the marriage was binding, and said he wished to bring up the children in the Church of Ireland faith.

In his ruling, Justice Duffy said the case would have to be settled in the light of the Constitution of Ireland.

He quoted the preamble to the Irish constitution stating that the initial invocation explicitly acknowledges the supremacy of the moral law founded on Christian doctrine. He then referred to the constitution's articles on the family, education and religion as "voicing the cherished convictions of a pious people who revere the Christian moral order."

Ancient Manuscript Of Bible Is Found

ALEXANDRIA — Egyptian and American scholars engaged in microfilming ancient documents in St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai have discovered what is believed to be the oldest copy of the New Testament in Greek and Syriac.

Written on gazelle's hide, the manuscript dates from the fourth century and includes a translation of the Bible in Arabic, written over the Greek text and on the margins. The manuscript is also crammed with the story of early Christian saints.

According to Dr. Wendell Phillips of Philadelphia, president of the American Foundation for the Study of Man, the manuscript is worth a million dollars. The foundation undertook the expedition on behalf of the Library of Congress which ordered the microfilming of more than 500,000 pages of ancient manuscripts in what is believed to be the world's oldest Christian monastery.

Korean Armed Forces Will Get Scriptures

NEW YORK — Scriptures for members of the Korean armed forces are being shipped from this country at the request of the Korean Bible society, it was announced here by the American Bible Society.

The American group has printed a special edition of 50,000 books in Korean containing the four Gospels and the Book of Acts. Distribution of the Scriptures to the Korean Army, Navy and Air Force will probably be done by the chaplains corps.

Also to be sent from here are 100,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Korean and English, the American society reported.

New York headquarters of the society have received no direct word from the Rev. Young Bin Im, secretary of the Korean Bible Society, since outbreak of hostilities.

Religious Team Wins

RAPID CITY, S. D. — A team which refused to compromise its religious principles has won the South Dakota class "B" American Legion baseball championship.

Carlson, S. D. (Pop. 245), the new champions, were forced to play their game on Monday because of a shortage of lined tobacco.



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Christ and His Mother

This sculptural work is part of a holy year exhibition in Rome of sacred art in Catholic missionary countries. This sculpture was done by a native in French Africa. It shows how native artists have dedicated their talents to sacred art without sacrificing the original qualities of their work.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 30. — The public flood control hydro-electric power vs. private power companies row could be solved very simply if both sides would get the knives out of their hands and work together.

In a speech last week at Fayetteville, Governor Scott took another backhanded swipe at the power companies for what he called "lack of vision".

And at a press conference the next day he said that flood control on the Cape Fear during the past 50 years would have saved more than enough in damaged farm land and crops to have built all the seven hydro-electric plants Army engineers have recommended for that stream.

Power company spokesmen have pointed out that it is cheaper to build steam generating plants than it is to try to operate hydro-electric plants. That is true, and if power is the only aim it would be foolish to build dams for power.

But no one has denied the need for flood control. If at the same time more power can be manufactured, it's foolish not to do so.

But the private power companies don't want the government to go into competition with them by selling power.

Since the private companies are given exclusive franchises in their areas and since private power companies are not expected to foot the bills for flood control -- a simple solution would be for the government to build combination flood control-power dams. Then sell the power only to the private companies for distribution. Included should be a provision that this cheap power be used to expand services to new areas and for re-selling to REAs. Any extra power then would be available for use in regular channels.

As head of the Edison Institute (the power companies' organization) Carolina Power and Light Company's Louis Sutton is in a fine position to make such a suggestion and see if he can't get private power and government pulling together. He probably can and a running fight not only in North Carolina but also throughout the rest of the country.

And, incidentally, it would increase earnings of private companies.

The prison rehabilitation program is beginning to hit on all eight cylinders.

The camp for young first offenders at Camp Butler has proved so successful that a similar camp for Negro youths at Goldsboro has been okayed by the State Highway Commission.

In addition, another such camp for white youths is in the planning stages for Morganton.

These camps are not placed at state hospitals because of nearness to psychiatric treatment, but are so situated in order to give the young first-timers work on the hospital farms.

The unfortunate fact about our prison setup is that now some 80% of all prisoners are repeaters. If, through their rehabilitation program, the first-term youths can be sent back to society as good citizens, the long range effect will be to save the State tremendous amounts of money in operation of state prisons.

Warden Joe Crawford's rehabilitation and recreation program at Central Prison is paying off in an all-round better attitude among prisoners there. The sports and other recreation programs are resulting in better work and dispositions among the prisoners, with hope that some of the repeaters will not be coming back after their current tour at Central.

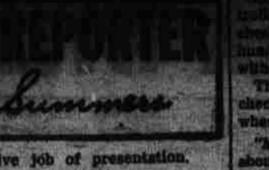
Raleigh radio station WNAO is planning a program from the prison, using all prison talent and featuring an unidentified prisoner's story of his life on each program. This program probably will start next week. The prisoners wanted to use "If I Had the Wings of an Angel" as their theme song, but the idea was vetoed by radio station officials.

The State Board of Conservation and development is planning quite a "do" at its regular fall meeting, October 23-26 at Charlotte. On the 24th the Board will take a trip to Morrow Mountain State Park near Albemarle. On the 25th, Bugs Island project officials and army engineers will tell all about recreation plans for that program, and on the 26th a regular business session will be held.

Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine is being praised for his presentation of Agriculture Department needs to the Advisory Budget Commission.

He used charts to demonstrate the tremendous expansion of work done by the department during the last 21 months. Particularly, gains were shown in dairy and beef cattle programs, seed testing and poultry work.

"I didn't get into a lot of figures," Stag said, "but to get across the growth in services rendered by the department and the need for more money and the need for more people."



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pressive job of presentation.

Even the most conservative of the conservatives are now convinced that the State will have to have increased revenues to keep up its services during the next biennium.

And about the only suggestion of new money raising is sales tax exemptions.

But don't think the people with exemptions are gonna take it sitting down. Already the high brass of merchants, automobile and other organizations are getting their ducks in a row to fight such a proposal. They probably won't begin a concentrated campaign until after the November 7 election.

Did you know that practically every school bus in the State violates the law every school day?

C. C. Brown, director of transportation for the State Department of Public Instruction, said this was so. There's an average of 10% overload on each school bus, he told the Advisory Budget Commission.

That came out after D. Hiden Ramsey, State School Board member from Asheville, told the Commission it was time for the State to take over full responsibility for the school bus system.

The school board wants to add 815 buses to the system at State expense during the next biennium. That's in addition to 1,250 replacements. This would provide a seat for every student by the end of the biennium, eliminate the dangerous overloading, and practically eliminate second runs.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Erwin has troubles other than school consolidation. He reported that the boll weevil feasted on his Cleveland county farm's cotton, and that he didn't get enough out of his crop insurance to pay for his fertilizer.

E. L. Gavin of Sanford, Republican nominee for U. S. Senate, needs to do a little missionary work with at least 1 of his hometown neighbors. CAPITAL REPORTER passed through Sanford recently and stopped at a filling station. Turned out it was the same one at which Gavin traded -- but the man on duty didn't even know that Lawyer Gavin was running for the Senate.

Kerr Scott will cut short his attendance at the Southern Governor's Conference in South Carolina November 26-28 so that he can fly to Chicago for the National 4-H Club powwow.

As the only 4-H boy ever to be elected governor of a state, he will be an honor guest at the Chicago session.

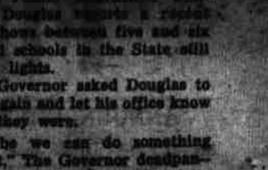
He was a member of the "Corn Club", when it was organized in 1910, and Mrs. Scott was a member of the "Tomato Club", the girls' organization.

Incidentally, the Governor almost caused a commotion in downtown Raleigh the other night. After endless hours of budget hearings, he wound up sitting through a three-hour session with the National Federation of Music Clubs, the other night. It wound up late, and he decided to walk from the Str Walter Hotel to the mansion just to work the kinks out of his legs.

He had on his "two-cow suit" (that's what he said he could have bought with the money he had to spend on evening clothes when he was inaugurated) and started up deserted Fayetteville Street.

A police car spotted him, slowed down for a look. Not satisfied, the cops circled the block twice -- giving the governor the once-over -- before apparently convincing themselves that Scott wasn't some midnight rambler bent on mischief.

With Democratic party leaders beating the bushes for money to run the campaign, here's a source suggested by one Capitol Hill observer: nick each teacher for \$1 each of the pay boost just voted them. That would net some \$28,000 for the campaign kitty.



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Maybe we can do something about it.

The Governor asked Douglas to check again and let his offices know where they were.

Douglas noted that the requested budget had a \$18,000 item for school telephones, "since you're expanding that program."

On the House speaker's race front, supporters of Rep. Frank Taylor of Goldsboro claim from 48 to 51 votes "in the bag". Cohorts of Rep. Fred Boyner of Henderson reports up to 57 votes in the "swayed up" class. Unbiased observers don't believe either man has anything like these claims pledged, but they believe Taylor has a slight edge. There's talk that Wake County's Brantley Mumble -- who served in the much-maligned 1953 session -- may be rung in as a "dark horse". Wumble, a middle-of-the-roader who calls 'em as he sees 'em and lets the chips fall where they may, could wind up wielding the gavel in the 1951 House, some folks think.

Cousin C. Wayland Sprull, veteran representative from Bertie county, bought a Texas style hat recently for Secretary of State Thad Eure.

Cousin Wayland said he was tired seeing Thad in his beating summer straw. Now "Cur" is sorry he did it. Seems as though every friend he has is peeved because he didn't get in on the bonnet-buying spree.

"It's cost me five more hats to keep some of my best friends," Sprull moaned. "But I've given notice that I'm through -- the rest of 'em will have to buy their own hats or go bareheaded."

M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the N. C. Cotton Cooperative, is quite a prophet.

In 1946 he predicted 35c cotton. It hit that. In 1947 he predicted 40c cotton, and was laughed at -- but that, too, has come about.

Now he's predicting 50c cotton in 1951, but there are no muckers.

Red-headed, 70-odd-year-old Miss Nora Edmondson is teaching again this year because of Watauga School Superintendent Walker's help.

You probably remember Miss Nora. She's the schoolmarm who talked herself out of a job by getting the "Road of the 99 Fords" built in Watauga county. She was teaching a store or more of kids in a one-room shack, because they were isolated in the Watauga hills.

When they built the road, the kids were transferred to a consolidated school -- riding buses instead of walking five to ten miles -- and Miss Nora's job was gone.

Walker looked around. Down at Ocracoke, Teacher Bondthaler -- son of Moravian Bishop Bondthaler of Winston-Salem -- read about Miss Nora. He and Walker got together.

Now Miss Nora, spry as a cricket and refusing to retire is teaching the Outer Banks kids. She's pioneering again, now completing the tour from mountains to seashore. Folks, like Miss Nora make "retirement at 65" sound silly.

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- 2—U.S. fleet enters Manila bay in Spanish-American war, 1898.
- 3—Italy invades Ethiopia, 1935.
- 4—Rutherford B. Hayes born, 1822.
- 5—Chester A. Arthur born, 1830.
- 6—Wake Island Masted by naval task force, 1943.
- 7—Birthday of James Whitcomb Riley, Hoosier Poet.

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Cancer Clinic

Thursday, Sept. 28, the Lenoir County Cancer Clinic examined 19 white women, 2 colored women 1 colored man and 2 white men. 13 patients were referred to their physicians for medical attention.

Persons attending came from: Beulaville, New Bern, Kenansville, Pantego, Wilson, Trenton, Ayden, North Harlows and Kinston.

The Clinic is held each Thursday with Registration from 10:30 to 11:30. Examinations are free to all with a symptom or "Danger Signal".

Persons living outside Kinston should write Cancer Center Clerk, P. O. Box 49, Kinston, N. C. for appointment.

OVER \$11,000 RAISED ON MOSS FELLOWSHIP

The N. C. State Grange has received contributions totaling more than \$11,000 for the purpose of establishing a Fellowship in tobacco research at State College, it was announced this week.

Grange officials announced that plans have been made for an intensified drive to raise the additional funds needed from interested farm families.

The fellowship is to be named in honor of the late E. G. Moss, who served as director of the Tobacco Branch of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Oxford from 1910 to 1947. Moss, who died last year, was considered one of the nation's pioneer workers in tobacco research. The fellowship is

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