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World Trade
 The Washington Merry Go Round, a reputable Washington column, says that last year only 90,000,000 bushels of wheat was exported and that government officials are feeling blue over prospects for selling American wheat abroad this year.

Similar losses in world trade for American cotton, corn and tobacco have been noted in the past several years, although it is expected that troubles in other countries will provide for a heavy demand for American tobacco this fall.

Several factors have entered into the exporting of farm products. There was the excessive tariff law of about eight years ago which created bad feeling in foreign markets, there have been severe droughts which cut American yields and there has been crop control which resulted in artificial raising of prices above the world market.

These and other things have caused other nations to produce more instead of buying from this country. Russia has been growing more wheat. Egypt has been producing more cotton and several nations, including China, have gone in for tobacco farming. Argentine is underselling the United States in foreign corn markets and after the severe drought last year sold much corn in this country.

Agitation for a substitute for crop control and lower production is growing. It has been frequently suggested that instead of paying farmers for producing less volume of crops that the surplus be dumped on the foreign markets for whatever price it will bring and that enough be sold in this manner to maintain a domestic price which will enable the farmer to realize a proportionate share of the national income. Such procedure should result in regaining some of the foreign trade which now appears lost. The government could pay farmers the difference between the world price and the domestic price.

Going Up Again
 The never-ending cycle of ups and downs in business has been vividly demonstrated again.

The business barometer in this country at present is pointing sharply upwards, which represents a direct reversal of indications not over two months ago when it appeared that business was headed once again for the depths of depression.

The recession was different from the depression in that it was not world wide and was confined principally to this country. It was also different in that it was not time, judging by history of the past 75 years, for a major slump of long duration.

The stock market literally jumped out of low depths for the year and values are again looking something like normal. Other prices will advance accordingly and buying has already begun to operate in high gear.

Roger Babson says the climb at present predicts rapid recovery and his predictions have been reliable over the past ten years. One factor which has helped business stay out of the depths during the recession was activity in building trades. Although the building boom has not been noticeable locally during the past six months, there has been a tremendous amount of construction work over the nation as a whole.

Confidence has been regained and it certainly looks like the nation is emerging into another cycle of better business, more familiarly known as "good times."

Recognition of vice automatically damages the moral prestige and authority of the state and this damage falls with an especial weight upon children and the more responsible adults.

Boys and Girls
 We believe that there is no more important phase of extension work out of State College than the work among boys and girls.

By encouraging boys and girls of the rural communities to remain on the farm the service is rendering a great help. But it is more important in that the boys and girls are being taught and shown how they may live profitably on the farm.

The trek to the cities, a cycle which reached its height about ten years ago, has reversed and the trend is back to the farm. Several factors have been responsible for the reversal of the trend of population. Unemployment in cities and the fact that city conveniences are now available in rural areas are two of the biggest reasons for the back to the country trend.

If boys and girls are trained in how to live a more abundant life in the country, it will be a great service to the nation. People with no experience on farms invariably fail when they try in middle life or later years to take up farming. Experience in farming is essential to success and training is valuable. Members of 4-H clubs of today will be outstanding citizens in years not far distant.

A City Hall
 North Wilkesboro now has an opportunity to obtain a municipal building through the Works Progress administration by putting up approximately one-half the cost.

If construction of a city hall here is contemplated any time in the near future, it appears that now would be a good time to build while the WPA has liberal terms.

However, if a city hall is constructed it should be a building adequate to house the various departments of city government and should be something that North Wilkesboro people would be glad to call their own and point out to visitors as the seat of city government.

The city at present is sadly lacking in a place for public assembly, which represents all the more reason for construction of an adequate building if one is constructed.

In construction of a city hall, the city should build for the future. A glance at what has been done in construction of public buildings all over the country should be an object lesson. Buildings not ten years old in many communities are now much too small.

It takes a smart man to think of ways of making money faster than his family can think of ways to spending it.

Broker Whitney confessed to more crimes than the state charged in its indictment. What does he think this is—Moscow?—Detroit News.

Borrowed Comment

THIS A LITTLE TWISTING
 (Charlotte Observer)

The opening of the scenic highway through the State's chain of mountain peaks has been heralded as the first streaks of radiant dawn of a new day for this State—its propulsion upon the resort map of the world.

Manifestly, Supreme Court Justice Heriot Clarkson, et al, are not looking upon the development with any such roseate anticipations.

In fact, the projection of this scenic development is clearly going to play havoc instead of spreading its beneficent virtues within the old commonwealth, in the judgment of the Associate Justice.

At any rate, he and his company at Little Switzerland are entering suit to recover \$50,000 for 75 acres of land used by the State Highway Commission in bringing the Blue Ridge boulevard around the mountains.

That's what the damage amounts to so far as the resort development of Little Switzerland is concerned, the court papers say.

Beyond the reporting of the circumstance, we have naught to add, other than to remark upon the apparent uniqueness of the case of the State of North Carolina spending \$250,000 of the money of the taxpayers to advertise its resort pleasures and possibilities, so many of which are intimately wrapped up in this scenic highway, and then, in having the same State of North Carolina sued by a member of its own Supreme Court for being damaged in the development of these same possibilities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DEBORAH: EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for July 17, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esterh 4:14.

Lesson Text: Judges 4: 1-5; 5: 1

The period of Israel's history covered by the Book of Judges extended over about two and one-half centuries, lasting from the death of Joshua to the advent of Eli. This period was chaotic, no centralized government existed, no great national leaders reigned over the country and the people wandered away from God.

There were various emergencies when the Israelites were threatened by the enemy at which time a temporary figure would emerge to stand in heroic proportions, under whose influence the danger would be overcome. These leaders were called judges. There were twelve leaders of this type among them being Ethniel, Ehud, Gideon, Samson, and a woman Deborah.

Deborah was a prophetess, living not far from Jerusalem, who had gained a wide reputation for her judgment and vision. The particular oppressor of the Israelites at this time was Jabin, King of the Canaanites in the North, and his military commander was Sisera. Deborah realized fully the suffering and trials which sorrowed some of her people and became the instrumentality by which relief came to them.

This courageous woman sent for Barak, who lived at Kedesh, evidently a leader of some consequence, and repeated to him the inspired message that he should lead the Israelites against the army of Jabin. Barak doubted and hesitated but became convinced when Deborah agreed to accompany him at the head of the attacking forces. So, the Israelites gathered at Kedesh and prepared for the campaign.

The battle which followed was precipitated by the counsel of the inspired Deborah. Although Sisera had nine hundred war chariots under his command and the Israelites none, Deborah's faith in the purpose of God was sufficient to overcome the fears which otherwise would have prevented an attack. As the battle developed a storm created confusion in the ranks of Sisera's army and it was entirely routed.

Sisera, the leader of Jabin's soldiers, fled from the battlefield and took refuge in the tent of Heber, the Kennite, who was friendly to Jabin. However, Jael, Heber's wife, killed the trusting leader by treachery. The fact that Deborah hailed this death with triumph and glee illustrates the barbarity of that age, many centuries before the religion of Christ began to make even warfare more humane. Yet, it is well to bear in mind, modern wars also have their own atrocities.

Celebrating the victory, we have the Song of Deborah. This is more patriotic than moral and more warlike than religious, but it is well to bear in mind that to the ancient Israelites, Sisera was the embodiment of evil. What Deborah says of Sisera, as J. D. Jones comments, "is true of every evil man, of every evil power, of all wickedness and wrong—the stars in their course are fighting against them; the trend and constitution of things are working steadily and irresistibly for their defeat and overthrow. The universe is so made that it is against all wrong and on the side of right."

The modern reader of this episode may wonder at the storm which aided the Israelites, but history is not without similar incidents. When the huge Spanish Armada sailed to conquer England, a storm contributed more to its defeat than the English ships—as the English themselves said: "God blew upon them and they were scattered." When an early winter insured the defeat of Napoleon's invasion of Russia, the great Frenchman said, "God Almighty has been too much for me." The story of Joan of Arc, the little French peasant girl who left her sheep and flax to don the soldier's armor, and who rescued her from the invaders, is another example of what a woman inspired by faith in God can accomplish.

Other women have likewise done their part to improve the world always inspired by a great faith. Florence Nightingale, Jane Adams, Evangeline Booth and many others might be mentioned. Frances Willard, the only woman whose statute is in the Statutory Hall, led the movement for women's suffrage and prohibition. The modern woman should take a patriotic interest in her government—none should shirk this responsibility.

As Minnie Pellister says: "Not interested in politics? Do they realize what they are saying? Do they care whether there is war or peace? Do they care whether

Field Day to Be At Statesville

The thirty-third annual Field Day of the Piedmont Station of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Experiment Station and United States Department of Agriculture cooperating will be held in Statesville next Thursday, July 14, with J. Wade Hendricks, assistant director in charge.

Dan F. Holler, Wilkes county agent, said here Tuesday morning that many automobiles from Wilkes county will attend the event, which will be held at the experiment station. Special tours are to be organized upon the arrival of visitors to visit the different experiments, 160 of which are in progress at the station, some of which have been under way 30 years. Mr. Holler is one of the group captains who will conduct visitors to the different experiments, explaining the processes of development.

If weather conditions permit, the meeting will be held in the open, amplifiers will be used in connection with the entire program. Authoritative speakers on Horticulture, Agronomy, Livestock, and various other subjects of interest to North Carolina farmers will be heard.

The program will be adjourned one hour for dinner. Those bringing baskets will be provided tables in the grove. Lunches will be available to those not carrying lunches at a nearby barbecue stand. The afternoon program will have various entertainment features—contests, races, and awarding of prizes.

200,000
 The new Wage and Hour law, it is estimated, will mean more pay to about 200,000 wage earners. If business improves and reaches the last summer stage, this figure will be increased by 60,000. It is estimated also, that if conditions improve, more than one million workers will find their hours shortened by the forty-four hour limit.

people are ignorant and brutish or educated and refined? Do they care whether babies are fed or not? Do they care whether food is pure or poisoned? Do they care whether their children die of the small pox and diphtheria, or live healthy, wholesome lives? Do they care whether there are slums or homes—rubbish heaps or gardens—prisons or universities? If they care at all for any of these things, then they must be interested in politics."

Willie "Buckey" Campbell With Gray At Gettysburg

Hickory, July 7.—"Uncle" Moses Triggott, nearly 93, Wilkes county civil war veteran, revealed here today that he had "looked everybody" at the Gettysburg reunion—for while he was encamped in the tents of the Confederates there, he really had fought for the Yankees.

Stopping here on his way home from the reunion before boarding a train to Lenoir, "Uncle" Moses lay on a cot in the railroad station and, with great effort, made startling replies to questions asked by a reporter.

As emphatically as he could, he declared, "I wasn't a rebel. I was a Yank. Why? Because I was a Republican."

His statement surprised even his attendant, M. D. Hawkins.

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who also lived at the same village, Denny, in Wilkes county. "Why," he explained, "I thought all the time he was a Confederate. At the reunion we sat him in a gray tent, with the people of our own camp. He didn't see many soldiers, and only got out twice during the whole time. But I never knew he was a Yankee before."

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