

TELLS OF INJUSTICES IN ABSENTEE VOTING

Honorable J. M. Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Governor Broughton:—
I am writing to you as a private citizen interested solely in the success of the democratic process and in good government in our state. I am sending copies of this letter to members of the General Assembly and to all of the newspapers of the state. I have lived in the state for nearly twenty-five years and my children grew up and were educated here. I expect to spend the remainder of my life here. I have voted both the republican and democratic tickets during my residence. My son, Lt. W. P. Kephart, U. S. N. R., was killed in action on Guadalcanal last October in the defense of our liberties and to help to establish freedom and justice throughout the world. He and others like him have left it to us to see to it that we do not allow the Bill of Rights to be violated for any purpose, to see to it that we begin right here to insure complete freedom from some of the abuses which develop in a democracy and in effect violate our Bill of Rights. He fought and died for something that we do not fully enjoy here in our own state, particularly in our elections.

I am urging you to promote and support an effort to modify the ABSENTEE VOTING LAW in North Carolina as to make it apply to men in the armed forces only or to repeal it completely. You are already familiar with the reasons for abolishing it in the primaries, with the flagrant abuses in elections in Cherokee, Swain, Graham, Henderson, Stokes, Davidson, and in scores of other counties in the state, and with the outrageous irregularities in its use in my own county of Watauga. In this county with a population of about 17,000 there were approximately 1000 absentee votes, while in the adjoining county of Caldwell with a population of over 32,000 there were less than a hundred. It would be futile reflection on your intelligence to recount the various types of abuses which accompany the application of the absentee laws all over the state, resulting in actual violation of the Bill of Rights.

In the last election my wife and I found it necessary to be out of the state on election day. In the office of the chairman of the County Board of Elections and in his presence we filled out absentee ballots following his personal directions, sealed and delivered them to him on the spot. Upon our return to the county we found that they were not counted because of alleged irregularities. This points to only one thing. They were deliberately opened and modified after we delivered them personally to the chairman. No one who knows anything about the Watauga story will question the truth of this statement. That such irregularity and fraud are possible is enough to condemn the law and justify its repeal or strict modification and limitation.

This is not a partisan contest nor is it propaganda. I have no political ambitions and no axe to grind. It is merely a matter of citizenship. I submit to you that no honest citizen or official should be willing to as much as touch an absentee ballot except in the presence of a witness of the opposite party. No one should be exposed to the suspicion of tampering to say nothing of the not uncommon charge of opening, modifying, or forging of such ballots. The present law makes these things possible. I contend that such safeguarding is a practical impossibility.

You will agree I am sure, that this step in the direction of good government is demanded of us in support of the sacrifices of our men in arms as well as our claims of unselfish enthusiasm for freedom for all people. I find it difficult to become reconciled to the loss of my son, but I will always be fighting for the things for which he fought. Will you join me in the effort to correct an obvious weakness in our election laws? If freedom is worth dying for it is worth having here at home. Isn't there a bit of treason in anything else?

Yours sincerely,

A. P. KEPHART.

Dairyman Suggests Emergency Program

The shortage of milk and milk products in North Carolina resulting from huge new demands by the Army, lease-lend, and civilians, offers a direct challenge to dairymen, says John A. Arey, dairy Extension specialist of N. C. State College.

Not only is it a challenge, he went on, but it is a real opportunity to make use of an enlarged dairy industry as a means of greatly increasing the farm income of this section.

To bring about the much-needed increase in milk production, Arey has suggested a six-point emergency program, as follows:

Increase the present cow population, especially on existing dairy farms, by bringing in milking cows and heifers from other areas where such a situation is practical.

Breed the cows now on hand to good dairy bulls and properly growing out the heifer calves; also give more emphasis to proper feeding and

SUNDAY - SCHOOL LESSON FOR

Jan. 31

"JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE"
John 6:8-14 30-35

By EDWIN MILLER

This lesson is concerned with the turning point of the career of Christ. We note the sensational rise to popularity in the minds of the people by virtue of His miracles. The decline from the position of prominence in the eyes of the people was due to their interest in material things at the expense of the spiritual. The same disposition prevails today. As long as our thinking remains on the carnal, materialistic basis we can never satisfy the spiritual hunger and thirst for God which are the deepest needs of human nature.

"The Hungering Multitude"
Jesus was tired, sought to retreat from the pressing crowd and to recline in the restful fellowship of his disciples or with his Father in prayer. But the people were so anxious and determined to see Him at any cost, they pursued Him around the Sea of Galilee. Jesus did not send them away hungry. He pitied them as "sheep having no shepherd."

These people numbered several thousands, as there were five thousand men, not counting the women and children. They had forsaken the security of their homes. They trusted in Jesus for everything. They forgot business and pleasure and everything else save their intense desire to see Jesus. Although they did not understand His mission Jesus had compassion and would not see them go hungry.

"The Meager Supply"
Andrew reports that the only immediate food supply was the lunch brought by a boy—five loaves and two small fishes. These loaves were of barley and about the size of our "hockey-cakes." What an inspiring example this boy affords us. He gave all he had, all his lunch. Yet much good was done with so small an offering!

"The Multiplying Miracle"
Jesus first of all ordered the multitude to be seated in an orderly manner, in companies of fifty and a hundred. Then Jesus gave thanks or blessed the food. We as people with hungry hearts and souls need to learn again the lesson of giving thanks. We need the thanks as much as the bread. Then Jesus began to distribute the bread and fishes to the people. More and more the food was increased until every person had eaten a hearty meal and was filled!—and all from a small boy's lunch. After the meal, in order that nothing be wasted twelve baskets were taken up filled with unneeded food.

"Jesus Refuses the Crown"
When the people saw Jesus perform this wonder of wonders they would forceably crown him their King hoping he might deliver them from the oppressive Roman yoke. Had Jesus been a politician he would gladly have accepted. Politicians frequently give barbecues and fishfrys to get people's votes. But Jesus did not want their political vote and withdrew to pray. In some ways this is but a re-creation of the Third Temptation in the Wilderness, where Satan offered the kingdoms of this world if Christ would only worship him. Since Christ came to be a spiritual king rather than an earthly one. He chose to wear the crown of thorns than the crown of Israel.

"Jesus the Bread of Life"
The souls of mankind are pathetically undernourished. Starvation in the land of plenty comes from not eating enough vitamins. Spiritually Jesus offers us the bread of life containing all the nourishment necessary for our soul. He draws his lesson from the manna in the wilderness. The early Israelites had eaten of it, but had later died. Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

COME TO SUNDAY-SCHOOL

CHICKS

Approximately 4,000 chicks a week are being purchased by Granville County farmers through local dealers, as well as those being bought outside the county.

SHORTAGE

Craven County dairymen are facing an acute shortage of hay, along with increases in the prices of commercial dairy feeds, reports R. M. Williams, assistant farm agent.

management.
Keep production records on all dairy cows.

Improve the old pastures and seed new ones until at least one and one-half acres of good pasture are available for each mature dairy animal.

Grow more and better legume hay on every farm.

Maintain the present milk routes and develop new ones as feasible.

War Stamp Sales Over Half Billion Dollars, Album Drive Opens



Appealing Margaret C. Russell of the War Savings Stamp album drive is seen from coast to coast. It pictures retailers new Treasury poster which will be seen from coast to coast. It pictures retailers slogan, "SAY YES." A drive is underway for Americans to buy additional War Stamps to fill albums and convert them into War Bonds.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The nation's retailers from the tiniest hamlets to the mighty cities are acting as a spearhead in a great Treasury Department campaign to sell the additional War Savings Stamps needed to fill more than 100,000,000 albums now in the hands of the American people.

According to a report released by the Treasury Department today, sales of War Savings Stamps totaled \$559,777,000 for the period from May 1, 1941, through November, 1942.

Stamp sales have risen from less than three million dollars per month when they were first introduced to the public to an average of more than fifty million dollars per month at the present time.

The Treasury's slogan, "A half-

filled album is like a half-equipped soldier," has been adopted officially by retailers for the campaign.

The importance of the drive is seen in the fact that a War Bond potential of nearly two billion dollars hangs in the balance.

Every War Stamp album, converted into a People's Bond, for which the purchaser pays \$18.75 and which matures to \$25.00 value when held for 10 years, adds its force to the war effort.

The Treasury Department is counting upon the country's school children to play a powerful role in the success of the SAY YES drive. The volume of stamp and bond sales is at the rate of \$200,000,000 for the current school year.

U. S. Treasury Department

MICRO NEWS ITEMS

PERSONALS • CLUB MEETINGS • ENTERTAINMENTS

Miss Ila Mae Creech of Selma, is spending this week with Mrs. Earl Price.

Mrs. Edna Morris and son Johnny and Miss Edith Aycock of near Kenly were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robins Sunday.

Mrs. Mack Belcher and two children of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Eddie Pittman of Kenly were guests of relatives here Monday.

Mrs. A. D. Pittman and children spent the week end with Mrs. A. L. Starling near Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins of Goldsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evans Sunday.

Walter Boykin of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boykin.

Mrs. Zilphia Creech of Selma spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Creech and family.

Mrs. B. M. Poe, Mrs. H. C. Sawyer of Durham and Miss Alice Stancil of Wilson visited their mother in the home of Millard Stancil during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hatcher announce the birth of a son, January 24, 1943 at Woodard - Herring Hospital, Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaddy, Jr., of Raleigh were guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Gaddy, Sr., Sunday evening.

Miss Alma Ruffin spent the week end with her parents in Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown of the Corbett - Hatcher section spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Pittman.

L. C. Davis, Jr., and Jim Pearce of A. C. College, Wilson, spent the week end in town.

Joe Stancil of Durham visited his father Mr. J. M. Stancil during the week end.

Misses Margaret Collier of Raleigh and Ruby Collier of Durham spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Collier.

Mrs. Wheeler Manning of Williamston visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Hinnant during the week end.

Mrs. Melissa Stephenson and daughter of near Princeton were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Ensign James Batten of Norfolk, Va., spent the week end near town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Batten.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Underwood and children of Smithfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bagley Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Stephenson of Smithfield, Mrs. Myrtle Daniels of Tarboro were guests of Mrs. Etta Daniels during the week end.

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Eagle Awards Are Made To Boy Scouts

Sunday morning Rev. J. W. Alford, pastor of the F. W. B. Church delivered the most interesting and inspiring sermon the community has heard for some time when he addressed the Micro Boy Scouts at the morning service. His text was taken from Ecc. 5th chap. verses 1-7. His subject was "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." Every person present perhaps more than ever before became conscious of the importance of being a true scout in every day life. A boy who is a true scout in every walk of life will be a real Christian. His motto is "Do a good deed every

day." He lives for others just as the Great Teacher has taught us to live.

At the conclusion of the service Rev. Alford expresses his appreciation to Professor Worthington, scout master, for the service he had rendered to the community by training the many boy scouts under his supervision during the past ten years. Not only has Mr. Worthington been active in training the boy scouts, he has been principal of the school, been active in all community activities and teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the F. W. B. Sunday School for the past ten years.

Professor Worthington introduced Mr. Glen Grier of Smithfield who presented the Eagle Awards to the recent scouts who have won this coveted honor, Mett Bagley Ausley, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. M. Ausley and Griffis Worthington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Worthington.

Mr. Grier said, "Scouts, I am here today to congratulate you and to tell this congregation and the world that each of you has done a good job and done it well. The amount of labor necessary to earn an Eagle Award is nearly as much as that necessary to win a high school diploma, with only this difference, in scouting you do the things that you like to do, in the manner and at the times that you like to do them, primarily out of doors, but only after you have absorbed the Scout Oath and Laws.

When a boy has learned to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, kind, courteous, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent, it is no longer a burden to work. It is a pleasure. That's why you are here this morning with the real joy of accomplishment in your hearts, rather than with a sigh of relief that at last it is finished. Parents are the dominant factors in the lives of children whether they want it so or realize that it is so or not. What they turn out to be is largely a reflection of what their home life has been. When the out turn is fine and good, we are inclined to attribute to the mother's influence and thus it is that I always want the mother to pin these badges on their sons. We Scouters just touched him as he passed our way. You have lived with him and thought for him, have rejoiced with him and hoped for him. He is yours and while we are proud of him because he has measured up to our requirements, we want you to enjoy this as your own.

"To you dads, let me say that you are twice fortunate in that both boy and the mother are yours for your care and protection; your tender love and kindly direction.

"The public awarding of Eagle Badges in a community is just as appropriate as the public awarding of High School diplomas at your annual commencement, for this scouting program is just as much a local community enterprise as is your school. The troop is composed of your boys; it is led and trained by your own leaders; and is supported both morally and financially, by you people here.

True the troop is connected with a national system, just as the school is connected with the state system. This connection is for the same purpose as is the school's outside connection—to tap the sources of prepared programs and ideas of improvement and progress and to acquire access to the results of the inquiry, investigations,

experiments, and experiences of experts in these lines that no one community could afford to hire and to have alone.

These two boys who have completed the course in Scouting are your sons, trained in your homes, your school, your churches, and in your own Scout troop. They are truly products of your community.

I want to leave one thought in your minds this morning. As you walk back home this morning, won't you answer this question to yourselves, "Have I done all that I could have done to make these boys what they have turned out to be, or is it just an accident that these two fine boys have overcome the handicap of my ignorance of what they were trying to do; my lack of interest; my indifference; my preoccupation or my procrastination?" Nothing assures the success of a boy like the solid backing of a good community."

The congregation felt that it had enjoyed a second sermon after Mr. Grier had addressed the boys and their parents.

Professor Worthington expresses his appreciation to the scout troop committee, C. A. Fitzgerald, R. C. Pearce, J. W. Smith, for their loyal support and cooperation and asked them to stand in line with the scouts.

Only eight boys have won the highest honor in scouting and received their Eagle Badges during the past eight years, they are:

Mett Bagley Ausley, Carlyle Batten, A. T. Gaddy, Henry Mozingo, Jr., Wiley L. Wall, Jr., Calvin and Billy Wellons, and Griffis Worthington.

H. C. L. Drives Worker To Eat Cash and Bonds

Denver, Jan. 19.—Police were convinced today that Kenneth Stewart, 44, a defense worker, was thoroughly disgusted with the high cost of living. They answered a disturbance complaint at Stewart's home to find he had eaten \$47 in currency and was preparing to chew up \$75 in war bonds as dessert. Stewart was held for investigation.

Beef herds are increasing in Stanly County, as farmers respond to the Government's request for more meat, says V. A. Huneycutt, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Pine trees selected for their high yields of turpentine and rosin, as choice rubber trees are selected for their high latex yields, are now being propagated at the Southern Forest Experiment Station.

A pound of scrap will stop a Jap.

Good Jobs Open To Young People

Listen! Youth of America—Are You Doing Your Part to Win This War?

Everyone must make his contribution, on the battlefield, on the home front by buying bonds and on the production front by producing weapons with which to fight. The manpower shortage is critical. War plants need thousands of trained workers, both men and women to build tanks, guns, ships and planes.

The War Manpower Commission offers free training to boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 25—training for positions to help win the war and at the same time fit you with a lifetime trade. Act Now! Contact your Personnel Representative, P. E. French, by writing him at Dunn, or see him in person at the City Hall on Friday of each week from 4 to 5 p. m. You may see M. R. Wall, City Clerk, for information any time.

Approximately fifty (50) boys and girls from Johnston county have started training within the last two weeks at Durham, Burlington and Raleigh. Train and work with them for our boys 'over there'!

GOOD JOB NOW OPEN FOR WOMEN

On Thursday, January 28, 1943, Walter C. Robinson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, will interview female applicants at Wilson for immediate employment in the FBI at Washington, D. C., at an entrance salary of \$1,440.00 per annum, with unlimited opportunity for advancement. Applicants should be citizens, high school graduates, between the ages of 16 and 40, in good physical condition.

All those who are interested in assisting in the war effort are urged to contact Mr. Robinson at 9:00 A. M., Room 414, Post Office Building, Wilson, N. C. Applicants should bring with them a small photograph approximately three by five inches.

STAMPS

A recent check-up showed that every boy in the Jamesville 4-H Club in Martin County is buying war stamps regularly, reports John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent.

Tax Listing Time

List your taxes with Odell Strickland, your Tax Lister for Selma Township. Listings must be in JANUARY. Notices will be posted as to where to find your List Taker.

Please cooperate with me.

ODELL STRICKLAND,
Tax Lister
Selma Township.



MAN GETS 22 MILES PER GALLON WITH VACU-MATIC WHO PREVIOUSLY GOT ONLY 14 MILES

The following testimonial comes from E. L. Biscoe of Selma, Route 2, with regard to his Vacu-Matic:

"I bought a Vacu-Matic for my 1937 Chevrolet, and I checked the gas. I was getting 14 miles on the gallon. Now I get 22 miles on the gallon, and it gives my engine more exceleration. I would not be without it for TEN Times the price if I could not get another one. It does what they say it will do. If your engine is in tune it will save the gas."

You will Save Money by using less gas. You will save yourself from worrying about whether your weekly allowance of gasoline is going to hold out.

Start Saving With a Vacu-Matic On Your Car. New supply just received and are on display at the Office of The Johnstonian-Sun in Selma.

E. W. WOMACK, Sales Representative.

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