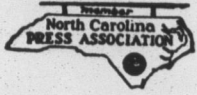


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When Good People Get Into Trouble

In an address specifically aimed at the divided French, but actually intended for all the world, Britain's Prime Minister Churchill on Monday said: "When good people get into trouble because they are attacked and heavily smitten by the vile and wicked, they must be very careful not to get at loggerheads with one another."

We rather suspect that any number of preachers could take Churchill's words as text for a sermon or two on abiding moral issues, but as much as we admire the Prime Minister's eloquently simple statement regarding aspects of what has amounted to international decay, we must in the United States remember that his message, as much as any other message today delivered by persons in authority, has in it elements of propaganda. True it is that the time has come when distinction must be made between good and bad propaganda, but that the word itself, without qualifying adjective, there is no other.

From minute to minute, from hour to hour, the crisis generated in Europe but now spread over the world grows more acute and nothing said at such a time can be accepted as the whole truth. Before these words can be set in type, much less printed, what is left of independence in Turkey and Greece may be gone. Application of the Prime Minister's text to our own internal affairs of state is now about all we can do while we push ahead with defense programs, selective service and a nationwide election. With these important duties on our hands it is for us vital that we do not get at "loggerheads" with one another and that we judge carefully before we rush about calling any one of our fellow citizens "vile and wicked."

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Last Word?

Having previously spoken our mind on "Jehovah's Witnesses", we can only say today that we hope all readers of the Times read and will remember Judge Luther Hamilton's opinion, as delivered this week in Superior court at Lumberton:

"I don't think any true Witness of Jehovah would make himself a nuisance; I do think they could advance their cause more graciously by complying with ordinances (but) we have boasted of our liberty of speech and freedom of the press, and boasted that no man may be denied his religious beliefs or the opportunity of expressing them to others. How can any town ordinance deny any man the right of his beliefs and the right to disseminate them?"

On the other end of the ledger we have the News and Observer's aforesaid delivered quotation from Mayor Aubrey Harrell, of Wallace:

"No matter what the Supreme court says, we are not going to allow them in our town."

We wonder what the Mayor will do now. Judge Hamilton, in a lower court than that to which the boastful Mayor had reference, has, we trust, had the last word, with a dignity far beyond the municipal official's capacity to comprehend.

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How It Is To Be Done

On Sunday of this week the Times printed a communication from City Manager Percy Bloxam, who, acting in double capacity as "Building Inspector", called upon citizens here to have home grounds and vacant lots cleared of weeds and their cellars, attics and closets cleaned of rubbish as a means of fire prevention. The suggestion was also made that electric outlets, lamp and appliance cords and other wiring be made hazard proof.

Mr. Bloxam made it clear that as Building Inspector he will have to report all such hazardous conditions and that he will as Inspector make visits in capacity to "All houses throughout the City in the near future". We do not know just how the City Manager-Inspector will be able to cover completely the area designated as the City of Roxboro, but we do commend him for his attitude of thorough seriousness. And we sincerely hope that all residents here will follow his suggestions before they have to be personally delivered.

In a City the size of Roxboro, although the Fire Department is mayhap even better than the City may deserve, all possible precautions must be taken to prevent fires. No one of us here is so rich as to be able to take a loss from a preventable fire without financial or personal discomfort. Too, we must remember that many homes and business houses are still heated with old-fashioned stoves and fire-places and that proper operation of these agencies of heat is just as important in fire prevention as the more obvious and often neglected cleaning up and repairing suggested by Mr. Bloxam.

Mr. Bloxam has written his letter and has said that he and all city officials will do what they can to carry out an organized fire prevention program in Roxboro: clearly, the rest of the job is up to us.

"Cue Says, 'Go', To Wake Forest"

Down at the end of Dan Parker's very good "Cue" article on the rising tide of professional football, in which he all but predicts that college and university football stadia will attract smaller and smaller crowds as the public turns by choice to better played and more exciting professional pigskin antics, is a maybe true, maybe false comment on college football, at, of all places, Wake Forest

Prefaced by remarks on the "hypocrisy with which intercollegiate football is saturated, here is what Dan has to say:

"Typical of the shamateurism of the college game is the lineup of a conservative Southern Baptist college in North Carolina this year. Its student body may be straight-laced Baptists but its football team was imported, cleats, pads, and helmets, from the Polish and Italian Catholic parishes in Pennsylvania's coal mining belt."

Disgruntled Wake Foresters may reach Mr. Parker at 6 East 39 Street, New York City, where the magazine is published.



A Decade, and Beyond

Greensboro Daily News

The Daily News, let it be distinctly understood, is all for this decade of "unprecedented progress" upon which North Carolina is prepared to launch after last Friday's conference between Governor Hoey and 50 prominent citizens of the state. In fact, it is our keen interest in the movement and our abiding solicitude for the state, its welfare and its progress, that direct our thoughts to the foundations of the effort and the span for which its energy is to be directed.

While agricultural and industrial expansion offer a general and indefinite course, especially as related to time, it is noticed that the first concrete step will be the opening of a North Carolina office in Washington, if we may quote an Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh, "to look after the state's interests in obtaining defense contracts and industries."

There is nothing inherently wrong with that step. North Carolina, with an abundance of labor and raw materials, availability of power and transportation facilities, climate, geography, and other natural resources to offer, should certainly have full and fair share in public and private consideration of national defense business. Decentralization of the defense industries appears a logical development, not only from the social but from the practical military viewpoint. Present congestion in the more populous areas results in bottlenecks and in open invitation to bombing if an enemy should descend upon us. Our only caution here is against high pressure methods and resort to politics. There is no place for such tactics and methods in national defense. What North Carolinians and the nation are interested in are results; the wise, safe and sound location of industry and bestowal of contracts so that full value will be received for tax dollars and for defense as such. North Carolina, we trust and believe, will move forward on the facts.

Our abiding admonition is to look beyond the present emergency. This war cannot possibly go on forever. Prosperity, even a relative prosperity, cannot always go forward on armaments contracts and national defense business. Such an economy has an unsound foundation; it has to be temporary or there is no hope for the world. It is the sort of economy on which the dictatorships that we are so earnestly seeking to overthrow have been built, production and equipment resting upon military needs. Some day the war will end, the mad rush to armaments will subside; and then will come the sad time of reckoning, of readjustment, of collection of the pieces. The economic collapse after war is inevitable. And with that inevitability staring it in the face, emphasized and re-emphasized by the history of every war and its aftermath, North Carolina, while benefiting by immediate trends and developments, must build more soundly, more solidly, more permanently than defense contracts and defense industries portend in and of themselves. A decade, as the stream of humanity moves on, is but a split-flash of time's eye. Armaments prosperity presents essentially a challenge to build against the end thereof.

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Suppressing The News

News and Observer

"News from warring countries is subject to censorship. It may sometimes be misleading. It is the right and duty of every American citizen to do his own thinking, hold to his own beliefs, and not permit himself or his country to become a victim of emotionalism or propaganda."

For more than a year, the above warning has appeared daily on the front page of The News and Observer. It has, been, during all of that period, a timely warning.

A new emphasis is placed upon the effect of censorship by the announcement more than a month after the event of the repulsion of an attempted German invasion of the British Isles on September 16. If news of that magnitude can be suppressed and successfully denied for more than a month, it goes without saying that innumerable other happenings are suppressed altogether.

The English censorship is generally regarded as less drastic than those of some other nations now at war. The incident cited, together with an earlier incident in which the sinking of a vessel carrying hundreds of passengers, was suppressed for five days, shows what can and does happen in any nation where the press operates under a strict censorship.

WILSON PRAISES ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TWO GROUPS

Says Editors and Farm Agents Work Together For Farm Improvements.

Weekly newspaper editors and county farm and home agents make up a team that has been one of the most potent forces in the improvement of farming and rural living in the past 25 years. Those are the sentiments of M. L. Wilson, director of Extension for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service says he heartily concurs in the views expressed by the Federal leader.

Of the beginning of this period of team work, Director Wilson says. "The United States was nearing the end of the rows as far as new land was concerned. In the more carefully cultivated sections, farming methods lagged behind experimental advances in agricultural science. Into this picture stepped the county agent and traveled from farm to farm on foot, on horseback, and in bug-gies.

"On the country editor the agent leaned heavily from the earliest days. Usually the work of the county agent made good newspaper copy. Frequently he would write a column of his own in the weekly paper and his writings were compact with good sense.

"Judged solely as a job in practical, popular education, the achievement of the county agent ranks high in American social history. The county agent is now equipped with an automobile and a clerical force in his office, but is most frequently to be found at some farm talking about crops and rural improvements. The weekly editor is still one of his most highly valued allies."

To this Director Schaub of the North Carolina Extension Service adds: "Agricultural Extension work simply is giving information about better ways of farm living and one of the best methods of reaching a farm audience is through the columns of local papers whose editors the farm people know and trust.

"Since the summer of 1914 exclusive copy for weekly papers has been mailed each week from the office of Frank H. Jeter, State College editor. The weekly newspapers of North Carolina have, since the beginning, given liberally of their space to this cooperative program of rural betterment."



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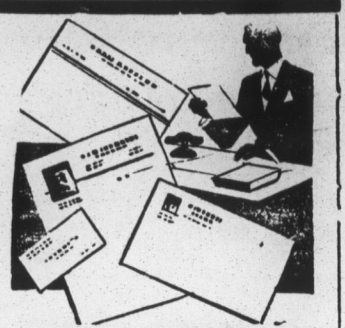
J. M. Walker, Pastor

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