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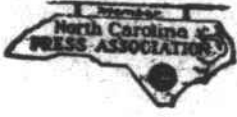
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Increased School Enrollment Problem

There are none so ignorant in Wilkes county that they do not know that school buildings have been badly crowded for years.

With but very few exceptions, the larger school buildings are housing twice as many pupils as they were built for.

And the end is not yet, because the school enrollment is skyrocketing. This year the first of the children during the accelerated birth rate period are entering school. Next year there will be a larger increase, and six years from now the increase will be many times the percentage of increase this year.

The situation is similar throughout the country. During the past six years the birth rate has gone up, despite the war, and since the war the increase has been greater.

This means that if the educational system is not to collapse that a vast school housing program must be inaugurated soon.

The necessary school buildings for Wilkes county at pre-war costs were estimated at two million dollars. You can figure what the cost would be at present construction cost estimates.

Children, of course, are our principal asset, and cannot be neglected. Wilkes county has already suffered because of the heinous belief that "what was good enough for me is good enough for my children." Unless our children are given educational and training opportunities on a par with the rest of the nation our children will live their lives under a handicap that we handed down to them. Our attitude should be that the best we can do will not be good enough and that we should not stop short of providing the best possible opportunities for the children of Wilkes county.

Stealing Watermelons

This newspaper has received a long letter from a Wilkes farmer asking that we write something that will keep watermelon rogues from his watermelon patch.

We appreciate his belief in the power of the press, but it is doubtful that any message we might write would be read by those who take away his melons.

Stealing watermelons has long been looked upon too lightly. Watermelons are property, and have a value, and stealing watermelons is larceny just the same as taking cash, because watermelons are exchangeable for cash.

The farmer who toils long and hard to produce melons deserves to have the benefit of them, and he is righteously angered when loafing boys who are "too trifling" to work go in under cover of darkness and eat and destroy what he has worked so long to grow. Teach your boys that taking watermelons is stealing, and not fun.

A man was fined for kissing his wife on the street in Warrior, Ala. Any conjunction of Mars and Venus is evidently frowned on down there.—Greensboro Daily News.

"I don't think the housing problem is so great that we can't find an answer to it," said Senator McCarthy. "If we can't we ought to resign our jobs and go home." Well?—Greensboro Daily News.

The Weather

No, we're not going to say anything about weather being talked about more than anything else but that nothing is ever done about it, because recently in a western state some flyers went up and scattered dry ice in a cloud, causing a good rain in a small area.

But weather is a good type of conversation when nothing else is at hand, and we are reproducing the following comment on the subject from the Elkin tribune:

"As much as we may like or dislike the weather, whether it is hot or cold, wet or dry, it's a cinch we can't do anything about it, but still there is some comfort in complaining about the current hot spell even if we do work ourselves up into a sweat doing it.

"Considering all the various aspects of the weather, we don't know what the human race would do without it. For in addition to giving us something to complain about to ourself and others, it is one of the most wonderful topics of conversation known to man, especially in cases where one feels as if he must say something about something to a stranger. In 99 cases out of a hundred that something is 'isn't it hot, or cold?' or whatever the case may be.

"The weather is also something we are never satisfied about. If it is boiling hot, as it is at this writing, we wish it were cold. No doubt thousands of people are mopping their brow at this moment wishing for cold weather, and giving no thought to the fact that a few months from now they will be shivering in the winter breezes and wishing just as hard for hot weather. Seems as if there just isn't any type of weather to please.

"With so many other important topics to worry about, like the future of humanity under the shadow of the atomic bomb, or what's to be done about Russia, looks as if the weather could be given a rest. But it won't."

● LIFE'S BETTER WAY ●

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HIDDEN VALUES

We believe there are many hidden values in the lives of men that the world never knows about. Too many people keep their talents hidden away, failing to use them for the good of themselves and their fellowmen. No doubt if men all about us would give themselves wholly unto God, and let Him have His way in their lives, many would be bright, burning and shining lights to the world, and would bless mankind while living, and then leave an influence behind to live after them to bless the world.

No doubt many people are "diamonds in the rough." In their lives there are principles, traits and characteristics, which, if rightly developed and used, would uplift humanity and honor and glorify God. O that it might be so! All men have a precious soul, which is indeed the one pearl of great price, and this places us above every created thing upon the earth. The soul of man is absolutely priceless. It is so precious in the sight of God that no price can be set upon it. The entire material world isn't worth even one soul in the sight of Almighty God. Jesus asked the question, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

We are made to wonder how men can so lightly value their souls, when God values them above the entire wealth of the world. God paid the highest price that it was possible to pay when He gave His only begotten Son to die for our redemption. However, the masses of mankind treat their souls as though they were absolutely worthless, as they live in sin and wickedness, and give themselves to the devil, soul and body, time and talent, "lock, stock and barrel." They let the devil have their lives, with all of their wonderful treasures of knowledge, principles, abilities, talents, traits and characteristics. Of course the enemy of God and all men uses everything that is given over to him for the injury, destruction and damnation of men and their souls. As a consequence hidden and undeveloped treasures in the lives of the masses of men are never brought to light, nor brought out to bless the world, nor to honor and glorify God. They are kept in darkness, and hidden away, only as the devil brings them out to advance his cause of wickedness and destructiveness. How tragic, and how sad!

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

RAMBLING COMMENT—

Now comes the word that men's pants are to be shortened to two inches above the ankle. Personally, we don't think any style makers will get by with that.

The style changers have been able to herd women in almost any direction they wanted to.

The stylists have moved skirt lengths up and down so much that the scale operates like an elevator.

But men are different, and very few of them will follow the three-quarter length suggestion.

For more than fifty years men have worn pants with few style changes. The only major changes have been the width of the pants bottoms, which was not a material change from the general pattern.

Men are not going to wear shorter pants because they don't want the freezing blasts of winter winds whipping around their ankles, and they won't give a hang about what the stylists say.

The movement for shorter pants looks very much like an effort on the part of manufacturers to save some cloth, but they won't get by with it.

About the only thing silly about men's dress is that they must wear coats to public gatherings.

Incidentally, they have never made a cool coat, and to date the manufacturers have not installed a refrigerating system in a coat. All coats in hot weather are hot.

Dress hems may be put in and taken out, and go up and down, but we'd wager two bits that the cuff of men's pants will not vary an inch.

BRIEFING IT—

Two years ago this coming winter the roads in Wilkes county were so bad that you could go onto a road and find a sign which said: "Choose your rut carefully. You are going to be in

it for ten miles" . . . The only one who should put faith in a rabbit's foot is a rabbit . . . Men who drive one-handed are headed for the church. Some will walk down the aisle—others will be carried.

MAKE BELIEVE—

The newlyweds had just got off the train.

"John, dear," said the bride, "let's try to make people think we've been married a long time."

"All right, honey," was the answer, "you carry the suitcases."

LOAN REFUSED—

Spoke: "Tis a fine lad you have there; a magnificent head and noble features. Could you loan me two dollars 'til payday?"

Mike: "I could not. 'Tis me wife's child by her 'first husband."

OLD AND NEW—

When grandma had her callers, They met with timid heart; And when they sat together, They sat — — — this far apart.

When granddaughter's boy friend calls He greets her with a kiss, And when they sit together They sitrealcloseilkethis.

Elder Bennett Adams To Preach October 2 Center Baptist Church

Elder Bennett Adams, of May King, Ky., will preach on Thursday night, October 2, at Center church. Rev. Mr. Adams is a widely known preacher and it is expected that a large congregation will be present to hear his message. Everybody is invited.



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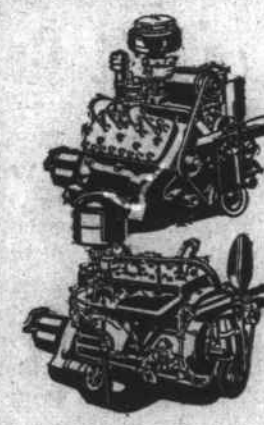
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