

Editorial and Opinion

Who Is The Better Friend?

It is a matter of some difference of opinion as to who is the better friend of the farmer on the dirt road. The legislator who advocates submitting Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 bond issue in toto, or the lawmaker who sides with the Senate Roads Committee in proposing that the people vote on a \$100,000,000 bond issue.

For the most part, North Carolinians are conservative minded and would doubtless come nearer approving a \$100,000,000 bond issue than they would an issue for twice that amount. To our notion \$100,000,000 made available for spending would be far more advantageous as far as improving the roads are concerned, than a \$200,000,000 issue which would not be approved.

It reminds us a great deal of the story of the person who went into a store and complained about the price of an article.

"Why the man down the street had this article priced 10 cents below your price."

"Why did you not buy from him?" she was asked.

"He was out," she said.

"Well, when I am out of those articles, I sell them at half price."

Governor Scott says that it will take \$200,000,000 to do the job. On the other hand he did say that the bonds would be issued only as the money is needed, indicating that some time will elapse before the whole \$200,000,000 could be spent.

To our mind, that suggests that another legislature will meet in two years. If by that time all has gone well with the expenditures of \$100,000,000, which the Senate Roads Committee now proposes the people vote on, and more money is needed, that legislature can authorize additional bonds as needs are indicated. Governor Scott will still be in the governor's chair and can still bring his influence to bear on his project.

Surely we cannot do everything at once even when it comes to such an easy venture as going into debt. We believe the people want to be considerate in their judgment.

Medical-Care Insurance?

The American Medical Association, spurred by the accusation of 136 members that it had failed to develop a program for improved medical care, has come forward with a twelve-point program which is generally believed to be an effort to head off the President's universal medical-care insurance plan.

It has been somewhat surprising that some doctors throughout the nation fail to make a difference between the economic problem related to medical care and the medical problems relating to the treatment of patients. Certainly, if the government confines its efforts largely to a program of insurance to meet the economic disaster that disease inflicts upon individuals and leaves the treatment of patients to doctors, the medical profession has nothing to fear except the possibility that a greater number of patients will be able to pay for their medical treatment.

Of course, it would be unwise to pass final judgment upon the proposal of the Medical Association or that of President Truman or Senator Taft, until these programs are outlined in complete detail. It may develop that there is some possibility of "socialized medicine" which might produce some mediocrity in the skill available to serve the sick and there likewise exists the possibility that, however well-planned such an insurance program may be, it may turn into a bureaucracy to encroach upon the field of physicians in the treatment of the patients.

PRESS COMMENT

Killing "Lanes" Short Sighted

(An Editorial from the Forest City Courier)

The action of the House of Representatives last week in killing the automobile inspection bill seems to be a short-sighted policy. There is no doubt but what the inspection system has its faults, in the manner of its operation, and the inconvenience it has caused the public. But these faults lie with the last Legislature, when they passed a bill which was inadequate for the purposes for which it was intended. There is nothing wrong with the present inspection law which the present Legislature can't correct by setting up more inspection lanes.

Nearly all of North Carolina's thinking people have long ago agreed that periodical inspection is a good thing. It has had the effect of reducing North Carolina's automobile fatalities and wrecks on the highways. If the Legislators believe only one inspection a year is sufficient, then that is better than no inspection at all. It has been pointed out that there are criminal laws against the operation of vehicles with faulty brakes, lights and other mechanical equipment. However, it is impossible for the State Highway Patrol to check every car in North Carolina. It is usually those cars which have not been inspected by the Patrol which causes the worst wrecks, snuffing out innocent lives and causing heavy property damages.

If the inspection law is abandoned, only the State Highway Patrol stands between the careful driver with a mechanically perfect car and the rattle trap which should be banned from the roads. The Patrol cannot handle the job. Are we to revert to the old days of the early 1940's when each Monday morning's paper reported dozens of highway deaths, most of which were caused by defective automobiles? Let's not abandon the state inspection law.

"UNDER THE GUN"

(From the News and Observer, March 7, 1949)

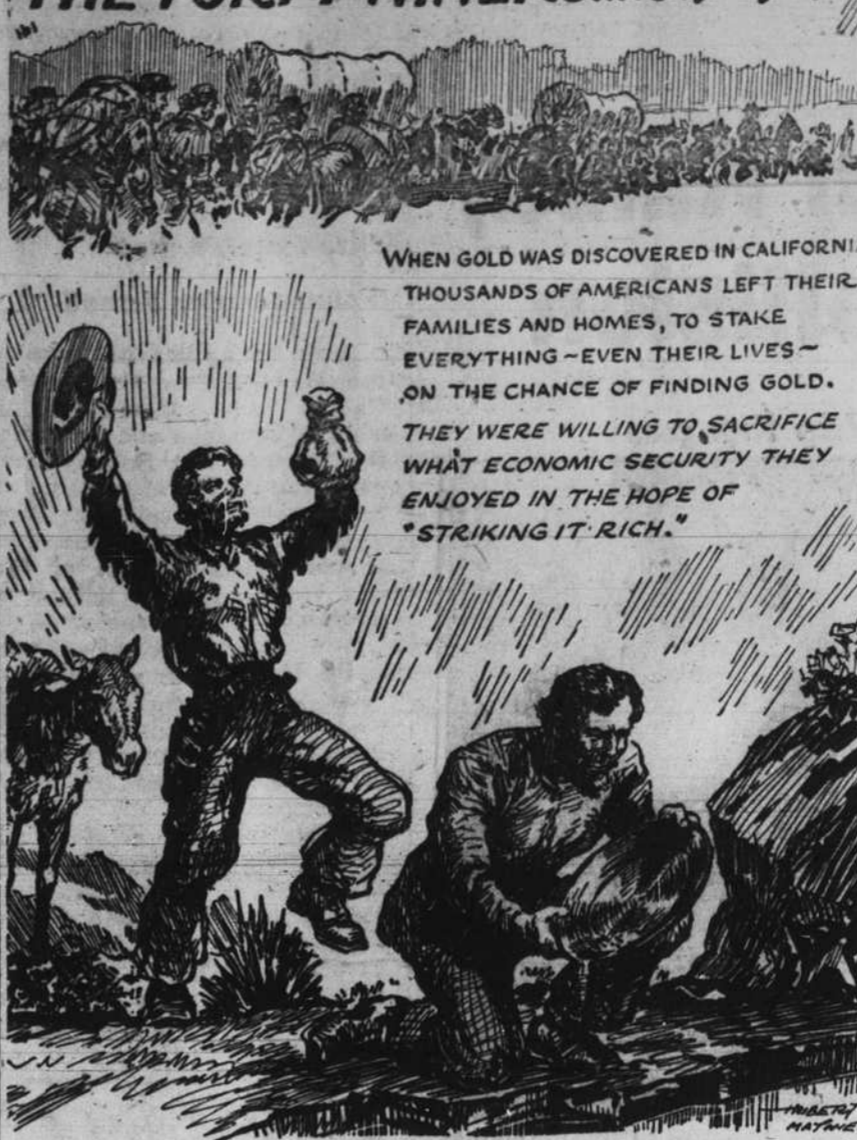
The Alamance County grand jury last week reported that of the 71 Negro prisoners at the prison camp, 34 were "under the gun" and 37 were trustees, and all but three of the prisoners were teen-agers. This may attest to the proportions of juvenile delinquency. It also emphasizes the problem of our prison system which provides no formal schooling for young criminals. Obviously if these boys, even the trustees, are going to emerge from imprisonment no better trained than they were when they entered, the State better plan to keep a larger and larger proportion of its population "under the gun."

The mere imprisonment of juveniles "under the gun" or otherwise promises little cure for juvenile or any other kind of delinquency. There is no use in imprisoning young criminals unless the time of imprisonment is devoted to some kind of effort to turn them out as better citizens.

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

THE 'FORTY-NINERS'... 1849-1949



WHEN GOLD WAS DISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS LEFT THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES, TO STAKE EVERYTHING—EVEN THEIR LIVES—ON THE CHANCE OF FINDING GOLD. THEY WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT ECONOMIC SECURITY THEY ENJOYED IN THE HOPE OF "STRIKING IT RICH."

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE—OF TAKING A CHANCE—REMAINS STRONG IN AMERICA. SINCE 1849, HOWEVER, OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BROADENED GREATLY. THE MODERN "FORTY-NINER," IN SEEKING NEW FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR, PLACES LESS RELIANCE ON CHANCE AND MORE ON THE MEASURED RISK—GREATER RELIANCE ON THE FACTORS OF HARD WORK, INGENUITY AND THRIFT.

big acreage of "native" grass, and a small acreage of "seeded and fertilized" pasture, all in the same field, and he says his cows may be found on the small cultivated part most of the time. Mr. Vaughn plans for less native grass and more pasture mixture acreage in his pasture program.

The only way to do anything is the "right" way, according to Walter Lloyd, White Cross community. Walter is putting good fences around good pasture acreage seeded last fall. He is terracing and seeding about three more acres this spring.

Soil testing pays, according to the experience of W. I. Suits, Orange Grove community. Mr. Suits maintains a large pasture acreage in his dairy farming, and he reports that he has found that he gets best results from the fertilizer used on pasture mixtures when the recommendations of the Soil Testing Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, are followed.

The high school students of Orange County are getting ready for the school preliminary contests in the Soil Conservation Essay Speaking contest being held in the State again this year, sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association. The Chapel Hill High School students went on a farm field trip Thursday, Feb. 17. On these field trips the students have the opportunity of seeing many of the soil and water conservation practices put on the ground by the farmers.

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Sunday School LESSON

JESUS' MINISTRY TO HUMAN NEEDS

International Sunday School Lesson for March 13, 1949
Mark 5:22-23, 35-42; Luke 7:20-23

Three times we are given records of Jesus rescuing a human soul from death. In the case of the twelve-year-old daughter of the ruler of the synagogue of Capernaum death had just come. The body of the widow's son of Nain was met in the funeral procession. When Lazarus was resurrected, he had been in the grave four days. An in the case of his less striking miracles, all of these were accomplished without any great external display of emotion or power.

Two of the greatest emotions of humans are pride and love. As a ruler of the synagogue Jairus was doubtless proud of his position and religion. Yet, in the hour of sorrow and need he forgot his pride far enough to humble himself before the wandering teacher who was regarded as heretic by the ecclesiastical authorities and the priests. Love for his daughter overcame pride for his caste, and Jairus was very richly rewarded. Many people today are preventing spiritual blessings by clinging to a false pride and dignity.

In the case of the woman who cured herself by surreptitiously touching the robe of Jesus we have two other human emotions in conflict. In this case the woman, practically an outcast from society, because of her malady, struggled with her fear to presume enough to approach the great teacher, yet she had greater faith, which persuaded her that by doing so she would be cured. Jesus did not let her go, however, without making it plain to her that it was faith in him and not any wonder-working qualities of his garments that benefited her.

In both of these cases we see the result of great faith. For Jesus to accomplish his miracles there seems to have been a necessity of faith in him. When the messengers came to Jairus saying his daughter was dead and it was useless for him to trouble the teacher any more, Jesus quickly intervened lest the faith that had brought Jairus to him might be

weakened, and said, "Fear not, only believe." The woman who was cured likewise possessed an energetic faith in the power of Jesus. Without faith, Jesus performed no great works. He marvelled at the unbelief of Nazareth, his childhood home, and because of this condition performed no mighty works there.

We often wonder what might be done with this world of ours, its human inhabitants would not believe. Improvements and reforms are delayed and often prevented by the unbelief of those who are too quick to conclude that existing conditions cannot be changed. How much better would our world be if commerce, politics, diplomacy, and all affairs could be reshaped by great souls inspired with a trusting faith. Lacking such a faith we will still endure the evil results of greed in business, selfishness and privilege in government, hatred and hostility between nations—all because we lack faith.

Notwithstanding the importance of the mission of Jesus and the time limit of only three years in which to plant the foundation for his doctrines, Jesus was never too busy to tarry and administer help wherever he encountered humanity in distress. No matter how urgent his business of the moment was, as, for example, when he was hurrying to the bedside of the daughter of Jairus, he stopped long enough to plant true faith in the heart of the woman who had shown her belief in him by her act. It was said of Jesus that he "went about doing good." That was his life, and he was never too busy or too engrossed with his affairs to accept an opportunity to do good.

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News Of Soil Conservation
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Charles Brame, Pleasant Greene neighborhood, is planning to devote a greater part of his open land to pasture, since he has plans for a small dairy farm. He has plans for sowing about five acres to permanent pasture this spring, and this fall will have about 12 additional acres ready for seeding. The Brame farm has been idle for a number of years, and a greater part of it is in young forests, in which a forestry thinning program is available.
Young Vaughn, Cedar Grove Community, says you can not fool cows when it comes to grass in the pasture. Mr. Vaughn has a

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