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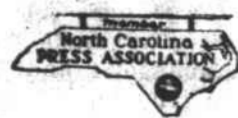
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Junior Chamber Can Be Valuable

A Junior Chamber of Commerce has been organized in North Wilkesboro and should rapidly go to a place of civic leadership as Jaycees are maintaining in many other cities and towns.

A Junior Chamber of Commerce calls for work. The Jaycees are called on to wear out the sole leather and use up the elbow grease for civic endeavor, and as such they have attained great success in Elkin, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Greensboro and other cities in the state, as well as throughout the nation.

There is a need for active Jaycees in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. There is so much to be done.

The Jaycees would do well to enlist in their active membership about 100 young men from the Wilkesboros and other communities who are not presently affiliated with other civic organizations. Only those between 21 and 36 years of age can be Jaycees.

There are many young men who are not members of the present civic clubs who are public spirited and who wish to do something for the community. These should be enlisted for civic and community service.

Stores Raise Living Standards

It takes a great war, with its unprecedented drain on our labor and resources, to reduce this country to an economy of scarcity. In normal times, the average American consumer enjoys the fruits of an economy of abundance.

Retail stores present an accurate gauge of our unprecedented living standards. Every kind and character and quality of goods is found on their shelves. The needs of all tastes, all pocketbooks, have been anticipated and met. That is not true of any other country. Abroad, good stores are usually found only in the larger cities, and they are patronized most extensively by people of relatively large income. The person who lives in the village has small choice when he goes to market.

Stores must be given credit for the present scope and efficiency of American retailing. They reach into the smaller centers of population, and offer consumers selections of goods comparable to those found in big cities. No matter where you live, regardless of the distance from the manufacturing areas, standard goods of known quality and value are immediately available.

The retailer is the consumers' link with the vast American production machine. Without that link, the abundance made possible by mass production would be denied to millions. The store, like the factory, directly affects the well-being of us all.

Borrowed Comment

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(Elkin Tribune)

One would think that automobiles, which claim so many lives and do so much damage on highways that are dry and smooth, would have a field day when conditions are such as they have been during recent days following last week's snow, sleet and ice storm. But instead of a bedlam of smashed fenders and fractured

limbs, we have had reports of few wrecks of any serious nature that can be attributed to the bad condition of the roads and highways.

It's not hard to figure out why, either. When streets are known to be slick and dangerous, all drivers handle their cars with great care. They drive slowly, and not only look out for themselves but for the other fellow. They know that an automobile, on ice or snow, can quickly get out of control and that there is little they can do about it when brakes won't work and the machine refuses to follow the directions of its steering wheel.

Here then, is proof that too many accidents are caused by the driver behind the wheel who lets caution to the winds when streets are smooth and dry. Here is proof that careful driving, even under bad conditions pays dividends, and that equal care, when conditions are good, would also pay dividends in a downward spiral of our accident statistics.

Maybe it would be a good thing for the future welfare of thousands of us if our streets contained a layer of ice and snow all year around. It might be rather inconvenient, but at least we wouldn't go around bashing in our cars and bashing out our brains—and those of the other fellow.

All a man will get, that has his ear to the ground, will be a lot of dirt.

If you're going to drink like a fish—drink what a fish drinks.

— THE —
EVERYDAY COUNSELOR
By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Many people stay in trouble because they refuse to move out of it. Some are unhappy in their work, when a change, which they can make, will correct it. Others are unhappy in their home life, when there is always something they can do about that. Still others are unhappy in their personal lives because they have never made peace with God. They can also correct that if they desire to do it.

Sometime ago, while visiting the lovely Cypress Gardens in Florida near Lake Wales, the following inscription fastened to an old Cypress tree attracted my attention:

"And what do you expect, old Bearded One, But gnarled and swollen joints? Any why complain, In soft whispers of your rheumatism, When every day is sunshine and in rain, You persist in standing in the water, And twisting your great toes in beds of fern? No wonder if you are grey and gnarled, Old One! But then I don't suppose you'll ever learn."

While the authorship of these lines was not given, yet I must pay tribute to the writer and the thoughts which these lines suggest. That which used to be called rheumatism is now called arthritis or some other modern name. One of the instructions invariably given to such sufferers is to avoid fear, and worry, to learn to relax, to avoid things which irritate and upset the emotional balance.

How many people we meet who are fuming and complaining about wrongs done to them by other people. Yet they do nothing about them but complain. They make no real effort to improve their situation.

There is an interesting story in the life of Jesus concerning an experience He and His disciples had with some very disagreeable people. They were journeying down from Galilee into Judea and passed through Samaria. There was deep enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans, so when they reached a Samaritan village and attempted to spend the night there, permission was refused. The disciples became furious, and asked Jesus to call down a fire from heaven to destroy these churlish people. Jesus calmly brushed their childish request aside, and simply led them to another friendly village.

While a cypress tree can do little about moving out of the swamps, a man can usually move out of situations which throw him into emotional upheaval, make him unhappy and give him a host of ailments.

We will be happy only when we learn to live in the conscious daily presence of Almighty God, who saves, heals, strengthens, guides and directs.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

me I could drive through that stream?" he cried furiously. "Must be ten feet deep." The native scratched his head. "Can't understand it," he admitted. "The water is only up to THERD on the ducks."

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court. Johnson Sanders, Admr. of William H. Grimes, dec'd., vs. Mrs. John Grimes Roberts, et al.

Heirs-at-Law The defendants, Mrs. Elizabeth Grimes Jolly and husband, Bud Jolly, Mrs. L. S. Grimes Martin and husband, L. S. Martin, and Eli Grimes, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, to sell lands for the purpose of making assets to pay debts; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said

county in the courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., within thirty days after the 20th day of February, 1947, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 19th day of Feb., 1947. C. C. HAYES, Clerk Superior Court of Wilkes County, N. C. 3-20-47

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