

## GARDEN TIME

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How would you like to buy Kentucky Wonder pole bean seed which tested only eight-per cent germination?

A sample was brought to me a short time ago with the explanation that "three plantings have been made with no results." I sent a sample to the Seed Laboratory and received the report mentioned above.

I was given the seed source and immediately called the president of the company. He thanked me and stated, "I will remove all seed from sale and send a sample to the Seed Laboratory for official test." He did this because the sample I sent in was considered a "service test" rather than an "official test".

The attitude of this seedsmen is

typical of every seedman in North Carolina who values his reputation and makes a sincere effort to serve his customers well. I do not know of any phase of agriculture which requires as much care in production and handling than does the seed industry. So many things can happen: mixtures, disease, improper cleaning and storage, and rough handling. You would be surprised how rough handling of snap and pole beans affect the germination of the seed.

This brings up the question of saving your own seed of some of the vegetable crops. If you have been successful, then I would not want to influence you one way or the other but you are taking a chance of getting in trouble.

I would prefer to buy fresh seed each year from a reputable seedsmen because of the protection you are assured. Every now and then your seedman may get a bad lot back to the producer of the seed and at the same time protect you on your purchase. Buy the best! Cheap seed is always the most expensive.

The highest egg money states are those that produce more than they eat in the state.

Good farmers always plan ahead.

## Rollman's Views

Editor's Note—This is the eighteenth in a series of articles by Hiery Rollman, industrialist, Waynesville, N. C.

Our technological progress in the last 50 years has certainly been much more drastic and dramatic than has been our mental progress and our mental evolution. Where in the life of a person, or even in the lives of a family, can you see in one generation such a vast mental progress or such a tremendous change for better understanding, and such a complete inner change as you see it around you in the



technical revolution of major importance. It has changed everything around us practically overnight. But there is nothing in our mental, in our inner and in our moral life, that has ever made such a vast change so fast. Or take the invention of television or radio, or the electric light bulb. These have been dramatic advances. They have changed our lives in a way which we hardly realize, but we, as people, even though we might have reasons also to change, naturally cannot possibly change at such speeds, nor can we change so violently.

I believe that we have to realize that even though the technical changes which have come about in the last 100 years have been absolutely incredible, they will not save mankind as well as they could and should unless we, the people, also start to change with them. By our very nature as human beings, we are lagging behind in our inner evolutions, compared to the technical revolution.

We have been unusually fortunate in our country to absorb the technical progress in a very good way by balancing things out, by making the poor people richer, and the rich people not much poorer; by distributing the wealth in a fair way; by giving medical attention and, therefore, better health to all people in our country. We have this gift and, naturally, we are grateful and we are thankful. But there is one aspect of our life where we have lagged behind in a bad way, and that is in our relationship with the rest of the world. Granted, a world which, not understanding us, is only too ready to envy and to reject us, but that doesn't mean we should stop making an effort, for many lives are at stake one of these days if we don't get the rest of the world around to our thinking. We, as people, must make it our business to see to it that we have a Congress in Washington which will put enough emphasis on our relations with the rest of the world; a Congress which has sufficient knowledge and background to accomplish this.

### First Methodist List Honor Roll For August SS

Hugh Brittain, superintendent of Sunday School of the First Methodist Church list the following children and teachers named to the honor roll in Sunday School for the month of August.

Primary I: Ellen Davis, teacher, Mrs. Mae Brittain; Primary II: Judy Quinn; Primary III: Clara Jane Ferguson, Dewey Johnson, Jane Brittain, David Penland, and Eloise Martin, teacher, Miss Adella Meroney; Intermediate: Kay Davidson, Linda Houts, Lewis Martin, Phil Mattox, John Moore, Bobby Weaver and Lynn Whitley.

Other teachers listed on the honor roll are: Nursery, Mrs. W. B. Johnson and Mrs. Gay Davidson; Kindergarten: Mrs. Gertrude Worthen; Senior: Miss Clara McCombs; John Wesley; Mrs. J. W. Davidson. Superintendent, Mr. Brittain, and Music, Mrs. Duke Whitley.

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## Alcohol and Wheels Still Don't Mix

By BILL CROWELL

The old drinking song with the line in it that goes "Show me the way to go home," is advice pretty well ignored each month by a host of drivers smitten with too many nips.

At least that's the picture indicated by Motor Vehicles Department records of license revocable traffic offenses. They are always top-heavy with drunk driving convictions, an offense that rates a mandatory surrender of legal driving privileges.

Last month for example, 789 drivers found themselves foot-propelled after failing to convince the judge they had had "only two beers." Repeaters, with convictions ranging up to six and even seven offenses, usually swell the monthly total to over 1000. The driver's license of such offenders is permanently withdrawn, incidentally.

Other records show that drinking at the wheel has serious consequences other than loss of driving privileges. It leads too often to accidents, many of them fatal.

In fact, of the 960 death-dealing highway mishaps last year, 358 of them were attributed to drivers "obviously under the influence."

Even distillers and distributors of potables agree on the admonition "Don't drive and drink!"

State troopers, who have arrested nearly 5000 drunk drivers so far this year, are even more emphatic.

"However, it's not the falling-down drunk who creates the greatest hazard," says Col. James R. Smith, patrol commander. "It's the fringe drinker, the social drinker, who is by far a bigger menace to traffic safety than the ordinary drunk."

In most cases pedestrians and other motorists are forewarned by the obvious symptoms displayed by heavy-handed drinkers. But, on the other hand the social drinker may go undetected until he makes a miscalculation at the wheel.

"Unfortunately, too few people realize that just one drink can be enough to noticeably impair judgment," Col. Smith said. "Alcohol even in small quantities cuts down on vision, judgment, muscular efficiency, and reduces the accuracy and speed on normal reaction. And all of these factors are vital in the safe operation of an automobile."

In addition, alcohol produces that familiar "glow" which, in turn, often lures drivers into taking spectacular chances in traffic. If a drinking driver is taken off the road before he causes an accident, troopers say a life is usually saved.

Col. Smith has a three-point program for protecting lawful drivers against the drinking driver. His standing orders for the 581 troopers of the highway patrol are to "detect, arrest and jail" imbibing drivers who are obviously creating a hazard as they go.

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## MUSTARD SEEDS

By REV. JAMES J. WILMES

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### BLESSED FAILURE

An ancient Chinese philosopher, Yang Ming, once said, "The sages do not consider that making no mistakes is a blessing. They believe, rather, that the great virtue of man lies in his ability to correct his mistake and continually to make a new man of himself."

Was not this also the mind of the greatest Sage, Jesus Christ? Even tho' Peter had denied him, with an oath yet, despite the special prayer of Christ for him (Lk. 22, 31), still Jesus after rising from the dead, singled him out, sent a message to "the disciples and Peter" (Mk. 16, 7); and after Peter's threefold profession of love, entrusted him with the souls for whom He had died: "Feed my sheep". Jo. 21, 17.

Most people have a mortal fear of making a mistake. But more often than not, the reason is not a very noble one. It is usually based on a human respect: the fear of being misunderstood or ridiculed by others.

Those who are dominated by such a fear seldom do anything except take care of themselves—and frequently they fail at that. This latter was well expressed by a farmer who was being pestered by a book salesman. The boring sale talk ended with: "There never was such a book printed with as much on farming and you can buy it for only \$4. 95. Do you want it?"

"Nope," Replied the farmer. "But why not?" asked the salesman.

"I don't need no book because I ain't farming half as good as I know how right now!"

If we are honest with ourselves, most of us will admit that we are not making use of the talent God gave us. Why do we not fear the Lord's judgment. "Take away, therefore, the talent from him." (Mt. 25, 28) Let us resolve never to reject a challenge to do good or help another: if we succeed, let us thank God for the knowledge that we possess a talent we never recognized; if we fail, we can join Jesus in Gethsemani with His words, "Father, let this cross pass; but not my will but thine be done." As His failure was turned into victory, so will ours be by grace; and our example will help others who have made bigger mistakes.

"Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me." I Cor. 12, 9.

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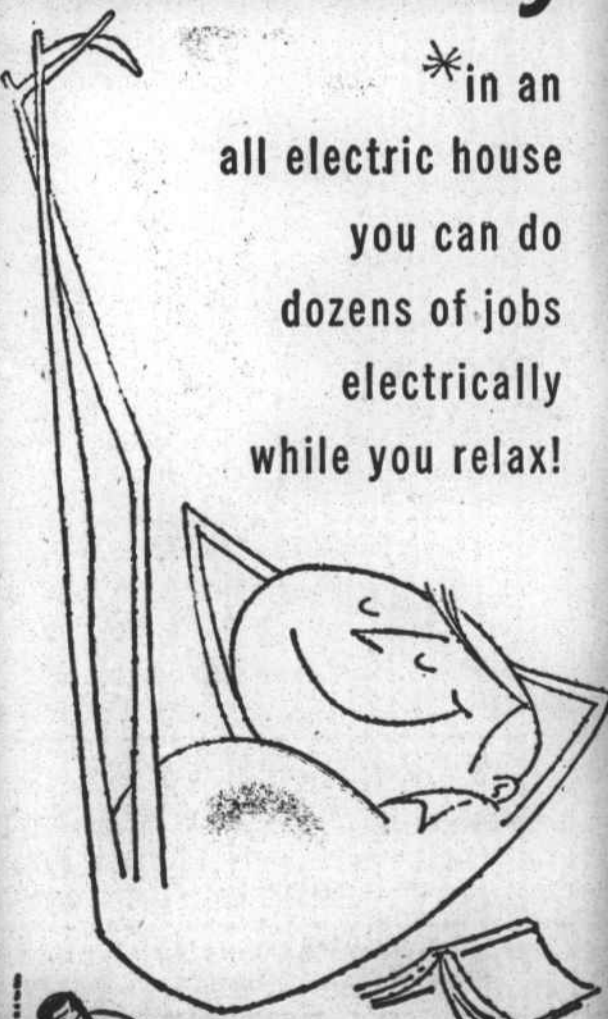
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