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FARM COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Plant good seed in well-prepared soil. 2. High-grade livestock and poultry on every farm. 3. Raise plenty of food and feed for home use. Practically eliminate your grocery bill by making a good garden. 4. Grow a variety of cash crops—don't put all your eggs in one basket. 5. Produce carefully graded and well packed sells best. By co-operation we can build up a good market. 6. Make this a debt paying year by spending only for necessities. 7. Let's work together to make Watauga a still better county.

The Court

Seldom is ever in the history of Watauga County has a term of Superior Court been conducted with such a degree of dispatch and precision as the one which is expected to close this afternoon after a session of only four days.

The eminent jurist does not paragon any one law, but believes in each offender being punished solely upon the gravity of the crime committed. He thinks a pint of whisky no more detrimental to the society of the Commonwealth than a riddy-headed and reckless automobile driver.

The present term of court has made a profound impression upon the taxpayers of the county. Likewise, the criminal element is no less impressed with the supremacy of the law.

"The Way of Life"

By BRUCE BARTON

NAZARETHS I was at Deerfield Academy visiting my boy, and on the way back I had an hour between trains at Northampton. It was Sunday evening. The main street was almost deserted.

I went around to the old building in which he and his law partner used to have their modest offices. I stood in front of the square town hall. It was interesting to think of the days when he was mayor.

"Morning, Cal, people would say. "Morning," he would answer. And a stranger in the town would probably have exclaimed, "Is that your mayor, the quiet little fellow? He doesn't look like much."

Even then the idea was usually greeted with smiles, especially by folks in Massachusetts. "That's all right for you fellows in New York," they said. "But distance lends enchantment. We are his neighbors; we know him."

And one of the wisest men in the Commonwealth remarked to the son of Frank Stearns: "Calvin Coolidge is nothing but a figment of your father's imagination."

Nazareth is the immortal illustration of the attitude of the home town. After Jesus had gone out into the

world and become famous; after He had performed His miracles in Capernaum and ever in Jerusalem. He went back home.

A crowd of His old neighbors greeted Him in the synagogue, but there was no pride or confidence in their attitude. Their skeptical expressions spoke louder than words.

"It's a wonderful thing to realize that Greatness is growing up somewhere around us all the time—that the most unpossessing freckled boy may be a future conqueror. Unfortunately, most of us can never believe that the home town could possibly produce anything better than ourselves.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

FIELD NOTES

The physician who is literally in "the harness," encounters many very stern difficulties as he goes about doing the best he can for suffering humanity. His is a hand-to-hand encounter with his brother's arch foes, disease and death.

A few days ago I was called to the bedside of a man seventy-five years of age; he had been indisposed two or three days previous and had supposed he had a "cold." A year ago he had had an attack of "dropsy," of heart and renal origin; from this he had only in part recovered.

I found him with a well-established case of broncho-pneumonia; he "hinnets" were chirping all over one side of the chest; fever and disturbed breathing; a very irregular heart, with feeble pulse at the wrist; cool extremities; "foggy" mental condition; in fact, a condition that boded no chance in ten for recovery, which at best meant the meager existence of an enfeebled old man—but he had a right to that! It was my affair, my business to keep him alive for his aged wife and other loved ones, as long as possible.

Dear reader, I prescribed alcoholic stimulants, to be combined with nourishment; fire cannot burn long without fuel. He used a pint of whisky in the next four days! It was not a very difficult matter to control the cough—to keep the temperature within safe limits. Today the old man is recovering at least his usual health.

Neither I nor my aged parents are "wets." We are no watter than you, dear sir, I care not how "dry" you claim to be. I am very sure my patient would have died, had it not been for the timely use of the alcoholic stimulant, which was here simplest, best! My moral is, I permit no theory to step between me and the man who trusts me with his life. I demand freedom in cases like this.

Helps Along the Road

STRETCH FORTH YOUR HAND (F. B. Stone)

Stretch forth your hand and receive what God gives.

All of the riches of Christ are for you.

Faith brought new life to the man's withered arm.

Stretch forth your hand and your health receive, too.

Stretch forth your hand for the gift you would gain.

Gift of the Spirit and power from on high.

Jesus is waiting this gift to bestow.

When faith in earnest sends up its heart-cry.

Stretch forth your hand for each thing that you need.

Doubt not the Father for you will provide.

There is enough in the storehouse of love.

For all of those who in Jesus abide.

Stretch forth your hand and in love share those

Who are in need and whose cupboards are bare.

Give with your hand what your heart first bestows.

Blessings you'll gain when your blessings you share.

BABSON ON THE FAILURE OF FAITH

Faith and finances have a closer connection than is often realized. Roger Babson, the student of economics, has repeatedly urged the vital importance of faith and "religion" as national and individual assets. In one of his recent special letters to clients, which he has made public, Mr. Babson says that the self-sufficiency of children is making them independent of their parents, and the self-sufficiency of parents is making them independent of God.

made possible, this new generation has felt sufficient in itself. Sabbath schools and churches have been neglected, family prayers have been given up, and Sunday has been made a common holiday. . . when employed or making money, they did not bring to score of spiritual reserve, and hence have none to draw upon, now that employment and profits have vanished. As a result, great masses of people are discouraged and know not where to turn. . . A recent article by a famous English correspondent, Albert Peel, is quoted, entitled "An Age Destitute of Faith," in which the writer shows the disintegration of British life because "we are surrounded by children and by young people in their teens who have never been near either church or Sunday school." And rightly Mr. Babson says: "Certainly preachers and churches can render a wonderful service at this time, both in England and America." He believes a great religious revival is coming. God grant it! Many will turn to false religions in these dark times; but those who know the only true gospel and who can point men to Christ crucified and risen again as our only but sure hope of salvation and righteousness, have perhaps a greater opportunity than this world has ever before seen to "bring glad tidings of good things."—Sunday-School Times.

REDUCTION NOT SO MUCH

To prevent possible fudging by commissioners of the counties, the Legislature has passed a bill requiring tax levying boards to reflect in the county tax rate the actual reduction made possible by State road and school maintenance, if and when the latter is assured, or such other and further relief as the State may afford the subdivisions. Which is a wise precaution. The demands on the counties exceeding the supply, as is true of the State, it is just as well to make it impossible for the local taxing boards to yield to the temptation to add for other causes a portion of the amount transferred to the State. When the bill passed the house one cent was allowed the local boards for slight differences that may appear. The Senate increased this to three cents. That is, county commissioners would be allowed that much margin above the actual net reduction afforded by the State.

The average annual net reduction made possible in the counties on account of State road and school maintenance is yet to be determined, but it may not be so great as many imagine. There has been so much talk about taking the tax off land—which there is no purpose to do, nor can it be done, as everybody should know—that one might think the ruralists will be relieved of near all taxes. It is well to bear in mind that road and school taxes are by no means all the county tax rate. Their removal will help much. In a few counties the aggregate reduction is as much as 25 per cent. One of the largest items of tax levy is what is called "debt service"—the interest and principal of debts for roads, schools and other things. Bear in mind that the State doesn't assume the payment of any county debts. The property tax will continue to meet the payment of interest and principal of indebtedness.

By way of illustration, consider one county in mind, in which the total levy is \$1.30. The school tax is 57 cents, the road levy 20 cents. But the tax rate can't be reduced 77 cents. Debt service and capital outlay tax for schools is 12 cents. State maintenance of schools means only actual cost of operation. The counties must levy a tax for the indebtedness and to build and maintain school buildings. In the case of the county under consideration the net school tax reduction could not exceed 45 cents. The county now gets \$50,000 from the State on account of the one-cent gasoline tax levied two years ago. That will be taken away, going into the State maintenance fund. Probably 12 cents, or more, of the present road tax levy of 20 cents will have to be returned to take care of the debt service. That county's net reduction may be 53 cents—or only 50 cents if the 3 cents margin proposed by the Senate is allowed—which is less than two-thirds of the reduction appearing on the surface.

But there can and will be sufficient reduction to make quite a difference. The 50 cents reduction on \$5,000 valuation will be \$25. If the amount is actually shown in a tax bill it will cheer mightily, especially in these unprosperous times. But it is well to keep in mind that the reduction will by no means relieve the farmer of all taxes, as some of the loose talk might indicate. Land isn't going to be untaxed. —R. R. Clarke in Greensboro Daily News.

Light Criminal Docket Disposed of This Week

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- Ham Main, drunkenness, nol pros with leave. Charles Dotson, violating prohibition laws, nol pros with leave. Clay Folk, assault with a deadly weapon, nol pros with leave. Q. L. Tucker, violating prohibition law, fined \$25 and costs. Richard Bishop, violating prohibition laws, judgment suspended on payment of cost. D. R. Lida, assault with deadly weapon, nol pros with leave. Don Thomas, violating prohibition law, nol pros with leave. Mitch Shepherd, pleads guilty of liquor violations, fined \$25 and the

Two Kinds of Bonus Beneficiaries

By Albert T. Reid

"IT'S A PLEASURE TO DO FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU."



"THANKS FOR THE BONUS. I'VE GOT ALL MY BILLS PAID AND SOMETHING AHEAD FOR THE FAMILY."

"HI—OLD TOP!—YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE SHINEY NEW BUS I GOT WITH YOUR HAND-OUT! DO IT AGAIN, SOME TIME"



costs. E. H. Kirby and Roberta Smith, adultery, pleaded nolo contendere. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Lloyd Norris, larceny, two years in State Prison. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Dean Yates, possession and drunkenness, eight months on roads.

Russell and Grady Ward, larceny, 12 months in State Prison.

Sherman Greer, violating prohibition laws, nol pros with leave.

Charlie Greene, violating prohibition laws, not guilty by directed verdict.

Walter Price, drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Walter Shull, violating prohibition laws, fined \$25 and cost.

Hillary Hatley, store breaking and larceny, pleads guilty. Sentenced to a term of two years in State's Prison.

D. W. Winebarger, possession and drunkenness. Pleads guilty; 20 months on roads. Judgment suspended on payment of cost and condition that defendant refrain from drinking for a period of five years.

Martha Carroll, violating prohibition laws, four months in county jail. Judgment suspended on payment of one-half the cost.

Silas Wheeler, forgery, 18 months in penitentiary.

A. C. Sample, gambling, \$25 fine and one-half the cost.

Fred Oxentire, violating prohibition laws, six months on roads. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Butler Thomas, possession, fined \$25 and costs.

Services Daily at Grace Church During Week

The Passion Week of our Lord Jesus Christ will be observed next week, March 29th, Palm Sunday, is the first day. Thousands of Christian believers will gather together in Christ's name to celebrate His death on the Cross for our sins, says Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Boone, who sends in the following explanation of the blessed occasion:

"Springtime symbolizes new life in nature, and we rejoice to see the unfolding of new life. It is a fitting time for us to renew our spiritual life by meditation on the sufferings of Jesus and the new life which is ours because of His sufferings on the Cross of Calvary. What could make us realize our own sinful nature more and move us to a new contention and a holier life in Jesus Christ than to worship and praise Him in a special manner. Avail your self of the opportunities which are yours.

"No other week in all the world has meant so much to the world. Jesus was exceedingly busy. Several weeks before He had set His face toward Jerusalem—yea, even the Cross. Let us note some of the things that He did in the light of what we may do for Him and the advancement of His Kingdom.

- 1. Jesus went to His Father's House to worship. 2. Jesus visited the homes of those who needed salvation. 3. Jesus drew Himself apart from the world. 4. Jesus prayed. 5. Jesus loved and forgave His enemies. 6. Jesus bore the sins of the world. "How far have you gone with Jesus? Have you seen Him on Calvary's Cross and realized that He hung there for your sins? Does the fact that He suffered for you make you want to live for Him?" The following services will be held

at Grace Church during Holy Week:

Monday, "A Downtless Purpose"; Tuesday, "God's Threatened Judgment Upon the Disobedient and Rebellious"; Wednesday, "A Decisive Moment"; Thursday, "A Sacred Memorial"; Good Friday, "God's Wrath Against Sin"; Saturday, "The Sleeping Christ"; Easter Sunday, Sunrise service at 6 o'clock with the administration of the Holy Supper.

Rev. Yount, pastor, states that the hour for these services is 7 p. m., and extends an invitation to everyone to join in the worship.

Easter Day—All Hail!

By BISHOP JOSEPH BERRY

With glad hearts we bid Easter welcome! Easter is the doxology among all the festivals of the Christian church.

Christmas is a happy day. It brought the angels from the sky, and caused them to chant a song that has echoed around the world. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Good Friday is a day that stirs all hearts. On that day we remember the uplifted cross, and the suffering victim, and the darkened sky, and the rocking earth, and the wounded body of our Lord placed in the new sepulchre. On that day the sun seems to hide his golden brilliance, and the earth to shiver in the damp and cold of an unutterable gloom.

But Easter is a day of gladness. It bursts upon the world like a flood of light and hope. It is the evangel of life. It reminds us that the Divine Christ could not be kept within the confines of Joseph's tomb. The great stone and the Roman seal and the watching soldiers could not keep Him there. From the place of the dead He came forth alive. He appeared unto the astonished women. He stood in the presence of the bewildered disciples. Death lost its sting that day. The grave surrendered its victory. Immortality was made sure, and may now be proclaimed in all the earth as an unquestioned reality. "And now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Mr. Isaac Greene, of Collettsville, N. C., has moved into one of the R. L. Bingham properties in Boone, the family coming here to get advantage of our great school facilities. The good people are welcomed to our town.

82,000,000 Lutherans Observe Lenten Season

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independence is an independence in regard to government. Organic unity in the church is a secondary matter to Lutherans, since the true unity is that of the true church, to which belong all in every land and church who are true believers, and these are known to God alone. The visible church exists in its work and office and for the defense of the truth, but not as an object in itself.

"Lutherans reject both transubstantiation, as held by the Roman Catholic Church, and consubstantiation, as attributed to them by some writers. Lutherans believe that the real body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the early elements in the Lord's Supper, and that there are received sacramentally and supernaturally. The Lutheran Church believes in infant baptism, and baptized persons are regarded as having received from the Holy Spirit the potential gift of regeneration, and are members of the church, though active membership follows confirmation. To the Lutherans the mode of baptism is considered of secondary importance. The Lutheran Church emphasizes Christian education through catechetical instruction preparatory to confirmation being the custom."

"O, come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Come and worship with us. Professor Sawyer will talk on "Why I Am a Christian" Wednesday night, March 25th, at the Boone Lutheran Church, East Main Street. The hour is 7:30. Services will be held every night at 7 o'clock during Holy Week.

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