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From Red to Green

According to figures from the Wilkes Triple A farm office, enough seed was distributed during the year through that agency to seed 16,000 acres in pastures.

Not bad for one year. And the seeding of pastures in Wilkes has been going on at that pace for years. Within a few more years we can get away from that obnoxious phrase—"The red hills of Wilkes." It will be the green and fertile hills.

Nothing improves the appearance of a landscape more than covering the red hills with green grass.

And there is something more to grass than beauty of landscape. Where you see the green pastures you see modern and comfortable homes, neat and inviting churches, well clothed, happy and prosperous people.

Where you see red, eroded hills, broom sedge fields, gullied slopes and ugly landscapes you see run-down homes, neglected churches and poverty stricken people.

The well-being of the people in any rural community is in direct relation to the condition of the soil.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



Hallowe'en is almost here, and with it comes the time for gay festivities, pumpkins and skeletons, donuts and cider and—sad to say, vandalism!

Hallowe'en originated with the Druids, an ancient Celtic religious order. The Druids believed that on the night of October 31, Samhain, the Lord of Death, called together the souls of all those who died during the past year. The sinful souls were confined in the bodies of goblins, spirits and other spooks, the Druids believed. The goblins and spooks were supposed to practice all sorts of devilish pranks, unless they were controlled. So, as a means of protection the Druids lit huge bonfires to frighten away the evil spirits.

Each Druid community had an altar that was kept burning for the protection of the inhabitants. On Hallowe'en these fires were extinguished and re-lighted. The villagers carried home glowing embers from the altar to kindle fires on their own hearthstones.

Although the Druids abandoned the religious ceremony when they were indoctrinated with Christianity, traces of the old rituals remained for many years. Thus we have the evil witches, the fortunes and spookiness on Hallowe'en.

The Romans added the harvest festival idea to our observance of Hallowe'en. During the Middle Ages other ideas were added, and the custom arose on All Hallow's Eve, the night before All Saints Day, November 1, that the witches and goblins were supposed to be abroad at their work, because they would not have opportunity on the holy festival of All Saints Day.

All these ideas are wrapped up in the American celebration of Hallowe'en. Pumpkins, corn stalks, apples, donuts and cider—these are all traditionally American and traditionally Hallowe'en. The spookiness has likewise remained. Along with it has come a relatively modern idea of carrying off gates, hiding rakes, breaking lights, ringing doorbells, and damaging property. This has brought Hallowe'en into disrepute and has prompted civic-minded men and women to put into practice the saying of Saint Paul, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Thoughtful parents and leaders of young people have realized that party-planning is the simplest solution to Hallowe'en vandalism. Spooks and witches can appear at parties, indulge in games, amid decorations with pumpkins and skeletons, and a good time can be had by all. All of this takes a little time and effort on the part of thoughtful adults, but it's worth the price in character training and also in property protection.

Being fore-warned is being fore-armed. Are you going to have a Hallowe'en party, or are you going to let your children and young people go out and indulge in vandalism and property destruction? Hallowe'en naturally calls young people together. Let them have a good time at it with clean sport and respect for other people's property.

A good Hallowe'en party is one antidote to juvenile delinquency. A good game or party book will be helpful.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

FLABBERGASTED—

The following letter from the Public Opinion column of the Winston-Salem Journal, and written by P. A. Carter, is self-explanatory:

Undisclosed Port
"Living in Raleigh, as I did for about 12 years, I knew a farmer of good repute who had an impediment of speech. He was tongue-tied and could not speak many words plainly. Rip was one of the words, and the best he could do was say, 'Yip yip,' for rip up.

"On some occasion he was burning brush on a plot of ground in order to make an enlargement of his farm acreage. A gust of wind caused him to lose control of the fire, destroying the brush, and getting into broom sedge by the farm and beyond. With a pine top, he began to beat the flaming grass and this spread the fire. The farmer hopped up on a stump, outdone but not speechless, and said, 'Yip, yip (for rip up), by doddid and go to hell a yipping!'

"Reports from Charlotte, N. C. during the first four days of the reign of ABC stores indicate that the Queen City has gone a

yipping for some undisclosed port. What's the answer? COMPLETE SECURITY—

During the past ten years there has been a tendency on the part of everybody to seek social and economic security.

As we have said before, the only way to have complete security is to have a life term in the penitentiary, and nobody wants that unless it is the man condemned to die.

Now we want the government to take care of us in old age, to keep down our rent, to pay our doctor and hospital bills, to pay us when we don't work and to tell how much we get when we do work. We want to shoulder every responsibility onto the shoulders of Uncle Sam.

The simplest way to get all that is to be incarcerated.

Just as surely as we look to the government for all things pertaining to security, we relinquish just so much of freedom, and it is a bad trade.

If and when this craze for security reaches the place that we shall have security in every respect fully guaranteed, we shall have no more civil liberties than the man with a life sentence in the penitentiary.

total is 17 per cent above figure for 1946.

Lake Mead recreational area in Arizona and Nevada drew the greatest number of visitors—1,342,204. The lake, backed up behind Hoover Dam, is a favorite recreation spot for residents of the two states and of Southern California.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington with 1,328,760 visitors took second place in the popularity list.

Other leaders were: Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and North Carolina, 1,314,363 visitors.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina and Tennessee, 1,186,748.

Marion Elliott At Family Shoe Store

Marion Elliott, who, recently moved from Winston-Salem to Wilkesboro, has accepted a position as a member of the sales personnel at Family Shoe store.

Mr. Elliott is well experienced in the shoe business, having held a position while in Winston-Salem in the shoe department at the Ideal store.

The average mean annual temperature for North Carolina is approximately 59 degrees, varying for the most part over the State from 56 degrees to 65 degrees F.



"Move over, Fido! I forgot to buy her a birthday GIFT from

Burke's Jewelry
Ninth Street

What's Wrong With Our Civilization?

The above question is in the minds of practically all thinking people. With a terrible war closed there is threat of another. When there should be prosperity and plenty there is inflation and starvation. Even in America, which for many decades has furnished much of the world with merchandise and food, there are not enough products to go around and prices are so high that many are deprived of necessities.

Many agree that lack of production all along the line of economic endeavor is to blame for the ills of today. Europe evidently didn't produce food at capacity during the past year and is starving. In America millions want homes, automobiles, refrigerators, bathrooms and numerous other things but can't get them because of shortages or outrageous prices.

The delusion that we can get and have something without producing is injurious. In other words, work can solve many problems. Too many want to live off somebody else but are not willing to produce.

Some interesting comment on this subject was contained in the following article from Imperial Magazine:

"Numerous readers of these pages have been trying to tell me in recent months what they think is wrong with civilization, particularly in the United States.

"One man says that we have once more become the victim of a delusion that we can get something for nothing. From history he recalls the speculation in Holland tulip bulbs in the seventeenth century and John Law's Mississippi scheme of the next century. Each captured the public's imagination and then collapsed disastrously.

"The mania that led to speculation in real estate and common stocks in the twenties is too recent for comfortable contemplation, particularly the dreadful depression that followed.

"Can it be that the co-called common man has been seized with the conviction that science and technology insure fabulous production and consumption, without work, or very little work?

"My correspondent says that a union organizer told him that so long as half the world is working, the other half need not. My friend is so sick at heart that he has put away all thought of soon again enjoying the plenty that was once America's, made so by the uncommon amount of work on the part of more than half the people.

"From a visit to a noted museum in Dylestown, Pennsylvania, another reader got the idea that the 26,000 tools and implements on exhibition were a reminder that work is the sovereign force in progress.

"The ingenuity and labor of these tool builders and users insured their security—and ours, too. We are now weakening the very foundations of freedom by our cock-eyed conception of leisure as Liberty's twin, he says, and adds that we need to realize that our independence was mothered by self-dependence."

"Dangerous directors, actors" are plentiful in Hollywood, Menjou tells House committee. Which is more dangerous, Bing going into a croon or Lana going into a swoon?—Greensboro Daily News.

Somehow we cannot string along with Winston Churchill in his concern over the movement to clip the power of the House of Lords. Going all the way with the Labor government of Britain is too much to ask of us, but we shall not be utterly dismayed if an anachronism or so is trampled in the rush. —Greensboro Daily News.

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PARK VISITORS RISE IN NATION

Washington, Oct. 28.—National parks and recreational areas drew 25,265,229 visitors during the travel year which ended October 1.

The National Park Service, reporting this, said today that the

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