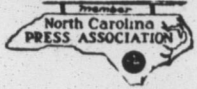


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One Way Out

At a Monday meeting of the Person County Board of commissioners report was heard from County Agent H. K. Sanders and City Manager Percy Bloxam relative to WPA assistance for construction of a County Agricultural building, motion in regard to which was made some two months ago by a committee composed of a number of citizens who appeared before the commissioners requesting a building. Messrs. Sanders and Bloxam at the Monday meeting said that \$15,000 would be needed to construct a building similar to one now built in Warren county, thought to be of proper size for Person, and that not more than fifty percent of the \$15,000 could under present conditions come from WPA. It was also suggested that more than \$15,000 would now be needed to construct a building having the quality of a building which last year or two cost only \$15,000.

This resume of the Bloxam-Sanders report is presented not because it is so interesting in itself but because the report leads up to another suggestion, made by the commissioners, namely, alteration of the present Roxboro Community house, by enlargement and other changes, into a County Agricultural building. Appointed as a committeeman to appear before the Roxboro City councilmen to discuss with them as representatives of the City which holds title to the Community House was new County Commissioner Sam Byrd Winstead. Suggestion of this use of the Community house and appointment of Mr. Winstead to see into title transfer and into feasibility of the idea followed considerable discussion by the Commissioners, who apparently balked at the thought of having to find seven to eight thousand dollars to put into a WPA cooperative enterprise.

The Times can appreciate the commendable desire on the part of the Commissioners to save money and has long since supported the idea of having a Person Agricultural building of some sort, since present court house agricultural quarters are far too small and since agriculture in one form or another happens to be main business hereabouts, but it does not seem to us that conversion of the Community house is the required way out, certainly not the best way out. The Community house, to begin with, is a wooden structure, designed for quite other usage than now contemplated; it is a wooden structure perhaps none to well constructed and any amount of money spent now to make it better could probably be as well spent in erecting a new building.

Plain truth is, too, that residents of the City now need the Community house for what it is, a library and meeting place for multitudinous groups which have to find some place to congregate and carry on business. Only the fact that right next door to the Community house is another, the Legion hut, of similar size, makes it at all possible to think of conversion of the first structure into an Agricultural building. Another disadvantage to it as such a building is its location on a comparatively narrow and out of the way street. We just don't think the Community house had better change character.

Its conversion might be a short way out for immediate realization of an Agricultural building; we think the slower business of waiting until funds can be obtained for a new building would in the end be better, both from standpoints of usage and investment. The City Councilmen may think they have a "white" elephant in Roxboro Community house. They may want to get rid of it; we hope they don't and that they may thus spike in the beginning one more manifestation of the chronic Person-Roxboro habit of makeshift compromise, a habit particularly virulent whenever and wherever spending money for buildings is concerned.

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Plain Speaking

Hitting with both fists, the Rev. Thomas W. Fryer, of Dunn's First Baptist church, on this past Sunday lit into what he described as that town's worst sin—"gossip." Characterizing this evil as the "most damnable thing on earth," the Rev. Mr. Fryer castigated men and women who use barbershops and beauty parlors and other public gathering places as places of gossip.

"Gossip," says Mr. Fryer, "causes more heartaches, more tears and more anguish than all the diseases known to man, yet most people continue to indulge in it." "Lying goes with gossip," says the preacher, "and if you pass on what you hear, you're as guilty as the one who starts it. Nobody slings mud without having muddy fingers."

We have printed the Dunn correspondent's version of the clergyman's remarks elsewhere in the Times and we are making comment on the story here because as a newspaper man who has constantly to hear different versions of events ranging from murders to church socials, we know too well that such versions are all too frequently subjected to those modifications of hearsay commonly known as gossip. We have, likewise, been astonished to discover that many of those persons who think of themselves as exceptionally religious people are oftentimes worst offenders.

Speaking plainly, even as does the Rev. Mr. Fryer, we think there is not much difference between sin in Dunn and the same in Roxboro.

"Escape" and "Pastor Hall"

Shown here during the week was a film version of Ethel Vance's novel of "escape" from Nazi Germany. Last week Manager Teague Kirby, of the Palace theatre, had a prevue showing of the James Roosevelt sponsored, "Pastor Hall", another vresion of German concentration camp life. Within the past nine months there have been other pictures of the same stamp, including, "The Man I Married," "Four Sons" and "Confessions of a Nazi Spy". Mr. Kirby tells us more pictures of that ilk are on the way.

Being essentially a showman and interested in giving the public what it wants, Mr. Kirby has said that he has been in some doubt as to whether all of the new horror school war films should be shown in Roxboro, or anywhere else for that matter. Particularly interesting to him were diverse comments made by prevue-ers of "Pastor Hall". Just as interesting, doubtlessly, were the full houses greeting "Escape"

For ourselves we see no reason why any of the war films here discussed should be shelved, now they have been made; question with us is whether or not they should ever have been created in first place. Not forgetting acting by Nazimova, Blanche Yurka, Wilfred Lawson, Eugenie Leontovitch, Robert Taylor, et als., that part of the world which is not at war does need to be reminded of oppressions brought by dictators, as in Rumania at this moment, but the telling of these oppressions necessarily involves distortion of characters, playing up of sentimentalities and a representation of the machinery which is dictatorship to such an extent that there may be some weak-minded theatre-goers who will be converted to dictatorship and its evils through very perversity and revulsion to righteousness on trial. There we think, is Mr. Kirby's and every other showman's problem.



Call To Service

Greensboro Daily News

Announcement by Dr. John Reed Cunningham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, of his acceptance of the presidency of Davidson college patently testifies to Dr. Cunningham's conviction that the proffered position constitutes an opportunity, carrying with it commensurate responsibility to be sure, which he could not turn down. The shaping, guiding and molding of young lives, bringing them through the educational processes with hope and with vision, have probably never before presented such challenging aspects and such ultimate dividends.

Dr. Cunningham must know too that his selection for the task at hand has come only after long and mature deliberation. For two years now Davidson trustees have been seeking the man for the job. Their selection of the Twin City pastor thus becomes an attestation of faith and confidence which made his acceptance of the call to service well-nigh mandatory.

The new president will take to Davidson with him a wealth of experience which should stand him, the institution and the human material with which he is to work in excellent stead. As pastor, as world war worker and as former of the Louisville seminary he has known young men and their problems; he must have acquired that practical outlook and understanding which will merge with educational philosophy and theory to assure a balanced college executive.

There is every reason to feel that Dr. Cunningham will carry on and strengthen the Davidson tradition in which sound bodies, minds and hearts go into the rounded process.

Hill Cows Complete New Official Tests

Peterborough, N. H., Dec.—A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a four and one-half year old Opal of Cross Daile 22593 of Durham, tested and owned by J. S. Hill. Her official record supervised by the North Carolina State College and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 13515.2 pounds of milk and 559.4 pounds of butter fat in Class B.

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a three year old cow Quail Roose Maxini's Donna 542787 of Rougement. Tested and owned by George Watts Hill. Her official record supervised by the North Carolina State College and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club is 12057.8 pounds of milk and 654.0 pounds of butter fat in Class E.

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New Kay Kyser Film Is Musical And Thrilling

Kay Kyser was such a sensational success in "That's Right, You're Wrong," his starring film of last year, that the ebullient band leader and his College of Musical Knowledge were returned to the RKO Radio studio for a second film, "You'll Find Out," at Palace Thursday and Friday.

Differing widely from the plot pattern of the first, Kay is still the natural, lovable "Ole Professor" of his air program, but now in "You'll Find Out" he is involved in mystery as well as music.

Those chief bogey-men of the screen, Peter Lorre, Boris Karloff and Bella Lugosi are merchants of the menace that hangs over the head of pretty Helen Farrish, sweetheart of Dennis O'Keefe and niece of Alma Kruger.

Such popular specialists in Kyser's musical troupe as Ginny Simms, Harry Babbitt, Ish Kabibble and Sully Mason are also featured, not only playing important roles in the melody-rama, but performing the various specialties for which they are famous.

John Mercer and James McHugh have written five hit tunes for "You'll Find Out," which David Butler produced and directed.

Pastor Says Gossip Dunn's Worst Sin

Dunn, — The Rev. Thomas W. Fryer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who doesn't believe in the sugar-coated type of preaching, on Sunday morning attacked what he described as one of Dunn's worst sins—gossip.

It's the most damnable thing on earth and there's too much of it going on in our town," declared the minister, who delivered the unusual sermon on the first anniversary of his pastorate here.

"When women get together in the beauty parlors, when men meet in the barber shops, wherever there's a public gathering, there's gossip going on," he charged.

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ged. Fryer, who during his first year has increased attendance at the church with his plain-spoken messages, minced no words in telling members of the congregation of their wrong-doing, and said it was general throughout the town.

"It causes more heartaches, more tears and more anguish than all the diseases known to man yet most people continue to indulge in it," he declared.

"Lying goes with gossip," he said, "and if you pass on what you hear you're just as guilty as the one who starts it. Nobody slings mud without having muddy fingers," he added.

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