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## Farmers' Day And Agricultural Fair

Next week in this community will be especially dedicated to agriculture in Wilkes county.

Next week, September 13 through 18, will be the Wilkes Kiwanis Agricultural Fair.

Tuesday, September 14, will be Farmers' Day with a full day's program of entertainment and inspiration to farmers and all others who will witness and participate in the events.

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce promotes Farmers' Day in special recognition to the part of agriculture in economic life in the community and the splendid citizenship which compose rural Wilkes county.

It is fitting that the day be observed and celebrated, and all farmers are invited to take the day off from their work and enjoy themselves. There will be a mile-long parade, funny contests, band concert, address by former Governor Broughton and string band concert. Merchants will offer special values to make it profitable for the visitors as well as entertaining.

The Wilkes Kiwanis Agricultural Fair has as its main purpose the stimulating of interest in agriculture. There will be thousands of dollars given in prizes for the best exhibits of farms, homes, orchards, Home Demonstration clubs, 4-H clubs, Scouts and other groups.

Livestock judging will be a specially interesting event on Wednesday afternoon.

For entertainment there will be grandstand acts, a large aggregation of shows and rides, fireworks, horse shows and dog show.

Next week is truly set aside for the farmers to enjoy, and all who will enjoy the week with them in North Wilkesboro.

## How To Increase Dairy Production

Agricultural authorities have advanced the theory and offer to prove that dairy production can be increased 20 per cent in Wilkes county with practically no increase in cost.

It is through Artificial Breeding Association that it can be done, say those who know from results at other places.

The proposal is to breed cows by artificial means from the best producing sires in the south, at a cost which will not exceed regular breeding from high production record males.

The organization movement is now under way in the county and the initial membership fee is only \$2. Trained specialists are available to administer the program.

Improved breeding, we are told, will raise production 20% without increasing number of cattle. That increase would also come about without extra feed cost, because it costs just as much to feed a cow producing very little milk as it does to feed a champion.

The dairy industry looms large on our economic horizon, and bids fair to become the greatest single phase of agriculture in this area. An increase of 20 per cent in milk production is not to be sneezed at.

## The Fire Engine

We all like to watch the fire engine go by. It's an exciting sight, with the siren

screaming and the firemen hanging on for dear life and the dogs and children tearing down the street after it.

But the sight at the end of its run may not be so stimulating.

It may be a grass fire, easily put out with extinguishers. It may be some deserted shack which should have been torn down long ago. It may be minor damage to a building.

But, on the other hand, it may be a fire that puts the biggest employing concern in town out of business for months—or a fire that destroys a house that represents the savings and labor of years—or a fire that burns somebody to death.

Whatever kind of fire it is, great or small, costly or unimportant, it makes its contribution to our disgraceful record of fire waste. Maybe the damage to a building only runs into a few hundred dollars—a sum so small as to be hardly worth talking about. That was the little fire you saw. But, day after day, month after month, year after year, thousands of such fires occur. And that—when we add in the occasional conflagration that does damage running past the million mark—is why American carelessness with fire costs us well over half a billion a year.

The signal bell sounds in the station house and the red engine answers another call. Maybe it's fun to see it shriek by but it's the kind of fun we pay for in lives and dollars and total destruction.

## - THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.

Are you covered up with the baggage of living? Are you the slave of the things which surround you, or are you the master? Many a man or woman has missed the opportunity for big things, by being entangled with little things.

There's a choice Biblical story in the tenth chapter of I Samuel. It tells about the prophet Samuel interviewing Saul as God's choice for the first king of Israel. As he ended the interview, he told Saul that he had been selected for this new and important position. Time went on, and the day arrived for the public announcement. Saul couldn't be found. So the prophet asked the Lord of his whereabouts. Then we have this quaint phrase, "And the Lord answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff."

Here was a man selected for the most important post in his nation who was "hidden among the stuff or baggage." How many of us miss real opportunity in life, by being entangled with the baggage and paraphernalia of living—"stuff."

These machines which we have invented for our convenience, automobiles, radios, washing machines, sewing machines, etc., become our masters instead of our slaves. We become so involved with machines and machinery of living that we haven't time to live.

Last Monday was Labor Day. Most of us have forgotten why we have such a day in the calendar. Instead of dedicating it to the nobility of labor, to patriotic occasions paying tribute to the freedom of capital and labor in this country, most of us will machine ourselves out of town on some kind of trip. Some of us will come back on stretchers, in ambulances, and some will come back in a coffin.

Stuff! Stuff! Stop and think right now just how much of your time and effort is spent on "stuff" and in light of eternity won't amount to "a hill of beans." We are so "entangled with the affairs of this life," that we haven't time to cultivate the true joys and virtues of living. We don't even have time to keep our friendships in repair. We don't have time to keep our home relations and our marriages in repair. How are we going to understand one another until we can sit down and share with one another.

Some of you will remember how Marley's ghost in Charles Dickens Christmas Carol rattled a huge chain which he carried with him made up of cash boxes, cash books, ledgers, and the paraphernalia of an accounting house.

How many of us resemble Marley's ghost, dragging around with us chains of our own making, chains of things, chains of the luggage of life, and we are going to have to leave it all at the grave.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
DWIGHT  
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### FAIR BREEZE

At the earnest request of a host of people (well two or three, anyway) we are reinstating this column for the fall season.

The fall season reminds us of football, of red and yellow leaves, and a "greater movie" season display which Major Forehand and associates have rigged up at the Liberty Theatre.

And we are also reminded that painting the town red makes short of the long green and the sign on a truck which was: "This truck stops at all crossroads, intersections, railroads, blondest, brunettes, and will back up 20 feet for a redhead." At a late fee for a redhead.

### NONE TO GIVE—

The young married man was telling his wife about an incident at the lodge meeting. "The president offered a new hat to any member who could declare that during his married life he had never kissed another woman but his wife, and do you know, not a man stood up!" "Why didn't you?" demanded his wife. "Why, darling," he exclaimed, "you know I look lousy in hats."

### WASTED TIME—

Didya hear about the gal 30 years old on her honeymoon? she dropped a card to her mother after a couple of days of bliss and said: "I get mad when I think I lived 30 years and didn't know you could have fun without laughing."

### EASY TO REMEMBER—

Wife: "Do you think getting drunk is the way to remember our wedding anniversary?"  
Husband: "Whothehell's trying to remember—I just wanna forget."

### REASON ENOUGH—

During a railroad strike, a volunteer performed the remarkable feat of bringing the train in 20 minutes ahead of schedule. The passengers went forward in a body to thank him. A pale-faced man came down from the engine. "Don't thank me," he gasped, "thank God. I just found out how to stop this damn thing five minutes ago."

### MYSTERIOUS WORK—

Two friends met on the street. Joe inquired what his pal had been doing. "Oh, I've been working in the atomic bomb plant," replied Al. "But you didn't know what you were doing, did you?" asked Joe. "No," was the answer. "We thought we were making the front ends of horses to be sent to Washington for assembly."

## State's Farm Program Discussed In Report

What's wrong with North Carolina agriculture? What needs to be done to improve it?

Answers to these questions, which are of far-reaching consequence to the State, are to be found in a 44-page report just issued by the State College Extension Service. Entitled "A Farm Program for North Carolina," the report contains the long-term agricultural recommendations drawn up by a committee of specialists at the request of Gov. Cherry.

The committee, headed by Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of the State



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College School of Agriculture and director of the North Carolina Experiment Station, was given the task of making an overall study of the State's agricultural ailments and recommending a long-range corrective program. The suggested program, adopted

unanimously by the specialists, was submitted to Governor Cherry last April, and is now available to the public in printed form for the first time.

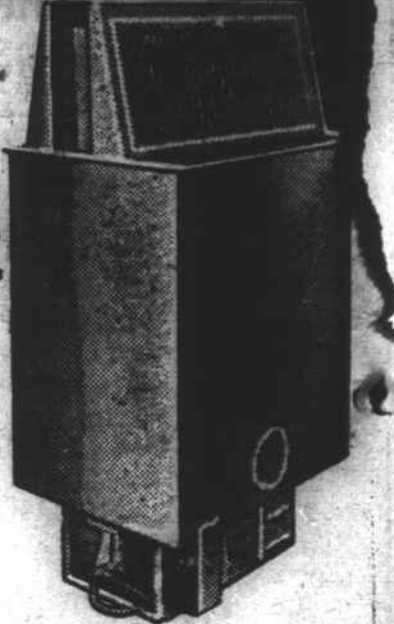
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