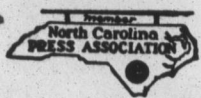


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Thank God For A Native

With more than that provincial pleasure with which North Carolinians once engulfed themselves whenever a Tar Heel writer "cashed in" on the New York literary market, we have just finished reading the first "Native at Large" column, now being written each week by News and Observer editor Jonathan Daniels for the "Nation".

Starting off with a comment on the collaboration between dramatist Paul Green and Negro novelist Richard Wright now being carried on in Chapel Hill in order to transfer Wright's "Native Son" into drama for Producer Orson Wells, Mr. Daniels proceeds to a discussion of the national significance of the themes and the people, white and black, about which these two men are concerned.

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Wheat and Tares

Residents of the city who have read with any degree of care the story of the August meeting of the Roxboro City Council, held last Tuesday, will be compelled to notice a perhaps unconscious but acute and accurate weighing of good and evil in the proceedings which took place.

The financial account, as presented in City Manager Percy Bloxam's report, is very, very good it being shown that July collections from taxes, water rents and other sources of revenue, amounted to \$14,222.97, and that through cooperation with WPA the city has received benefits of \$32,000 worth of water and sewer improvements at a cost of less than \$7,000 in actual cash outlay.

Also on the credit side is the adoption by the Council of Manager Bloxam's plan for installation of a zoned code fire alarm system, long needed here. Similar pleasure can be expressed over plans for further expansion of water and sewerage facilities within the corporate limits, and over decision of the council that the city shall first take care of its own citizens when it comes to the use of said water and sewerage facilities.

But, on the other side of the ledger is the almost too "neat" side stepping of the too-long dormant "pig-keeping" ordinance. Likewise, there is the none too subtle reference to alleged laxity of law enforcement by the City Police.

It may be good politics to pass the buck by saying that an as yet uncreated "Zoning Commission" will at some indefinite and future date have thrust upon it the painful duty of determining just how many pigs and pig habitations shall be winked at because the owners of said pigs and pens are persons of importance or have the good fortune to reside in what our neighbor, "The Courier", characterizes as the "scattered" or "estate" sections of the city, but such an evasion of a sanitary evil is nothing less than an evasion of civic duty.

Roxboro is now too large a city to permit continued harboring of pigs, or even cows, within its limits without constant risk to the health of its inhabitants. On the other matter, an alleged laxity of law enforcement by the City Police, we are moved to observe, that in our humble opinion, Chief Oliver and his men are giving citizens just about what citizens have asked for.

As long as the so-called best people of Roxboro continue to double-park where double-parking is forbidden, as long as they continue to back around and to make u-turns where u-turns are prohibited and as long as they persist in failure to observe trash-can and garbage laws, who can blame lesser citizens for doing likewise? And who, in the name of commonsense, can blame officers for, perhaps, looking the other way?

If Roxboro has in it more flies per square inch than any city of its size should have, and if traffic problems here are all out of proportion to the number of automobiles on the streets, what can we do about the resulting health and safety hazards? The obvious answer is: "Exactly nothing", unless citizens are themselves disposed to seek relief.

The City Council, fortunately, or unfortunately, is only the mouthpiece of the citizens it represents.



Corn and the Farm Problem

Christian Science Monitor

Two items in the news, taken together, are likely to arouse a question in the mind of the reader. Because of a shortage of rainfall in the corn belt of the United States, the Department of Agriculture probably will not put to a referendum the question of a marketing quota on corn.

The question that may be asked is: Why do the Department of Agriculture, the State experiment stations, and individuals like the Doubets—and Henry A. Wallace himself before he became Secretary of Agriculture—continue to experiment with drought-resistant corn when year after year, barring crop failure, the United States has such a corn surplus that the Government must take it over?

The whole farm problem in a large part of the United States revolves about the matter of having enough hogs to eat the corn. The ideal situation for the individual is to have a big pig crop when corn is plentiful and cheap and when pigs are generally scarce.

It should be borne in thought, however, that the whole farm problem in the United States, with its limits on salable production, is largely the result of disturbed world conditions and that until international trade channels are reopened, the Government probably will be called upon to nurse the agricultural industry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON From The Adult Student

No Psalm is more greatly beloved by Christians than the Twenty-third. Across the centuries it has given strength to faltering minds and brought comfort to sorrowing hearts.

We today, however, face a disturbing question: "Can we still believe that what it says is true?" In this time of mental confusion, many feel that its message is entirely too simple.

The Fact of God

Of course, the fundamental fact of which we must first think is the reality of God. If he exists, then there is hope for us. If he is what Christ said he was, then the glorious truth is that he is capable of leading us.

Yet, surely any one with a logical mind cannot help but feel there must be some adequate cause for our universe. It is not logical to think that the beauties we view in the Sistine Chapel just happened. They are the result of the toil of one who could paint with the capacity which the beauty of these walls portray.

A Divine Purpose

Only those, however, who have cultivated their spiritual capacities can be sure of the kind of God of whom Jesus speaks. But those who do become convinced of his reality know that he cannot be a purposeless Deity.

It is in hours of earnest quietness that one becomes confidently sure that God is, and that he is One who knows what we need to know.

We cannot dogmatically assert what technique he will use, but if we who are parents are able to convey, by some means, our all too inadequate knowledge of God to children, then the Deity

surely has some way of speaking to us, and thus telling us the way in which we should go.

Test of Divine Guidance

It is, of course, possible for even the religious minded person to be deceived unless his reason goes hand in hand with a sensitive soul that is eager to know the divine will for his life.

But there are practical and unmistakable tests by which we can be sure of the leadership of God Long before Christ, the Psalmist



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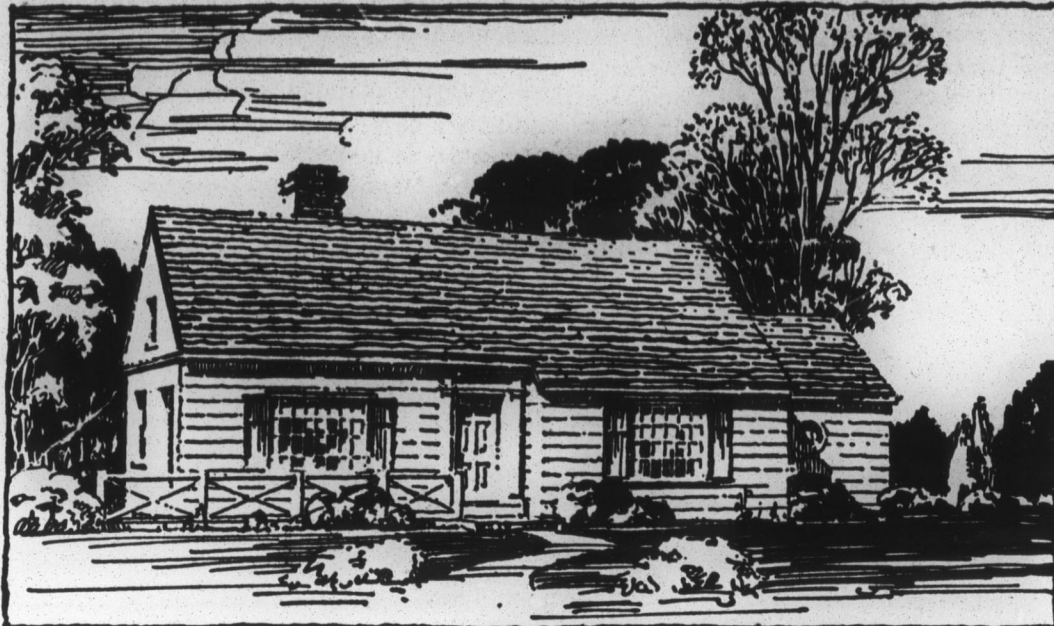
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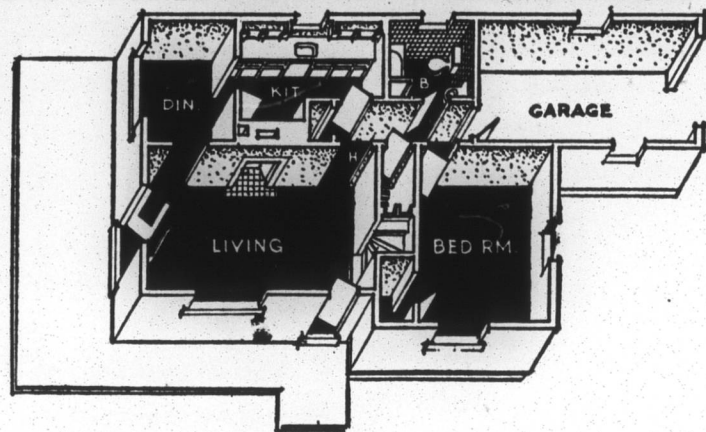
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indicated the fundamental one when he wrote: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness." We cannot do anything that is not in harmony with the divine character, and then claim that we are being led by God.

Let one, therefore, ask himself: "Will this experience, in which I profess to have divine guidance, ultimately benefit, or will it harm, some other child of God? Will it build up character for me and for others? Is this the Christ-like thing to do?"

us not insist that it is divine guidance, when we follow such a course. Here is an unmistakable test: "Does the spirit of Christ control us?"

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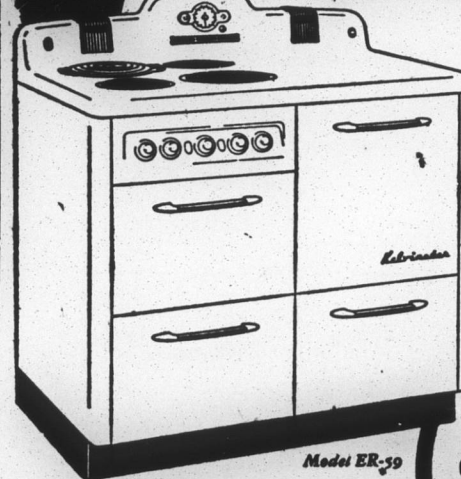
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