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The queer cocktail fad hasn't reached the Limit yet. Nobody has thought to add a dash of spinach.—Los Angeles Times.

Famous last word: "That's an interesting old firearms you're toying with. How does it work?"—Detroit News.

With the Dillingers on the vaudeville stage and Huey Long in the senate, what business after all, fellows, have we to throw Hitler up to the Germans?—Lexington Herald.

Register And Vote

Attention of the voters in four townships in Wilkes County is called to the fact that they must register to be able to vote in the November election. These townships are North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Mulberry and Union, comprising a great part of the electorate of the county.

This does not apply only to new voters, it means all that are registered at the present time must re-register and all new voters must register if they are to vote.

Despite much pessimistic talk and writing to the contrary the people still have the power to run this country as they see fit and they can only do this through full and untrammelled use of the ballot. The secret ballot provides that every man or woman can vote with freedom and secrecy and coercion and the other evils can be stamped out in this method.

There are three Saturdays set aside for registration. The first is Saturday of this week and the other two registration days are October 20 and 27. After October 27 it will be too late to register for voting in November.

It is your duty as a citizen of a great Commonwealth and nation to cast a ballot in the election according to your best judgment and may you make up your own mind and vote accordingly.

It is not our purpose to make up your mind. We are merely pointing out the duty of every man or woman qualified to register and vote and may the people have the free voice and power in the election that was given them by our forefathers in the days of struggle for representation in government.

Baseball Still King

Since 1890 baseball has been the national pastime in the United States and ever so often there has been some far sighted prophet who sees some other sport coming to the top to crowd the diamond game from the perch.

Careful consideration of the game will show that it always has been the center of attraction and we see nothing now that would detract from its popularity. One of the most sensational series of games in baseball history has just been completed to determine the championship of the world.

There are reasons for the game of baseball commanding the respect it does. It is the game nearest perfection where well trained muscles in coordination with a brilliant mind are the determining factors in loss or victory. It is clear cut with little or no chance for cheating, fraud and dirty playing. It is well supervised by men who know baseball and guard it from any cheats who would like to break down the game to raise themselves in the estimation of the people or for monetary gain.

In 1919 a game was sold out but those players have been banished from the game. Great as they were on the diamond, they vanished within a few days and there has never been another game thrown to the winds for money. We have respect for men who play any game square and who fight for clean-cut victory. The moral contained in a certain little verse is worth repeating a second time in these columns:

"When the Great Scorer Comes
To write against your name
He will not write, you won or lost,
But how you played the game."

Confession Of The Doomed

Practically all newspaper readers will remember the case of William Edward Hickman, the young criminal whose brutality shocked the world with his gruesome murder of Marion Parker and the collection of \$1,500 in ransom money.

Hickman was condemned to die and upon entering the death chamber he reached into a pocket of his gray prison blouse and took out a written document. At the request of a number of readers we are giving the statement of Hickman. It follows:

"The devil is exerting his influence upon the minds of men in order to tear down the work of God. By the deceit of satan, crime and violence have come into the world. Men who wilfully reject Jesus Christ and deny the grace of God invite ultimate damnation and torment.

"Let men realize that there are invisible forces for good and for evil ever present and ever working upon the minds and hearts of mortals. The important fact is for a man to open his heart to the Christian faith and so live that he overcomes the law of sin and death. The reason that I became such a horrible criminal was that I allowed a demon of hell to lead me on. I was most ignorant.

"A young man who tries to build character without truth is like the house built on the sands. It is very dangerous for young men to neglect their spiritual welfare. During high school, I took an interest in evolution and atheism and denied the Christian faith. Therefore, I became susceptible to worse errors, and finally took up crime and murder. Cling to the Christian faith and practice. Then you will have a solid foundation upon which to build a life. Persevere in prayer and Bible study.

"Do not think that such a course is without reward. There is no true happiness except to do the will of God. Men can do infinite good and abound in wonderful works when they look to God for their only trust and aid."

These are the final words of a man condemned to die.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS BIBLE

Lesson for October 14th. Acts 8:26-39.

Golden Text: Psalm 119:97.

The story of Philip and the Ethiopian is very appealing. The picture of the eunuch seated in his chariot reading the prophecy of Isaiah, with the apostle beside him in the act of interpretation, appeals strongly to one's imagination.

Now many folk today are quite as puzzled when they read the Bible as was this Ethiopian. Their problem may be stated as follows: "Why should we go to the Bible for guidance, a book written centuries ago when life was so vastly different? Why not face our perplexities head-on, with our own vigor of mind and soul?"

Prof. Mary Lyman, of Union Seminary, has given an effective answer. She points out that the Bible has the advantage over contemporary culture in that it presents the issues of life in a simple and vivid form. Our age is enormously confused and complicated. In Bible times folk lived and thought more directly and naturally than they do now. It is a genuine help to begin with a simple, clear outlook of the Good Book.

Then, too, the Bible is essentially picturesque and dramatic. We can easily agree with Mrs. Lyman that pictures and drama are more convincing than argument, however skillful. Think of the amazing success of the Negro Bible play, "The Green Pastures," which ran for a full year and a half in New York before packed houses.

And we must remember that the Bible, in striking fashion, combines successfully the particular and the universal. Although written thousands of years ago from an entirely different background from that of today, it is as fresh and timely as ever.

Let us then learn to love the Book of Life until we can say with a full heart our Golden Text, "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day."

Three separate Japanese war scares have figured in the prints lately, but it is well to reflect that many a triple threat in early October turns out to be a flat tire by Thanksgiving day.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Communist—One who wants you to win the footrace and give him the prize.—Los Angeles Times.

"Discount United States in any European war," says headline. "Sure." Discount us right out.—Boston Globe.

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home for hearing what people really think of you.—Louisville Times.

What California's old line Democrats want is not a bolt but a lockout.—Dallas Morning News.

Rhode Island Reds are no longer chickens only.—Chicago News.

whole world grim.—Buffalo Courier-Express.
One touch of munitions scandal makes the

Today and Tomorrow

BOOKS The New Deal

People are not buying so many books, these days; but good books are selling more than they did. There was a period of several years in which any book would sell if it were only nasty enough, and a great number of prurient-minded would-be authors, who never had mastered even the rudiments of writing, broke into print with volumes which irresponsible publishers put out and which seemed to find a ready market.

That sort of "literature" is fading from the scene. In its place are serious discussions of important and vital questions, which people who are eager to know what all the economic troubles are about are rushing to buy.

To my desk come many books. In the past ten days I have received not less than six books discussing the New Deal from different angles, all of them worth reading, although I don't agree with all of the authors.

HOOVER his ideas

Liberals, whether they call themselves Democrats or Republicans, ought to read Herbert Hoover's book, "The Challenge to Liberty." Mr. Hoover is not a literary stylist. He writes plainly, directly and often bluntly.

It is hardly necessary to say that he doesn't approve of the New Deal. Many of its objectives, he agrees, as all sensible liberal-minded men agree, are not only worthy but necessary. What Mr. Hoover fears is that, in trying to arrive at economic security by a short-cut, the American people may be sacrificing liberties which they can never regain.

What Mr. Hoover has to say about the tendency of bureaucracy to perpetuate itself and expand its functions arises from his own experience and observation. And what he says about the control of business by Government and what its consequences may be provides food for deep thought.

WALLACE an honest view

I have long maintained that the most, perfectly-functioning brain in the Roosevelt Administration is that of Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Wallace is capable of seeing both sides of any subject and of thinking things through to their logical conclusions.

Now Mr. Wallace has found time to write a book, entitled "New Frontiers." It is not a compilation of speeches and public statements, but a fresh record of events and issues as they have appeared to him as a member of the Roosevelt Cabinet.

Mr. Wallace, naturally, approaches his subject from a different angle from that from which Mr. Hoover views the Washington scene. I get the impression that he is not entirely satisfied with the way things have worked out for the farmer, and if he had the shaping of a new Agricultural Adjustment Act it would be quite a different piece of work.

IMPARTIAL Non-partisan

Another Wallace — Professor Schuyler C. Wallace, who holds the chair of Public Law at Columbia University—has written a book which gives to the average reader a clearer and more understandable picture of the New Deal than any single volume I have seen. Professor Wallace, while sympathetic, seems to have preserved a non-partisan, impartial point of view. To the facts about the various phases of the efforts of the Administration he adds his own comments and interpretations, which I would hesitate to indorse as a whole but which are plainly and fairly stated.

For the average reader, this is perhaps the most generally useful book of the lot on my desk.

CONTROVERSIAL . . . from ranks

James P. Warburg, who was one of President Roosevelt's economic advisers until they parted company over the Administration's monetary policy, has written "It's Up to Us," a highly entertaining book on a little understood subject—money and banking. Jim Warburg knows his

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subject. He says that the New Deal is like a calf with five legs, but that is because the American people wanted a five-legged calf. Frank R. Kent, keenest and most penetrating of political observers in Washington, is out with a book called "Without Gloves." Anyone who wants to read the inside of the Washington developments as they occurred, and get a pen-picture of many of the personalities involved, written in a racy, breezy style, would do well to read this book.

David Lawrence, as profound a thinker as there is in the ranks of journalism, in his "Beyond the New Deal," tries to follow through to the ultimate consequences of the more important efforts that are being made to achieve recovery.

Ferguson Hi School News

Ferguson school opened on the 20th of last month with quite a number of patrons present. The school spirit is fine.

Up to this time the enrollment is 230. Of this number, 39 are high school students.

Some of the things which are being done for the improvement of the school are as follows:

The grounds on which basketball and volley ball courts are to be, are being cleaned off.

Pitching horse shoes, playing old-fashioned "bull-pen" and "straight-base" are furnishing sports for the children until the more modern games are installed.

The students are being trained to march into the trucks in reverse order as to the order in which they get out of the truck so that time may be saved as well as to prohibit their running over each other to get in and out of the truck.

Teachers are scrupulously supervising the school grounds and the building in order that the building may be protected and that the misconduct may be reduced to a minimum.

Shades have been ordered for the windows. They are expected within the next few days. Dr. Eller and Miss Bell, officials in the health department of the county, visited the school last week.

Mr. C. M. Dickson, principal of Ferguson school, will make a round trip on each truck within the next few days for the purpose of inspecting the routes and

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at the same time help make a schedule for each truck.

Superintendent C. B. Eller visited the school at this place Thursday.

CRITICS ARE SCORED BY DONALD RICHBERG IN TALK AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Donald R. Richberg, director of the industrial emergency committee, today charged that the "political partisan" who advocated both adequate unemployment relief and a balanced budget was "trying to make a fool out of his government."

"It is desirable and necessary to balance the federal budget at the earliest moment," Richberg told a Rotary club meeting. He said, however, that sweeping demands for drastic slashing of expenditures and immediate balancing of the budget, in the face of relief needs, were the product either of gross ignorance or political demagoguism.

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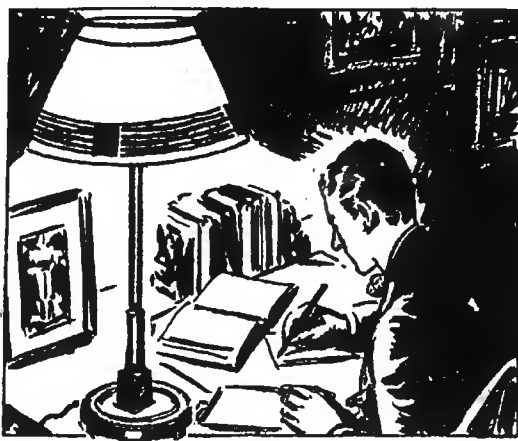
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