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GOOD MORNING

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.—1 Timothy 1:13.

And while the lamp holds out to burn, The vilest sinner may return.—Isaac Watts.

Amendment Is Needed

Because City council should have sufficient authority to properly supervise and operate the Police and Fire departments, an amendment to the City Civil Service act to that effect demands the early favorable consideration of New Hanover representatives in the General Assembly.

Council is asking the power to appoint Chiefs who need not come from the departments, sole authority to promote or demote members of the forces and the right for the Chiefs to order summary suspensions not to exceed 30 days.

The proposed bill would repeal the present Civil Service law in its entirety but provides for selection of a new Commission with authority to pass on the eligibility of all applicants. The right to decide on removal of members of the two forces would also be retained by the Commission.

It is difficult to see the proposed change as encroachment upon the rights of the policemen and firemen. If it is, then why should they have such privileges not enjoyed by other city employees? Events of the past several weeks demonstrate that Council, charged with the responsibility, must have greater authority. The divided powers, effected at a time when the city had a different form of government, may well be a factor contributing to present conditions in the Police force.

The matters of morale, discipline and greater efficiency are too important for control of the departments in two separate sets of hands to continue.

Scripts Available

Perhaps some may think otherwise, but we're convinced it is practically impossible to be too regional conscious.

The Star-News seldom lets the opportunity pass to think and speak of the several counties forming Southeastern North Carolina as a whole. The betterment of any one county or community within the region is reflected favorably in the life of the surrounding countryside.

Because of its vital interest in the action it has gone beyond the facilities of its pages for its promotion. A good example is the Sunday afternoon radio program "The Counties of Southeastern North Carolina" which has been underway over station WMFD for the past few weeks and will be continued until all are given equal prominence. Because of the wide interest in this feature, numerous requests have been made by listeners for scripts on the various counties. To date, Columbus, Brunswick and Duplin have been saluted and Pender will be recognized today.

To meet these requests, the newspaper has prepared copies of the scripts and a letter to its office requesting one of your choice will be answered by return mail.

Letters To The Editor

Register, Vote For Tuberculosis Sanatorium

To The Editor:
A note to the voters of New Hanover county on the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.
An exceptional opportunity is knocking at your door right now. Register and then, on March 25th, vote for a sanatorium. Remember it is better to have a sanatorium and not need it, than to need it and not have it. You are in good health today, that's fine. But, being prepared for an emergency, that's good business.
Experience and observation have given me some knowledge of tuberculosis and its dangers.

Camp Davis On Come-Back Trail

We've just seen the interesting result of practically 100 per cent conversion of a third of a \$35,000,000 surplus Army training camp into a permanent peace-time facility.

This rare feat was accomplished so quietly few are aware of the importance of the new installation.

After nine months' work, a good part of Camp Davis, 30 miles northeast of Wilmington at Holly Ridge, has been saved from the desolate fate of scores of contemporary cantonments. Now it is a Naval Ordnance Test station well on the way to becoming one of the nation's best equipped fields for short range missile examination. And this was accomplished, by taking wide advantage of the post's idle facilities and little new construction, at a tremendous saving to the federal taxpayer.

To get an idea of the motivation behind Davis' partial rejuvenation, it is necessary to go back to 1913, before the majority of the tens of thousands who trained there in its busy days as a great Anti-Aircraft Artillery center were born. It was that year that a French scientist named Lorin originated the idea of an engine without moving parts capable of speeds greater than those of sound. Subsequent discoveries in supersonic aerodynamics enabled modern scientists to see in his theory the fast engine of the future. But, up to January, 1945, it was still highly doubtful whether it could be successfully flown.

It was a matter of great speculation whether the Germans had achieved success and were preparing a new V-weapon on this principle. But none had been launched by the Allied nations. However, a new supersonic guided-missile was needed to combat Japan's Kamikaze planes and expected attacks by Baka bombs.

The Navy assigned the problem to a group of contractors under the technical direction of the Applied Physics laboratory of John Hopkins university.

Less than a month later, the first models were launched without fuel. Within six months a model of the newest engine was flown successfully for the first time in history. Name the ram-jet, the apparatus consists essentially of an open pipe. Oxygen is scooped into the front opening from the air during flight and compressed by the speed of the jet, fuel is injected and burned and the exhaust streams out the rear opening.

But science still has much to learn in perfecting performance and reliability of propulsion units and aerodynamic design features for missiles.

Hence the necessity for a permanent test range.

The search for a site was begun early last year and extended up the Atlantic coast from the Florida Everglades to Long Island. Then one day the Navy found Camp Davis and it was, from first glance, apparently what it wanted. It had availability of facilities which could be converted easily and inexpensively, the possibilities for a range on Topsail island were good and it was quite accessible to the development laboratory, at Silver Springs, Md., and the Bureau of Ordnance.

So, Davis was selected in May and on June 1 the Kellogg corporation, which will operate the facility, took over the engineering and architectural tasks of preparing the station and its range.

What it has done is amazing.

The former post headquarters building has become the center of administration activities. Here, everything the Army and later Marines left, from paper clips on up, is being used. The old Officers' club has been converted into a well-furnished recreation center and cafeteria whose china, bearing the Army Medical Corps insignia, came out of the Station hospital; 47 attractive apartments have been built in the former hospital structure. Some fire stations and their equipment are still in use and well preserved; the water and sewerage systems were taken over; rockets and other supplies are being shipped in on the old railroad sidings and stored in

former AAA ammunition dumps. Even the air raid sirens are being sounded as work whistles.

On Topsail island, the original Army highway along the strand has been extended from about five to 20 miles as an important part of the firing range's communications. Here, as at Davis proper, buildings are being converted into tool, work-shops and other uses.

Eight new concrete towers, located along the sand spit for tracking units in flight, will house radar and photographic equipment for recording of performance data. Range instrumentation was designed by the applied Physics laboratory on the basis of experience in operation of temporary test ranges for the Bureau of Ordnance at Island beach, N. J., and Fort Miles, Del.

The testing program, scheduled to begin this month at Davis, will be a continuation of this work and will remain under the technical guidance of the laboratory. The new station is expected to become a focal point for missile testing and the Navy will be able to make its facilities available to others conducting developments in this field.

The big story at Davis is, of course, the ram-jet and its wide possibilities. But next is the marvelous conversion job. Nothing—even concrete underpinning from demolished barracks has been used to form a breakwater seaward of the firing platform—has been wasted. Every effort has been made to put former war equipment to new uses. The resourcefulness Americans take great pride in has been demonstrated to the highest degree.

Wilmington will benefit from this new installation.

Four hundred civilians, 85 per cent of them native to this section, are employed on the project. The number of service personnel, now quite small, is expected to be increased as the tests progress. Remember, the ram-jet is not far removed from its infancy. It is possible that in the future it may be used for high speed cruising on aircraft equipped with other forms of propulsion for launching to a speed at which the jet would be operating.

And Camp Davis is "in on the ground floor" of its testing phase.

What the ram-jet's long-range future will be, no one can say. But what promises ahead is ample foundation for repeating an admonition often expressed in these columns: Don't sell Camp Davis short. Again, as in the days of gun-tracking radar, it has a place in the early development of a scientific weapon. And the role of science in warfare is becoming so great we would rather have the installation favored as it is today than by some longer established component of national defense fast becoming obsolete as the man in the laboratory forges ahead.

Privacy Of A Public Figure

The author and publishers of a new biography of Serge Koussevitzky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, have been sued for libel by Koussevitzky. The conductor has also asked a court injunction against publication and distribution of the book (which he says is unauthorized) on the grounds that the text and photographs are an invasion of his privacy. His lawyers have advised newspapers that they would publish reviews at their "peril and risk."

This injunction, if granted and upheld, would create an alarming precedent. Anyone might be immune to all but personally-authorized publicity. If a musician, why not also lawyers, judges, political bosses, congressmen, presidents?

We hope that Doctor Koussevitzky, whose artistic eminence makes him something of a public figure, will accept the annoyances as well as the advantages of his position and reconsider his legal action.

American cities soon will be appropriating money for more trees. Shady deals nobody will object to.

CHEER UP, PRETTY SOON WE CAN COAST



The Gallup Poll

Dewey, Stassen, Taft And Vandenberg Leading Republicans' Field For 1948

Senator Taft And General Eisenhower Are Gathering New Followers

PRINCETON, N. J., March 1.—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, continues to head the list of Republican presidential choices for 1948, among the G. O. P. rank and file, a nationwide poll finds.

Dewey's rating has, however, dropped seven percentage points since last December, when a similar poll was made right after his one-sided victory in the New York gubernatorial race.

Meanwhile, former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen, the only one on the list who has announced his candidacy, holds his own, second on the list of popular preferences.

Two U. S. Senators share third place. They are Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, and Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio.

Both of these men are conceded by political experts to be very much in the running for 1948. Vandenberg has of course won wide acclaim in recent months for the part he has played in international affairs. Senator Taft has enhanced his reputation as one of the top Republican figures in the U. S. Senate.

Senator Taft makes a good showing in today's poll. He has picked up a substantial amount of new following since the poll in December.

At that time, only two per cent of the Republicans polled mentioned him as the man they would like to see President in 1948. Today, the figure stands at eight per cent—a jump of six percentage points.

Senator Vandenberg's support remains just about the same as in December.

Even though he has definitely counted himself out of the running, General Dwight D. Eisenhower has a substantial number of votes in the present poll.

He and Senator John W. Bricker, G. O. P. vice presidential candidate in 1944, have the same proportion of support among the G. O. P. rank and file.

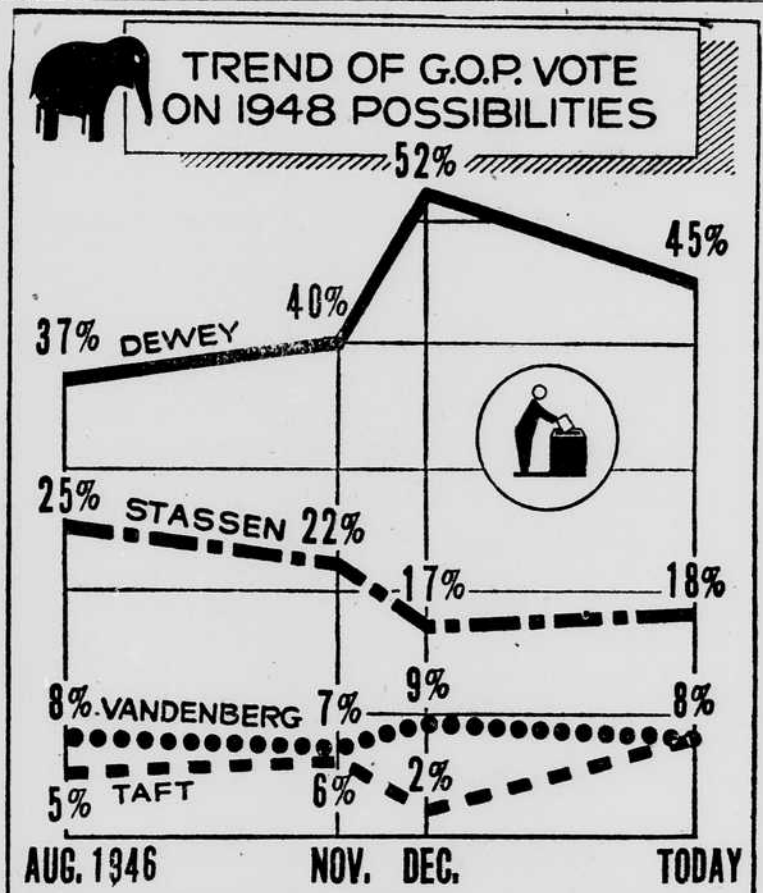
Republican voters naming a choice today for the 1948 G. O. P. nomination divide as follows, as compared to December:

	Today Dec. '46	52%
Dewey	45%	52%
Stassen	18	2
Taft	8	2
Vandenberg	8	9
Bricker	6	8
Eisenhower	6	2
MacArthur	3	2
Warren	3	5
Others	3	3

Other possibilities mentioned included Leverett Saltonstall, U. S. Senator from Massachusetts; Raymond Earl Baldwin, U. S. Senator from Connecticut; Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., U. S. Senator from Massachusetts; Joseph William Martin, Jr., Speaker of the House; Edward Martin, Senator from Pennsylvania; Eric A. Johnson, former President U. S. Chamber of Commerce; former president Herbert Hoover; Robert Marion LaFollette, Jr., former Senator from Wisconsin; Warren R. Austin, former Senator from Vermont, now U. S. Chief Delegate to the U. N. General Assembly; Owen Brewster, Senator from Maine; Dwight H. Green, Governor of Illinois; John Foster Dulles; Clare Boothe Luce; J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and James H. Duff, Governor of Pennsylvania.

All of these choices were obtained without the use of a list or suggestions of any kind. About one in every five persons (21 per cent) had no opinion at this time. This compares with 37 per cent who gave no opinion in a similar survey at a comparable time before the 1944 convention.

It should be emphasized that a candidate's chances of winning the



Crippled Children League Will Gather

RALEIGH, March 1.—(AP)—Executive Secretary Ethel Honeycutt announced today that the annual meeting of the North Carolina league for crippled children will be held here Wednesday.

Sen. Thomas O'Berry of Goldsboro, chairman of the State Spastics Committee, will preside at a luncheon. Speakers will include Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern, Congressman from the Third North Carolina District; State Rep. Arch T. Allen and Philip Rettig of the National League for Crippled Children.

Interest is also running high on just how Democratic voters are thinking in the matter of candidate results of a nation-wide poll Wednesday, reporting choices of those who pick a Democrat for 1948.

Prussia Is Abolished By Allied Control Law

BERLIN, March 1.—(AP)—The state of Prussia was abolished by an Allied Control Council law published today which termed it "the bearer of militarism and reaction in Germany."

The council said it was guided in abolishing Prussia, its central government and all its agencies, "by the interests of preservation of peace and security of peoples" and that the move was aimed at assuring reconstruction of German political life on a democratic basis. Prussia is to be divided into German states.

Walter Winchell

Random Notes Of A Newspaperman

Read the news from Washington and it's a cinch to become discouraged with democracy. The sordid tactics, the stupidity and sheer dishonesty of many of our leaders can transform the most idealistic Americans into chronic cynics.

But before you lose faith remember G. E. Fowler's nifty: "You have to have fertilizer to grow a rose!"

The British gov't is forcing British civilians to leave Palestine—when their soldiers should be leaving. Incidentally, those civilians were shipped back to England for "security" reasons. And in England they won't have enough heat, light, clothing or food. Some security!

Author John Auden's reminder to those who peer down their noses at gossip: "A friendly per-

Home Hours Service Set By 'YW' Clubs

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Assisting also in the program will be the B. G. club and the Residence Girls' club who will serve supper to the visitors, according to an announcement by Miss Dorothea McDowell, executive secretary of the Wilmington YWCA.

Miss McDowell also announced that an urgent request has been received for warm clothing, shoes and concentrated foods for YWCA members in France, Poland, Austria, Greece and Italy.

The Wilmington YWCA is cooperating in the drive for these items and is glad to receive such material to be shipped to the foreign countries. Miss McDowell said.

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Dr. W. W. Harvey, county coroner, examined the body and, he missed the theory of foul play. He attributed Garrett's death to natural causes, chief of which was exposure.

Womies. Ho-hum. Add another notch on our putty-blower, gal.

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There are some spineless editors who are willing to abridge the freedom of the press for fear of offending a powerful pressure group. Incidentally, those pressure groups (and the chumps who are afraid of them) have done more harm to American liberties than all the armies of our foreign foes.

As Wm. Allen White once said:

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Interpreting The News

BY M. ROBERTS JR.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Developments during the past few days show clearly that relative positions of the United States and Great Britain today are, in the economic field, much the same as they were in the military field six years ago.

The British, strained to the breaking point at home, have nevertheless been fighting to retain their world position. They are doing without essential goods in order to rebuild their trade abroad; maintaining armies and making loans to carry their share of occupation and rehabilitation expense while themselves are forced to borrow; exerting themselves in a hundred ways to hold the allegiance of the smaller countries in the dispute between the ideologies of Western and Eastern Europe. And they can't keep it up alone.

Appeals For Help

Britain's appeal for help in Greece is a climactic admission of inability to handle alone, the job she has set for herself. Without this help, Greece in all probability, will collapse into another Soviet satellite.

The British have been insisting for months, too, that if America is to have a say, as she has attempted, in the Palestine settlement, that she must carry her share of the heavy cost London claims will be entailed.

We are already carrying, in a manner of speaking, the expense of Britain's occupation in Germany and her effort—which is just as much our effort, to be sure—to keep Europe in the Western sphere.

Now Britain is trying to regain at least a measure of her strength before she uses up the American loan upon which she is drawing far faster than expected. But this is not merely a matter of bridging an emergency period, the end of which can be foreseen definitely. There'll "always be an England," to be sure. But she is being gradually shorn of her empire. The areas which produce the raw materials for her industry are now becoming industrialized on their own. Inevitably the question arises as to when, if ever, she will be able to meet, without outside help, the commitments which she has been accustomed to shoulder.

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