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A LIFT FOR TODAY

Words from the wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. —Ecclesiastes 10:12.
BE LESS WILLING to speak than to hear; what thou hearest, thou receivest; what thou speakest, thou givest. It is more glorious to give than to receive. —Quarles
Our Father, help us to remember to be long suffering and gracious in speech, always practicing the gospel of the kindly tongue.

Serious Domestic Problem

In each of the last nine months and in 14 of the last 15 months the consumer price index in the United States has risen—slightly—to a new high. This continuing gradual inflation in the cost of living was described a week ago by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey as the "most serious domestic problem" that faces the United States.

Mr. Humphrey now is optimistic that this trend may be reaching an end through growing production and some slowdown in business buying. "It may be," he ventures, "that the natural correction is just beginning to emerge."

If Dr. Edwin G. Nourse is right, a "natural correction" will be needed to reinforce the efforts of the Federal Reserve Board, whose "tight money" policy has just been upheld by a subcommittee of the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

Dr. Nourse, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Truman, believes that business and labor have developed "built-in inflationary mechanisms" in wage contracts and pricing practices which resist control.

President Eisenhower, when asked about the ninth consecutive rise of the price index, appealed to both business and labor to make a statesmanlike effort to avoid price and wage increases. If that sort of statesmanship or other restraints fail to meet the issue, there will be hardships wrought—and some have already been experienced—on large groups of people who do not share in automatic wage adjustments or who rely in part on savings.

Also there may be built up an artificial price and wage structure which only a depression of sorts will correct. The building industry today is experiencing a cutback of around 40 per cent in housing starts in a little over a year, which is serious even when taken from a high initial level. In this a reduced supply of mortgage money plays a debated role.

Investment bankers insist that Americans have been trying to finance more different things—homes, cars, schools, roads, factory expansion, and so forth—than their rate of savings will finance. If thrift is not as popular as it should be, there may be a reason.

Money on compound interest at usual savings bank or savings bond rates doubles itself in from 20 to 25 years. Yet over the last 20 to 25 years the person who left earnings to accumulate that way found that when he took out his doubled number of dollars it would buy only the amount of living which his original investment would have bought. There would have been no gain in purchasing power for all his abstention from spending the interest. In a manner of speaking, the "interest" received was only depreciation.

Is this an adequate incentive for saving? One function of money, according to the economists, is to act as a "store of value." Does it fulfill this function under conditions of long-sustained inflation? Obviously, only in part if any "rental" or interest is taken for its use.

Most of the remedies for inflation require political courage and personal restraint. They involve economy in government, resistance to "easy money" policies, care in individual spending, and emphasis on saving. The recent rise in interest rates may be one of those natural correctives which will help to restore a reward for thrift. —Christian Science Monitor

There is such a thing as being too clever.

Most religious arguments are over non-essentials.

Anyone can be friendly with an individual who is friendly.

Jealousy and envy affect nations, as well as men and women.

Courtesy is so cheap that most people take no interest in it.

Heard & Seen By Buff

John Holmes and I and George Jackson, who lives near Hertford, returned home late Monday night from Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, and, of course, about all I have heard for three days was outstanding religious addresses, coupled with splendid music. Most of what I saw was scenery along the way, which was beautiful and awe-inspiring in some instances. John and I did the driving and according to the way the schedule worked out I had to drive over the Virginia and West Virginia mountains and in some cases I thought surely I'd meet myself winding up and down the mountain roads. Several times I looked on the back seat to see if Friend Jackson had got around a curve. With about 5,000 Methodist men in the gathering, representing every state in the nation, I had an opportunity to speak to fellows from all sections. Some told me crops were in first class shape. Others, like I told 'em we were experiencing in this neck of the woods, said crops were badly damaged due to lack of rain, and others told me some crops were ruined due to too much rain. One fellow from a certain section of Texas told me it has been so dry there that the Methodists have gone to using a damp cloth for baptizing while the Baptists were obliged to resort to sprinkling. However, the crops which we saw in Indiana and Ohio couldn't have looked any better. The weather apparently had no effect on the antique crop, for the sign "Antiques" appeared all along the way. And come to think about it, I now understand why there are so few mules and horses on farms—farmers apparently broke up all the wagons in order to put wagon wheels in front of their homes. Then, too, grandmothers must be getting much scarcer, for we saw plenty old-fashioned spinning wheels in front of some homes.

John Holmes, usually a very considerate and accommodating fellow, had to resort to "unkindness" in one instance. After a long and tiresome drive and when sleeping was at its best the next morning, John tip-toed up to my bed and said, "Buff, I'm sorry to do this, but it's now 6 o'clock and you'll have to get up so we can get on our way." John, incidentally, was awakened about an hour ahead of schedule by several quail calling in a field near the motel. And speaking about sleeping, we were quartered in some of the men's dormitories at Purdue and the first morning there I thought I was in a beehive—it was so hot and with about a dozen electric razors buzzing in the wash room it was hard to figure out what was going on when I first awakened.

I learned a good way to get by parking in a no-parking zone. A fellow in a certain town stopped in front of a bank where a sign read "No Parking." He went in the bank and when he came out he told the cop, "I can't read, so I just went in the bank to find out what it said on the sign."

One of the most frequent questions asked at the conference was "Where are you from?" despite the fact that every man wore a tag. One fellow heard me tell another that I was from North Carolina and another piped out, "Thank God for North Carolina for my grandfather lived in North Carolina."

It's no telling what little youngsters will say sometimes. While eating in a restaurant a man and wife and three small children seated themselves near our table. One of the boys, about five years old, piped out, "Daddy, can I eat a square meal this time?" The daddy said, "Yes, son," and then asked the waitress to bring the boy a cracker. Well, that's square all right.

One of the places we stopped to sleep was Gallipolis, near the Ohio-West Virginia line. We had badly mispronounced the name, but were soon set straight. It is pronounced like "Galley Police." Maybe Paul Wallace knows the right pronunciation for his daddy lived at Gallipolis Ferry, on the West Virginia side of the Ohio River.

We have lots of water about Edenton, but it's amazing what is done with far less water in the Kannawha River in West Virginia. It's not a big river, but large industries after another are located along its banks. It's about the most industrialized river I ever saw. Gosh, why the payroll of just one of those industries would no doubt turn Edenton upside down.

And to give some idea of the winding roads on the trip, we crossed over Salt Creek at least half a dozen times within a comparatively short distance. We also saw Dry Run, and it was dry sure enough. Then another creek was 5 and 25 Creek, whatever meaning that had.

A leader in one of the clinics said his party almost had a wreck, but they "slowed up" to maybe 60 miles and avoided it. Anyway, the speed limit in Indiana is 65 miles, so that motorists air out over the level highways.

Coming back on the job after several days away is tough, but I read a short piece somewhere on the trip which read something like this: "The best place to put your troubles is in your pocket—the one with the hole in it."

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

WOODLAND CONSERVATION

There is Gold in that patch of woods on your farm! For many years landowners of woods have considered the woods as a place to turn the livestock when the pastures gave out during the summer; a place for wildlife to live or maybe just an extra part of the farm that produced a little income if the owner lived long enough. Now, the woods has taken on an important place in the farmer's or landowner's economy. Not until World War II did the woods become important to small landowners. The price of timber began to rise, some species not even salable previously began to come into demand on the market. More products and new processes for wood have caused part of this demand. Landowners found markets for almost every species of tree in his woods and interest in woods in some areas of the south became as great as interest in growing tobacco, cotton, corn and other crops. These landowners began to treat the woods as a money crop like their cultivated crops. Money returns per acre for woods increased from \$1-\$2 per acre income to as high as \$20-\$25 per acre per year now. Landowners began to set out pines on "wornout, eroded land" instead of waiting for natural re-seeding as had been the case in previous years. They asked questions and received help from their agricultural agencies and applying good silvicultural practices such as fire control, improvement cutting, thinning and other practices. Some 55% of the total area of Chowan County is in woods . . . an important crop to Chowan County farmers.

Here are some of the things Chowan County farmers can do to improve their woodlots and their pocketbook as well.

1. Protect woodlands from destructive burning and from destructive grazing. People cause 99 out of every 100 forest fires . . . only people can prevent them!
2. Plant seedlings of adopted species (loblolly pine) on areas that are not likely to become

DISTRICT HANDICRAFT WORKSHOP AT MANTEO

The Eastern District Handicraft Workshop will be held at Manteo 4-H Camp on August 20-22, according to announcement by Miss Mairied Morris, Home Agent. Anyone who is interested in attending this workshop, should notify the Home Agent by August 1, since reservations must be made in advance. A list of crafts, instructors and class cost will be sent upon request.

WOMEN URGED ATTEND FARM AND HOME WEEK

Miss Mairied Morris, Home Agent, urges Chowan County Home Demonstration Club women not to forget that Farm-Home Week is August 5-8, at State College, Raleigh. "The cost for the week is so small that everyone should try to take advantage of the many interesting and informative classes that will be offered," Miss Morris stresses. Interested persons should contact the Home Agent's office immediately to make reservations for the week.

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stocked naturally within a reasonable time. This includes planting of open fields and scrub areas that are remote from seed trees of desirable species. Loblolly pine seedlings can be purchased from the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development for \$4.25 per thousand delivered. Your order can be placed by contacting me, the county forest ranger (Frank White), county agent or other agricultural workers. To be sure of getting seedlings, your order should be placed immediately.

3. Thin dense stands of commercial trees, taking out the worts, to give the remaining trees space to grow for a short period of years.

4. Harvest crop trees at a rate designed to allow time for them to attain sawlog sizes. This is done by counting the trees themselves and they are taken in groups large enough to leave adequate space for a new generation of trees to start.

5. Salvage merchantable trees that are dead or dying, or hopelessly damaged by fire or storm.

6. Release desirable seedlings that are overtopped by culls, by girding, poisoning, culling or otherwise deadening the culls.

7. In addition, the woods should be divided into the number of fields required to give the owner a chance to operate one field each year. This is done when the conservation farm plan is prepared for your farm. This tends to equalize the farm labor requirements, equalize annual income, and minimize taxes. By working in the woods every year, the owner keeps his hand in and can improve operations through experience, whereas if he cuts timber only every 20 years or so he tends to forget how to do the job.

For your woodland conservation plan contact the local Soil Conservation Service technician. The woods has "Gold in them", why not "mine" some of it. Next time you go for a Sunday drive, see if you can pick out the farmer that can use these seven rules of woodland conservation.

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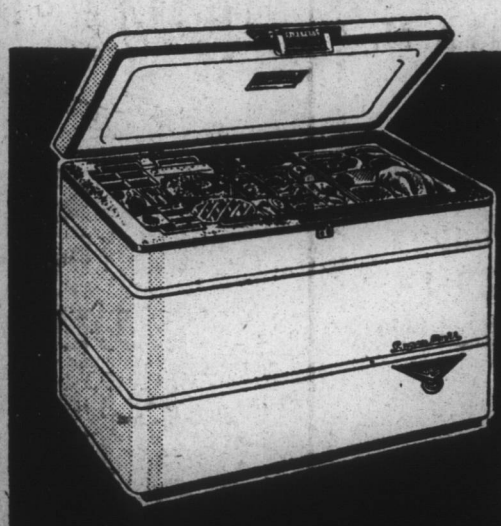
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