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The Wilkesboros, A Growing Community

A number of recent developments, coupled with steady and continued growth, are giving the Wilkesboros the appearance and prestige of a thriving city instead of the towns as they have been known.

Listing recent progressive movements, we would make note of the lighted athletic park, radio stations with their spiraling towers, new industrial buildings, many new and highly creditable commercial establishments, parking meters on the streets, cleanliness of streets obtained with modern street flusher equipment, and the multitude of new homes in and near the Wilkesboros.

If the progressive spirit which has prevailed in the past few years continues, the Wilkesboros will become an outstanding commercial and industrial center in western North Carolina.

The need now is for greater productive enterprise, which would create more wealth through production sold and payroll distributed.

Wilkes Leadership In Apple Production

Maybe you hadn't given the subject much thought, but Wilkes county produces about one-fourth of the apples produced in North Carolina on a commercial scale. In other words, Wilkes ranks far in front of any other of the counties in the state in apple production, both as to quality and quantity.

The Brushy Mountain thermal belt is the center of apple production in North Carolina. A land which once was called worthless has become a great fruit producing center. Apple production has placed the Brushy Mountain area into the leadership in apple growing.

The orchardists compose a fine quality of citizenship who have achieved a good standard of living.

Apple production is an example of what people can do in this temperate climate. There are the natural resources, in Wilkes for leadership in other lines of agricultural and horticultural endeavor. Great strides have been made in the past several years in poultry and in dairying. Efforts along these lines now are for greater and cheaper production of feed within the county, particularly in the dairying industry.

Wilkes can be the leader in dairying and in poultry production and the key to greater growth and progress is the efficient and economical production of feed.

Tell It to the Children

Any long-range fire prevention program that is to produce maximum results must include fire instruction in the schools of America—both urban and rural.

Traffic safety has long been taught in thousands of schools. Fire safety deserves equal attention. As one authority said, "It is apparent that if safety education in the field of fire prevention had been adequately presented in the elementary schools during the past fifteen or twenty years, the loss of children's lives from this cause would be greatly reduced today."

The methods used to teach fire prevention may be of various kinds. Periods of time may be allotted to it, or it can, in

many cases, be combined with subjects which are an established part of the curriculum. Regardless of method, the main thing is that the instruction be vivid and forceful—and really drive home the fundamentals of fire prevention in young minds.

Fire prevention study should begin in elementary schools, and consist of lessons which are easily understood by very young children. In higher grades, more advanced material may be used, including instruction in fire laws and ordinances. Finally, in university instruction, mature students may be given technical information dealing with the more complex aspects of the fire problem.

The responsibility for putting such a program into effect belongs to school authorities everywhere. It should be started now, on a national scale, as a positive and continuous effort to meet an emergency condition.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson urges food rationing on a voluntary basis. Which may be all right, but Ye Paraphraser can't forget what prices started doing as soon as they were put on that same basis.—Greensboro Daily News.

Charlotte chamber of commerce terms transcontinental skyway for private planes, on which Greensboro has been designated as a terminal point, "a minor project," unimportant and inconsequential. Of course anything which omits the Queen City is all of that.—Greensboro Daily News.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.

"Prayer changes things." Sometime ago I wrote a column on this subject. From it have come many interesting and heartening reactions. One of these was a letter from a successful Christian businessman. It was a long letter, personally written. He wrote that he thought it was the longest letter he had ever written.

He told how from his own experience he knew that "Prayer changes things." It started back during the depression when he, with his wife and little girl, went to a strange town to go into business. There his little daughter became critically ill with pneumonia and he was among strangers. He went to a business meeting in an adjoining town. It was held in the hotel. On one of the walls of the dining room he was surprised to see a large framed motto, "Prayer changes things." It made an impression on him.

Driving back home after the meeting he carried the impression of that motto with him, and did some honest and desperate praying. His little girl recovered, but he didn't forget his prayer lesson like so many others do. He took it into his business, where the Lord has prospered him greatly. In less than four months from the time he had seen the wall motto, "Prayer changes things," he was back in his own home town with a good position which put him on his feet. He left it, established his own business, was successful in it, bought a good automobile and paid for it, bought a home and paid for it in four years.

He recounted many incidents, concluding each one with, 'Prayer changes things.' He concluded this happy cheerful letter with the statement, "I have, I think, the best wife on earth, and two fine children. Both finished high school with honors and my prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless them as he has blessed me with them.

Along with the many problem letters which come to this desk, come also letters of faith and encouragement such as this. Many of us know how to pray in emergencies, but then when the difficulty is past, by our actions we say, "Goodbye Lord, thank you. I'll call on you when I need you again." The writer of this letter has never forgotten his lesson learned in the Depression. The Lord is his daily partner in business and home, and as the result, as his letter indicates, he is a happy man. He knows what the Sacred Writer meant when he said, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Prayer changes things, and will keep things changed if we keep on praying. It's the best daily habit we can have.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

UNUSUAL VERDICT—

Dudley Hill, who specializes in coming up with something rare and out of the ordinary, handed us the following clipping:
Coroner's verdict (1786)
"That the said Tatum's death was occasioned by the freezing of a large quantity of water in his body, that had been mixed with the rum he drank."

ADVENTURES OF PANSY—

This column prides itself in carrying any and all kinds of articles about any and all kinds of subjects. This time we come up with a rare article, which was not written by us, although we wouldn't mind taking credit for it. We believe you will enjoy it, so here goes, and then you've seen everything:

Miss Ruth Linney sold her oldest and best cow, "Pansy Blossom," Labor Day. She weighed 1065 lbs. and brought \$158.82, or \$160.82 before the commission was deducted. Poor old Pansy had lived rather a charmed life. Born March 2, 1937 in North Wilkesboro, she was brought to the old Tilley place April 19, 1937, nonchalantly riding in a pickup and eating meal. At the Tilley place she sucked a foster mother, "Spotty." At 19 months' Pansy found a calf. Mrs. Laura Linney had two or more slight strokes the winter and spring of 1938-1939 and put Pansy out to "board among the scholars." Pansy staid from Aug. 25, 1939 to Jan. 13, 1940 with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jarvis and from March 1, 1940, to Sept. 13 with Palmour Tarpe at Roaring River. Because of the swinging bridge, Mr. Tarpe brought her home by North Wilkesboro and old Wilkesboro in a trailer. Mr. Tarpe, Sam Parks, and many others, including two amateur veterinarians, declared, "Pansy is one cow who will never find another calf." In fact, she did not find a calf for two weeks after returning to the old Tilley place. She found four calves after their prophecy but one was premature.

Pansy, a black Jersey, was one of the best grade cows that ever lived. More than 25 persons had milked her. She gave nearly the same amount of milk when an old stripper as when fresh. It was sad to sell a cow like Pansy. Fortunately, she came to more than twice the price offered for her in 1940 for a milk cow and more than four times the price offered for her then for beef.

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