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FARM COMMANDMENTS

- The High spots of the Farmers Institute recently held in Boone have been summarized in the following seven commandments for Watauga tillers of the soil: 1. Plant good seed in well-prepared soil. 2. High-grade livestock and poultry on every farm. 3. Raise plenty of food and feed for home use. Practically eliminate your grocery bill by making a good garden. 4. Grow a variety of cash crops—don't put all your eggs in one basket. 5. Produce carefully graded and well packed sells best. By co-operation we can build up a good market. 6. Make this a debt paying year by spending only for necessities. 7. Let's work together to make Watauga a still better county.

Democrats Meet

CONSIDERABLE significance is being attached to the meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Washington today, and Republicans will look forward to the results of the session with fully as much concern as will the Democrats. Immediately following the call of the meeting by Chairman Roosevelt, it was noted about throughout the land that the express purpose of the meeting was to approve the placing of a prohibition repeal plank in the next national platform. The chairman's call did not specify that prohibition would be considered at the session of the committee, but because of the familiarity of his personal make-up, the news immediately planned to inject the subject. Senator Morrison, at all have seemingly prepared for a bitter fight on the assumption that liquor would be the high spot. Democrats generally will resent the subject being injected at this meeting by either faction. National committee members are not framers of party platforms, but the convention is decidedly the spot for the next combat. Republicans, however, will look forward with hope to the meeting of the Democrats today.

The Farm

THE Democrats' agenda date of March 3, 1934, carried the following timely hints for farmers, and others, as for that matter. The logic contained is just as sound as when it was printed, and the same advice can now be followed with marked advantage by citizens of Watauga County. Winter is the time to plan for the summer. Buy as little as possible on credit. Intelligent feeding and farming pay better than wasteful and slovenly work. Worthless land may be made available by good drainage. There is no sense in wintering chabby stock. There is a wide difference between liberality and wastefulness. Our best gardens are poor samples of what our best farms ought to be. Exhausting the fertility of the soil is very poor farming. Do not plant inferior seed; this is a great mistake. A larger proportion of farmers than any other class succeed. A man will sell a good farm, turn merchant, break and die insolvent. A poor boy grows rich by industry and good management, and a rich boy grows poor by idleness and dissipation. A man spends more money in folly than would support his family in comfort. A saloon cannot run unless somebody contributes the nickles. Keep them in your pocket, with which to buy the necessities of life. Utilize all wastes on the farm and make manure. Make your soil better for every crop it grows. Have everything ready for work as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring. Nowthen—Onetrack never gives up. He spent ten years looking for a needle in a haystack, but he finally found it. Afterall—Yeah, and now he can't thread it! Doctor—Have you been tiring this patient out with a lot of needless conversation? Nifty Nurse—Oh, no, I've done every bit of the talking myself.

"The Way of Life"

By BRUCE BARTON PLENTY OF KNOWLEDGE BUT NO EDUCATION A man asked me the other day what courses I had studied in college had been most helpful. I answered "Greek and mathematics." He said it sounded like a silly answer. "You are in the advertising business. What do Greek and mathematics have to do with advertising?" Of course they have nothing to do directly with advertising, or with modern banking or the law, or any of the other occupations by which I might have chosen to earn a living. Yet Greek and mathematics have this one thing in common—each of them compels the mind to attack a difficult problem and to think its way through to a solution. That is mental discipline; that is development, in the same sense that hard physical exercise develops the muscles. That, in a large degree, is education. There is more false and fuzzy thinking about education than about almost any other important subject. We have been in an age when the whole emphasis of school and college has been placed on "learning things" on "practical training," on "giving the boys and girls equipment for daily life." The result of this program, in many instances, is not encouraging. Young people graduate into life with a mass of unassimilated and more or less inaccurate facts, but with no real mental drill, and no philosophy. In one of his finest passages Cardinal Newman describes an educated man as one who "has the repose of mind which lives in itself, while it lives in the world, and which has resources for its unhappiness at home when it cannot go abroad. He has a gift which serves him in public and supports him in retirement, without which good fortune is but vulgar and with which failure and disappointment have a charm." And in another place he defines education as "the preparation for knowledge." If all educators could agree upon that definition, it would mean much progress. Then we should save college graduates whose minds are prepared, rather than graduates whose minds are merely stuffed. Too many graduates at present have plenty of knowledge but no education.

Sunday School Lesson

REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D. International Sunday School Lesson for March 8th THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke x, 25-37

This and the parable of the Prodigal Son are the best known illustrations that Jesus gave. A parable has been defined as an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus had the habit of talking so plainly that it was impossible to get his meaning and relate it to daily living if they would. Like the rich young ruler (Mark x, 17) this "certain lawyer" asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. This time the Teacher followed the question and answer method of instruction and inquired about the content of the law, with which this trained mind was supposed to be acquainted. The reply was a summary of the laws, which is still very comprehensive when really observed. Jesus met the man on his own ground and told him to DO all that had been indicated. But the lawyer was a formalist and avoided caring for the real spirit of the matter. This is revealed when he tries to get from under by asking "who is my neighbor." The man who has the spirit of the Master has so many neighbors that he never finds place to stop in his good deeds. The parable-story is commonplace unless you come to the last actor on the scene. Plenty of travelers fell among robbers on that bad Jericho road. Priests and Levites were more concerned with symbols than in personal service. Had the wounded man been able to act he would have spared the attention of the hated Samaritan. This mongrel from Samaria, a mixture of the old Hebrew and Assyrian, had evidently read his Pentateuch to good effect and knew that helping any man was rendering service to Jehovah. With every care and at cost of time, personal service and money, full consideration is given to the wounded man. We must give an accounting in our stewardship of more than just our money—our title. TOO MUCH POPPING FOR POPPA Chicago.—It all started when Pop Popowicz popped Popowicz junior in the nose. "Don't spank my child," shouted mother Popowicz recently when her husband took son John upon his knee. "O. K."—whereupon Pop laid aside his razor strop and popped Junior square on the nose. "Police!" shouted mother Popowicz, and lo! the police soon arrived and popped Popowicz in to the jail. The Cumberland Farmers Mutual Exchange has ordered about 5,000 pounds of grass and lespedeza seed for its members so far this season.

News of the Week in Legislative Circles

By M. R. DUNNAGAN Special Democrat Correspondent Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Gardner's road bill has been passed and is expected to complete its trip through the General Assembly to ratification early this week. While substitutes were offered and amendments by the scores introduced, the bill is to become the law in almost the exact form in which it came from the House committee on days ago. Only minor amendments, approved by the administration, have to be adopted between the houses before ratification. Despite argument that it was giving up local authority, the people back in the State apparently favored it. Some few counties objected, primarily because of their investments in machinery, convict camps and equipment, but the final vote in the House was about five to one and in the Senate about eight to one. It is looked on as a complete victory for Governor Gardner, who has been fighting strenuously for it. It is probably the most important of the administration measures and on its success rested the success of the entire administration program. The passage of the bill means the resignation of the present State Highway Commission at once, according to their resolution, effective at Governor Gardner's pleasure. Seven members, including a chairman, will be named from the State at large. The district lines will be eliminated. The State will maintain the 45,000 miles of county roads, using two of the six-cent gasoline tax for that purpose. Another administration measure was taken up at once, the creation of the Division of Purchase and Contract in the Governor's office. It has made a good start and is expected to get through the mill this week. It provides for the purchase of all supplies, equipment, services through a central agency by all departments, divisions, agencies and institutions of the State. Governor Gardner promises to save \$100,000 the first year through its operation. Other administration measures including a new banking department, a new Division of Personnel, consolidation of the three higher educational institutions, have made progress and are all in some stage of passage. The automobile license law has passed the Senate. It requires a \$1 license each two years for privately-owned cars. The age limit for school bus drivers was reduced from 18 to 16 years on the Senate floor. The Local Government Commission bill, which drastically restricts the activities of cities, towns, districts and all local units, as well as all counties, in their financial and bond and other operations, has been passed by the Senate and is largely through the House, with only a few votes in opposition. The appropriation and revenue bills are still in committee and are receiving careful attention. Several sales tax bills are being considered, indications now that one of them, probably the one based on the South Carolina law, will be adopted. Estimates place the revenue from it at \$8,990,000 or more.

SPECIAL NOTICES

- FOR SALE—Five or six tons baled oats. Mrs. L. E. Rabb, 261 North Main, Lenoir, N. C. 2-26-34
- ONE BIRD DOG—Missing for past several days; black and white spotted with one black eye. Return to Captain Bill Sisk, Boone, and receive reward. It
- FOR SALE—Good upright piano. First class condition. See T. M. Green, Boone, N. C. It
- RELIABLE MAN WANTED to run McNeess Business in Watauga. A wonderful opportunity. Make \$8 to \$20 daily. No experience or capital needed. Write today. McNeess Company, Dept. M, Freeport, Illinois. It
- BABY CHICKS—4,000 every Tuesday. Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, \$11.00; White Wyandotte, \$12.00; White Leghorn, \$10.00 per hundred. 500 lots 1c each less. 50 lots 2c each more. Free range stock, 100 per cent. live delivery, prepaid. Catawba Creamery, Hickory, N. C. It
- MR. FARMER AND POULTRY RAISER: Is there any money or any common sense in keeping hens that produce eggs that sell at 15 cents, when it costs no more to keep hens that produce 50c eggs? We are paying 50c per dozen for hatching eggs, while the price of market eggs is around 15c. Why not get rid of that mongrel flock and buy some of our pure-bred, blood-tested Baby Chicks and sell 50c eggs next winter? Hatches each Tuesday. If you don't want to buy large quantities to brood, set your hens on Mondays so that they will come off with their hatch same time our chicks come out. Get 10 to 15 and put with hens and start a pure-bred flock. It pays. We do custom hatching at \$3.00 per tray of 112 eggs. We sell brooders and general poultry supplies and pent moss for your brooder house. Wilkes Hatchery, North Wilkesboro, N. C. It

Machinery bills for the state operation of the six-month term have been introduced, but the money to operate them has not been found. The sales tax, taxes on power and tobacco productions and others are discussed. It is not certain yet what will happen to the school measure, but there would be no great surprise if the present method of school operation is continued, with an increase in the equipping fund. The "round robin" of 60 members who signed an agreement to postpone the road bill consideration until after the six months school proposal had been disposed of, broke up when the time for action on the road matter came. However, the signers may be heard from yet. The Workmen's Compensation law is here to stay. That was shown by the overwhelming vote by which a bill to abolish it was voted down. It may be amended at this session, but predictions are now that it will never be repealed. One amendment would provide that the State of North Carolina create a State insurance fund to insure the lives of all employees within the State, rather than that employers buy the protection from outside insurance companies. The measure will find strong support, even if it does not go over. Another amendment would increase the weekly compensation to \$21, the amount in case of death or permanent disability to \$7,000, instead of \$6,000 and allow an injured employee receiving less than the present minimum of \$7 a week, the amount of the wage received as compensation. An interesting proposal is that the State publish its own school books, maps and charts, sell them to pupils at cost plus two per cent, and furnish them free to those unable to purchase books. South Carolina is said to save 25 per cent of the cost by printing her own books. The bill may not get over, but it is creating some interest. Another bill would require the State to rent textbooks to the public school patrons while still another would require it to furnish them free. Presence of former Governor Harry Flood Byrd, of Virginia, here last Tuesday, and of former Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, here this Monday, will no doubt aid the Gardner program. Governor Byrd told of Virginia's reorganization, but suggested a Constitutional Commission, to prepare a new Constitution, rather than a Constitutional Convention. His suggestion apparently has killed the plan for a Convention, although North Carolina tried exact-

ly the same plan back in 1913, with out success. Constitutional Amendments proposed during the week include one to allow voting on amendments at special elections, rather than at regular elections, so the voters will not be influenced by candidates. Another would allow the General Assembly to provide for trial by jury less than 12 and by a verdict on agreement of as many as two-thirds of the jurors. Still another would permit tax on property by a uniform rule as to each class of property and provide a system of severance tax; that is, a tax on timber, mineral products or other natural resource, as it is removed from the land. The bills introduced in the General Assembly are approaching 1,100, more than 760 in the House and 325 in the Senate. About 210 of the bills have been ratified, about 60 originating in the Senate and about 150 in the House. More than 40 of the Senate bills are local in their extent. About 30 State-wide bills have been ratified, many of them mere resolu-

tions. Probably the act providing for election of sheriffs and coroners each four years, instead of two years, is of most general interest of those passed. Among the bills introduced last week are the following: Legal: Relative to foreclosure of conditional sales; on reopening judicial advance bids; authorizing the clerk of court to appoint successor trustees of insolvent banks and trust companies; amend the code of civil procedure on the limitation of action on distribution of Supreme Court reports and other laws and documents; to qualifying executors named in a will when one refuses to serve; reduce cost of advertising sales under mortgage, deed of trust and legal notices; relative to defense without bond in action to recover possession of real property; penalty for usury; amend code of civil procedure as to return date of summons, return of summons and service of summons by publication; prescribing time for the service of summons by publication, as to time for return of execution (Please turn to Page 5)

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