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Tart words make no friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.—Ben Franklin.

A wise man will desire no more than he can get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly.—Ben Franklin.

Reputation

It would be well if character and reputation were used distinctively. In truth, character is what a person is; reputation is what he is supposed to be. Character is in himself, reputation is in the minds of others. Character is injured by temptation, and by wrong-doing; reputation, by slanders and libels. Character endures throughout defamation in every form, but perishes when there is a voluntary transgression; reputation may last through numerous transgressions, but destroyed by a single, and even an unfounded accusation or aspersion.—Abbott.

The New Postoffice

All uncertainty regarding whether or not North Wilkesboro will have a new and handsome government-owned postoffice building has been removed, and barring providential hindrance, the city can boast of a postoffice building before the advent of another summer.

The people waited patiently during the many months when the allotment was being considered and after the allotment was made the funds were diverted because of emergency conditions. Later the appropriations were made and the economy act delayed the erection of the building when it was learned that the appropriation was not sufficient to construct the building on original plans.

It was not until the deficiency appropriations bill was passed in the last congress that the postoffice was definitely assured and then there was nothing in the way of letting the contract.

The contractors are here making preparations to begin work and the long fight on the part of local citizens for an adequate postoffice building has ended in victory.

The Great Wilkes Fair

Next week, Tuesday through Saturday, is the date for the Great Wilkes Fair, the one season of the year devoted to entertainment and education. North Wilkesboro will be filled next week with amusement seekers and those who attend the fair to meet old friends and to view the exhibits in order to learn what the people of the county are doing.

The ordinary humdrum of life without its pleasant diversions grows exceedingly monotonous, and a fair such as is planned this year is what the people need—a few days of relaxation and entertainment.

There are some phases to most all fairs that many of us are not interested in, but on the other hand, the fair as a whole is something we take delight in attending. If there are things we do not care for, there are many things that we do like. We are not compelled to take in what does not appeal to us.

The fair officials assure us that the fair will be on a higher plane and greater stress has been placed on agricultural and home exhibits, as is shown by the fact that the premium list this year is made up of offerings of cash prizes. Nothing can do more good for a fair than encouraging plenty of competition in the exhibit hall.

The fair is to be commended for having a free day for school children, but we suggest that the teachers maintain a kind of supervision over the children that would help that to divert their attention to the exhibit hall and the educational features of the fair along with the acrobatic and other entertainment features.

The fair will be a gala occasion and thousands will attend. May there be nothing to mar the enjoyment of the occasion.

Carl S. Coffey

In the tragic death of Carl S. Coffey North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county lost a business man and civic leader.

His courage was not confined to the field of aviation, but was first made evident in his activity in establishing a Boy Scout troop in this city more than a decade ago. In business he had a pioneering instinct that made for success.

In aviation he put North Wilkesboro on the map with the establishment of an airport and two visits here of the North Carolina Educational Air Tour.

He took an active interest in civic affairs of the city and his death was a sad shock to North Wilkesboro and the entire county.

A Fortunate State

While the department of agriculture is releasing crop reports to the effect that crops are going to be the shortest in the past half a century Wilkes farmers and farmers throughout North Carolina can look into their fields and see their best crops in recent years.

The mid west has been noted for the past century as the greatest farming country on earth but the severe drought this year has cut the crops seriously in that section. We have had an excellent season in this part of the country and the people are indeed fortunate in that they will not have to buy so much highly priced food and feed from distant places. According to present prospects Wilkes will not be so far behind in trying to grow our own food and feed. This can be attributed to one of the best farming seasons in years and foresight on the part of the people.

Parking Cars

Probably the pioneer people who settled here could not realize they were founding a business mecca for a wide territory and for this reason the streets of the city were not laid off as widely as are needed in this busy age.

Due to our narrow streets it is more important that all of us who own automobiles should see to it that when they are parked that it is in such a manner as will leave the most room for other motorists.

The city authorities have marked off parking spaces and every car driver would be doing the general public a great favor by parking in the spaces designated instead of "kattacorned" on top of the line and in other such haphazard methods.

When the streets are filled with cars some afternoon just observe how many more cars could be accommodated if the drivers had been thoughtful enough to observe the lines. Regulating the parking of every car is impossible but there is plenty of room for more thoughtful parking on the part of every individual motorist.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

ISAAH CONTRASTS FALSE AND TRUE WORSHIP

Lesson for September 16th. Isaiah 1; Golden Text: Psalm 24: 3-4

This stirring sermon of the prophet Isaiah is a thrilling call to reality. The Lord, argues the prophet, will not tolerate worship, however elaborate and ceremonial, whose fruits do not manifest the earmarks of righteousness.

The heart of the lesson is found in the 16th and 17th verses. "Wash yourselves clean, banish your evil doings from my sight, cease to do wrong, learn to do right, make justice all your aim, and put a check on violence."

What does this mean in terms of today? Were Isaiah now alive I imagine that his message would sound something like this: "The fundamental cause of our existing social anarchy is a selfish insistence upon individual rights. Unless a workable strategy of social planning is developed, suicidal chaos will inevitably result."

"The millions who can find no work tragically demonstrate the obsolete character of our economic system. They are not Belgian refugees or victims of a flood or earthquake, but the dupes of a stupid, unjust social order over which they have no control. To effectively release them from their plight the state and federal government must provide adequate relief funds, launch large-scale construction programs, and establish unemployment insurance."

"The church should take a leading part in the gigantic struggle for social reconstruction. Her stake in the fight is momentous, for the basic social and ethical problems of our industrial civilization, are deeply human and personal. She must keep herself well-informed, and must ever be on the alert to hazard much for righteousness. This is no time for complacency. The Society of Christ must be profoundly discontented with this as they are."

It is said that members of the nudist colonies never appeal to the courts. Well, they couldn't lose a suit and they wouldn't know what to do with one if they won it.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

And if General Johnson can't get enough complaints after asking for 'em, he ought to quit and try being an editor for a while.—Dallas Morning News.

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Deaf And Dumb Deputy Always Gets His Man

My Dear Friend:

Capt. Spencer D. Murphy, of Wanchese Roanoke Island is the only deaf and dumb Deputy Sheriff in America. He appointed himself my Deputy some years ago and I gave him a badge. He always gets his man. I recall one instance where with his own methods, he caught a boy who had stolen a gun when all other plans had failed. Strolling down to the village postoffice he met each neighborhood boy who arrived, and in his most stern manner, he put his hand on each boy's heart, as he arrived. When one boy's heart beat like a trip hammer, Capt. Murphy promptly accused him of the theft, the boy confessed and returned the gun. Capt. Murphy lost his old home in the storms of 1933. He is nearly 50 years old and is unable to work for a living. Nobody has room in his old neighborhood to keep him. I have started the ball rolling with a local donation of \$50. I am asking a few of my friends to contribute \$5 a piece to build him a house. I want to build a little cottage with a picket fence painted white, and a room set aside where any stranded deaf mute who may be here, can find a room. We will make it one of the show places of the section. On a panel in the wall we will inscribe the names of the donors of the house. We will give it a little publicity, and make Capt. Murphy and his home a famous place.

The County Commissioners will see that it is cared for. I hope I may have your contribution by September 15, so he may have his new home by cold weather. Assuring you of the appreciation of both Capt. Murphy and myself, I am

Sincerely yours,
D. VICTOR MEEKINS,
Sheriff Dare County, N. C.

SAVE ALL FORAGE FOR WINTER USE

The drought in the corn and livestock areas of the midwest has made it mighty important that North Carolina farmers save all the feed and forage crops possible this year.

Hardly a state in the drought area produced enough feed to winter its livestock. There will be a call upon the southeastern states to supply the stricken area with feedstuff, says P. H. Kime, associate agronomist at the N. C. experiment station.

Production in North Carolina would be sufficient for ordinary conditions, he said, but the state will soon have 75,000 to 100,000 extra cattle to feed in addition to supplying what feed it can to the drought states.

At least two tons of forage will be needed for each animal. Kime recommended that even the native grasses and other low grade forage crops be saved.

The farmers should be careful, however, to lay away enough seed for future use when harvesting soybeans, cowpeas and lespedeza, as there will be a heavy demand for these seed next year, he said.

Cowpeas may be cut for hay some time after the peas have been picked. Soybeans planted in rows should be harvested for seed, but broadcast plantings seldom make good seed and are difficult to harvest except with a combine. Therefore, he advises cutting broadcast planted soybeans for hay.

When lespedeza has been mowed for seed, the straw may be saved for forage. Although it is not so good for hay as that cut at the proper time, it still has a higher feed value than corn stover and many of the grass hays. This is not a good practice from a soil-building standpoint, but is justified under present conditions.

Wheat and oat straw may be needed for feed before the winter is over and he advocated the use of coarse grass, pine straw, or leaves for bedding in order to save the wheat and oat straw.

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Forecast Shows Smallest Corn Crop Since 1881

Washington, Sept. 10.—The drought's ravages in midwestern states were told even more graphically today with publication of the agriculture department's estimate of a 1,484,602,000-bushel corn crop, the smallest since 1881.

August rains came too late to save corn, but did bring a marked improvement in growing conditions in the sun-parched states from Minnesota and Nebraska southward. Late growing crops were greatly benefited, the department said.

The total wheat crop was estimated at 493,285,000 bushels.

The spring wheat yield was placed at 92,763,000 bushels or 32.1 per cent of normal. No apprehension over possible wheat shortage was felt, however. The department said that with supplies on hand ordinary requirements could be met.

Truck Kills Child

Lexington, Sept. 10.—Odell Koontz, seven years old, son of D. O. Koontz, local textile employe, was almost instantly killed when struck by a truck on a principal street here today as he and another child attempted to dash across the roadway. The truck was driven by Melvin Collier, of Charlotte. The other child avoided the machine.



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