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Making plans are easy—the rub comes in carrying them out.

One old newspaper man said "names are news"—and he is almost one hundred per cent right.

Local market report: Bill collectors, active; demand, persistent; receipts, very light!

Industry and Agriculture

The best news that has come out in a long time is the report from Detroit that the big automobile companies are calling men back to work and that the rains have changed the "dust bowl" back into productive farms which promise the largest yield of wheat in a quarter of a century.

The motor manufacturers reduced their output for 1938, with the result that most of the stock is practically sold out, and in the higher-priced cars buyers are gobbling up the best of the used cars of last year's models. Now the makers of the popular-priced cars are looking forward to larger sales than ever of their new models, and are preparing to put them on the market earlier than usual.

One reason for the car-builder's optimism is the certainty that there will be many millions more dollars flowing into the pockets of farmers as this year's bounteous harvest is marketed. That much of this money will be spent for new cars is regarded as certain, for the motor-car is as essential to farm life as the horse and buggy used to be. Probably the worst examples of worn-out cars still doing duty can be found in the regions where farmers have seen little or no money coming in for the past few years.

Prosperity in America has always been measured by the productivity of our farms and the ability of the rural population to buy the products of our factories. That is as true today as it ever was, though the proportion of farm folk to city dwellers continues to diminish.

There are still more than six million families living on farms, twice as many more living in rural communities and small towns dependent in large measure upon the prosperity of the farmer. And the automobile industry is only one of many equally dependent on farming.

Motor Deaths Decreasing

It is good news, as reported by the National Safety Council, that the deaths from automobile accidents in the first half of 1938 were 22 per cent lower than in 1937. The effect of the nationwide campaign to make driving safer is beginning to be felt. The saving of 3,670 lives which would have been lost if the motor fatalities for the first six months of this year had continued at the same rate as last year's record is worth all that the safety campaign has cost.

Not only are cars and highways steadily being built safer, but the work of traffic engineers and traffic police is becoming more and more effective, and the efforts to educate the motoring public are bearing fruit. Thirty-seven states and 287 cities report lower death tolls than in the same period last year.

There is still room for great improvement in the same period last year. ening of public authorities and of the people generally to the needlessness of most of the motor accidents and the importance of prompt and severe punishment of careless and reckless drivers. The money spent on better highways is one outlay which no taxpayer should begrudge. If all the money collected for gasoline taxes were applied as it should be, to road building and maintenance, it would not take long for all roads to be made much safer.

Figures have been released which showed that in the 27 counties in the state which have liquor stores that about seven million dollars were spent for legal liquor last year. Add to that the amount spent for bootleg liquor in those counties and the amount spent for bootleg liquor in the other 78 counties in the state and the total should be somewhere above twenty million dollars, or about as much as the state spends on its school system.

Even those who favor legalizing sale of liquor admit that liquor is degrading, causes poverty, unhappiness, degraded bodies and doomed souls.

We have a picture of a people spending as much for liquor as they do for educating their children.

Yet we claim to be civilized and refer to ours as a Christian nation. We wonder a noted student of world affairs said that the Christian religion is ideal and that some nation should give it a trial.

Twenty million dollars would have constructed many new homes, would have purchased much food and clothing. It could have been put to productive use.

It was used to destroy.

Judge Rousseau

Judge Julius A. Rousseau, who was elected in 1934, on Friday completed his first term of court in Wilkes county and made a favorable impression upon members of the bar and others having business with the court.

Those who attended court were impressed with the manner in which he kept the business of the court moving and his efforts to clear the docket of the largest number of cases possible. As a result about 170 cases were disposed of and a comparatively light number of continuances are shown on the records.

Court attaches commented favorably on his judgments tempered with mercy and his apparent determination to do the right thing for the prisoner at the bar and for society. In his four years on the bench in the western part of the state many resolutions praising his services and his manner of presiding over court have been passed. The Wilkes bar very appropriately commended the judge for his work here during the past two weeks.

Borrowed Comment

"GOOD OLD DAYS" A MYTH
 (Reidsville Review)

The "good old days?" They never were. That, at least, is the opinion of Donald Hugh, American author, set forth in the current Rotarian Magazine.

"Men change, but time goes on," he says. "Tests prove that the apple today is a better apple than that of 50 years ago. The Weather Bureau finds that over a period of 50 years there has been a change of a small fraction of one degree in the mean temperature of a certain small area in the Southeastern part of the United States, otherwise all is the same as before. The snow lies just as deep, the winters are just as cold, the summers just as hot—or vice versa.

To this, Hough adds the verdict that the best cooking is found not on the farm of yesterday, but in the restaurant of today. Cooking in America—once enslaved to the frying pan and boiling pot—is one of the newest arts, he indicates. The food is better now, perhaps, the appetites aren't.

"Not all the people in America live in three-room kitchenette apartments, most politicians can be bought, the country is full of young people who really do know more than their elders, money as a barometer of human worth is losing its grip, the cooking is getting better, people live longer, the whole history of man still can be summed up in one short word: 'advance'. So says the author.

"The 'good old days?'" he asks. "Which ones?"

IT'S AN INSULT!
 (Greensboro Daily News)

Raleigh has just had a million dollars earmarked for slum clearance. Which couldn't mean that the citizenry may be interested in providing a new legislature?

KEEPING HISTORY STRAIGHT
 (Detroit News)

It is hoped that "Gone With the Wind" is filmed in accord with historic fact we revealed in earlier, viz., that **Shirley Temple won the Civil War.**

Sunday School Lesson
 Lesson For August 28. 1 Samuel 4:12-18
 Golden Text: Proverbs 22:6

Eli is one of the most pathetic figures in the Bible. We are impressed by his humility, good intentions and notable length of service, for he judged Israel forty years. But despite his sincerity and uprightness his weakness of character is abundantly apparent.

Very likely he was too good-natured, too easy-going. Certainly he lacked a sensitive, sympathetic appreciation of Hannah's bitter disappointment over her lack of children, for he foolishly accused her, as she prayed in the temple, of drinking too much. And while he had the insight to see that it was the Lord who spoke too little Samuel in the charming scene where the mysterious voice calls to the boy at night, it is significant that he shows no sign of surprise or penitence when Samuel repeats to him the dreadful tidings the Lord confided. And what a pitiful end was his! When the messenger arrived from the field of battle with the frightful news of total defeat, the death of his sons and the capture of the ark by the enemy, he fell backward from his seat and brock his neck.

But Eli appears at his worst in his feeble handling of his wayward sons, Hophni and Phinehas. There was a complete lack of mutual understanding between them. While the father was busy in his priestly duties his sons went straight to the devil. At the very temple gates they disgraced themselves with a shocking exhibition of sensuality.

Here we have a perennial problem. As Prof. Phelps, of Yale, says, "Some children shock their parents, and some parents bore their children." Since the World War the gap between the older and younger generations has widened perceptibly. Parents are bewildered by the antics of youth, and the latter consider their sires hopeless old fogies. How deplorable! The remedy lies in a patient mixture of tact, imagination, and sympathy. Fortunately there are many families where a happy solution has been achieved.



State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: Is it necessary to use fertilizer on fall crops seeded after tobacco, corn or cotton?

Answer: In many sections the practice has been not to use fertilizer on such crops in the belief that enough is left from the spring application for these crops. This is true to some extent, but except on very fertile soils, a special application will more than repay the cost of the extra fertilizer. An application of 400 pounds of a 10-4-4 mixture is recommended for the Piedmont and Mountain soils and the same amount of an 8-4-4 for Coastal plains. Where a good coat of stable manure is applied during the fall or winter the commercial fertilizer may be left off.

Ads get attention—and results.

G-Man Probe of Southern Auto Theft Gang Brought Recovery Of 33 Cars, Scheidt Announces

Charlotte, Aug. 18.—Edward Scheidt, head of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said tonight that investigations of activities of an automobile theft gang in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama had resulted in the recovery of 33 automobiles valued at \$18,000 at Anderson, S. C.

The cars, almost all of which were of the same make (Ford V-8's) and recent model, were stolen in Atlanta, Macon, Columbus, Birmingham and Montgomery, Scheidt said.

He said agents were seeking a man who gave the name of Robert Whitall of Atlanta, who sold the cars to an automobile firm at Anderson. Scheidt said he suspected the name was fictitious because Atlanta addresses furnished by the suspect had failed to check.

Scheidt said the manager of the firm in Anderson claimed he was "a victim of circumstances" and that the company would make good the cars that were sold and subsequently were found to have been stolen.

Scheidt said records showed that in several instances automobiles were stolen on the same days in widely separated sections.

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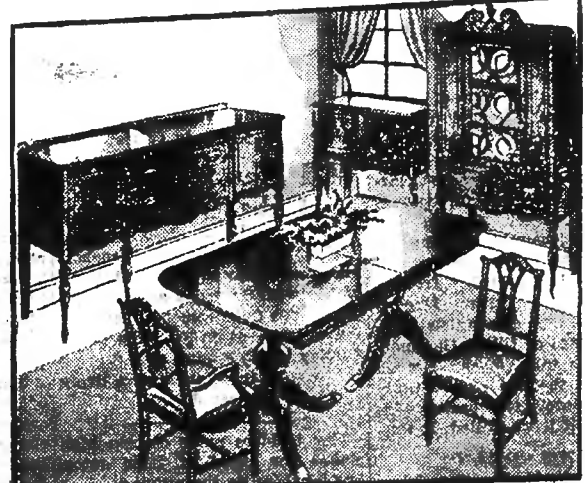
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