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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1946

GOLDEN GLEAMS

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. —Proverbsxxii-1.

He that hath an ill name is half hanged. —John Heywood.

He's born in a good hour who gets a good name. —Thomas Fuller.

Men are the constant dupes of names, while their happiness and well-being mainly depend on things. —J. Fenimore Cooper.

Few men have grown into greatness whose names are allied to ridicule. —M. F. Tupper.

A name never harms a man if the man does not harm the name. —Estonian Proverb.

TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PUPILS

The schools of Watauga are now open, along with thousands of similar schools throughout the nation. The occasion is one of the momentous events in the yearly routine of the life of children and it would be helpful if parents maintained a greater interest in their public schools.

We think it is safe to assert that, as a rule, the larger the population in a school district and the more diverse the social and economic life, the greater is the tendency of adults to overlook the importance of the schools that instruct their children.

The pupils of the public schools, as a rule, take their training as a matter of course, often without realizing the great blessing that is theirs. We are not blaming the children because, if there is blame to be assessed, one should inquire carefully into the attitude of the teachers and parents involved.

No school system can be greater than its teachers. Consequently, it behooves the patrons of public schools to concern themselves with the compensation of those who instruct the young. It is undeniable that the compensation of most teachers is entirely out of line and that many men and women, who give themselves to the teaching profession, do so at a distinct economic sacrifice.

It is important, we think, for everybody to understand that the function of a school is to develop the mind and create the processes that enable one to become educated. It is a mistake to speak of one as educated merely because of a number of years spent in study, either in grade schools or colleges. At best, the individual acquires the habits that enable one to pursue the search for truth and a certain technique in the handling of mental tools that must be used if intelligence is to develop.

CHECK THIS PREDICTION

The United States Chamber of Commerce, announcing its legislative program for the coming session of Congress, demands a balanced Federal budget, but specifies that this must be attained at lower than the current level of expenditures and taxation.

It is a fair criticism, we think, of the Chamber of Commerce, and many other business organizations, that the one concern in their mind is "economy" to reduce taxes. Many of them suggest a wider spread to taxation which means, if anything, that taxes in the higher brackets be reduced so that millions of people with lower incomes can enjoy supporting the government.

On the public debt, the Chamber of Commerce desires "its rapid retirement," which is good enough for us. At the same time, there is no possibility of anything like rapid reduction of the public debt without continuation of present taxes. Nevertheless, it is our prediction that the Chamber of Commerce will advocate, when the matter of taxation comes before Congress, considerable tax relief for business and the so-called wealthy classes.

ONLY BY INDIVIDUALS

In 1941 more than one hundred persons were killed every day in highway accidents. Highway officials, safety experts and other national leaders are greatly concerned over the possibility that the death toll may increase. They know that the average age of cars on the highway today is much more than in 1941 and unless individual drivers exercise real care the number of accidents will grow.

We have called public attention to the amazing apathy of the people of this country to the casualty list arising from traffic accidents. Practically every medium of public expression periodically gives space to the subject of safety on the highway and we doubt if there is an automobile driver in Watauga county who does not thoroughly understand the problem and its dangers.

While improved automobiles and highways have made high speeds possible and relatively safe, and there is the prospect of super-highways to add to the safety factor, there is no way to avoid the conclusion that accidents can be prevented only by individuals and that every driver of a motor vehicle must exercise the greatest care when travelling on the highways.

CONQUEST?

Many Americans will be surprised at the conclusion of Dr. Harold C. Urey, noted scientist, who says that the United States faces a choice of waging war to control the world before other nations get the atomic bomb or of forming some effective machinery of international control to protect all nations from the bomb.

Dr. Urey bases his thinking upon the fact that (1) there is no military development against the bomb, (2) it is impossible to prevent others from discovering its secret, (3) the bombs can be made cheaply and in large numbers, and (4) if war breaks out they will be used and will destroy our civilization.

The idea expressed by the distinguished chemist is not altogether new because there have been suggestions from other sources that the atomic bomb will be the means of giving the United States control over the world.

He finds no solution to the problem except "the abolition of war" and, if this proves impossible, hints that the United States should wage a war of world conquest and subsequently police and control the world. This alternative, he admits, is one that he does not "contemplate with any pleasure" but he adds that it is one "which may be a strict necessity."

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Each one of us needs all the props we can get to hold us up to a standard of life which will bring no regrets in later years. How important it is to have someone who cares what we do and how we do it.

I have just found a letter from one of my readers, written during the last months of the war, which was misplaced among my papers. The mother of a young man in the military service, she had taken a great interest in the many service men who were stationed at the camp in her town. She "adopted" 25 of them, kept up correspondence with them when they went overseas, received photographs from all of them. They called her "Mom Number 2." She kept them on her daily prayer list, and they knew it.

One of them wrote her a letter from Austria thanking her for faith in him and her prayers for him, enclosing a little poem expressing his sentiments. I quote in part:

"Somewhere a woman thrusting fear away, Faces the future gravely for your sake. She loves you, trusts you, breathes in prayer your name. Soil not her faith in you by sin and shame. O keep her dear sake a stainless name. Bring back to her a manhood free from shame."

Many a boy or girl away from home restraints has been tempted to actions which he would never have been considered at home. Some have succumbed and will carry the scars on their souls and in memory to the grave. Others have been held back by the memory of some loved one's prayers and faith in them.

Our servicemen in the armies of occupation are now experiencing temptations even greater than in the time of war. We at home need to remember this and give them the fullest support of our prayers, and be sure to let them know it.

As long as the war was on, we kept our letters going. There were prayer meetings, prayer groups and thousands of daily individual prayers. We must not forget that we still have an army and a navy with American boys and girls scattered over the world. Many of them are in greater danger now



NO GUILD FOR HIM . . . Rip Sewell, pitcher for the Pirates, prepares to cast the first ballot in the ball club's vote on whether or not its members wanted the American Baseball Guild as its bargaining agent. Sewell announced he was voting against the guild.

News and Views Of the Farmers

By L. E. TUCKWILLER, County Agent

Ditch Blasting Demonstration Since ditch blasting is being used successfully in other sections of the state, we have arranged to hold two demonstrations in this county at the following places:

Sept. 12, 10 a. m. M. D. Brown Laxon, N. C. Sept. 12, 3 p. m., D. F. Green Sugar Grove, N. C.

We believe that this is the most economical way to make an open ditch, and hope as many farmers as possible will attend these demonstrations.

Let's keep the props up, and be sure to let them know it.

If you want to have a good time try saying something nice to another person or showing appreciation to your associates. You might commence on wife, husband, father, mother, some employee or even the boss. But let me offer one warning—if you haven't been in the habit of doing this, commence gradually or you may be in the position of a husband who was attending an institute I was once conducting on family relations. In the first session I advised wives and husbands to show appreciation for the other, suggesting that gifts and compliments were as much appreciated after marriage as before.

In the next session there was a question period. This husband announced that he had followed my advice and had taken a box of candy home to his wife. She received the gift with the question, "Now, what have you been up to?" He said he had a hard time explaining, and that he did not think much of my advice. I asked him how long it had been since he had taken such a gift to his wife. He said he couldn't remember, but he was afraid that it had been a long time.

I recently attended a national convention of civic clubs. The closing session was quite evidently the most enjoyable. It was devoted to the presentation of awards and citations for outstanding service of various clubs and individual members. The atmosphere was one cheerful expectancy and enthusiasm. The various awards were greeted with much applause. There was little of monetary value in these awards, but there was sincere appreciation. Everybody was having a fine time.

The oil of appreciation is one of humanity's best lubricants. Yet it is used far too little. The pages of our newspapers are filled with accounts of human, domestic, industrial, civil and international strife. Men and women hurl accusations against one another.

I can't help wondering what would happen if we would show the same zeal in expressing appreciation for the virtues of others that we do in denouncing their faults.

Why not try carrying along with you an oil can filled with appreciation. Then use it. You will be delightfully surprised how the friction of personal relations will be overcome, and daily situations will run smoothly.

4-County Office For Price Control Located In North Wilkesboro

Office of Price Administration in North Wilkesboro, which is located in the Reins-Sturdivant building, will serve four counties.

The price control offices of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties have been consolidated with the OPA office for Wilkes. Mrs. Mary V. Shook, of North Wilkesboro, is chief price control clerk.

18 refugees cross sea in a 38-foot sloop; barred from U. S.

Mills Home Sells Farm For \$10,000

The Mills Home, Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, was the recipient of \$10,000, the purchase price of the Solomon Grogan farm at Zionville, which was sold for the institution by S. C. Eg-

WANT ADS "OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS HERE"

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—We carry a full line of women's hosiery, 55 gauge, first quality, 30 denier, with seams \$1.24; women's first quality Rayons, full-fashioned 78 cents; women's cotton and rayon hose 30c, 35c, 40c, 3 for \$1.00; Men's boys' socks 15c, 25, 35c, 3 for \$1.00. All anklets, 15c pair. Economy Store. 1p

FOR SALE—Practically new royal arrow portable typewriter. Call 84-J 1c

LEFT AT CITY SHOE SHOP, change purse with money. Owner may receive same by calling there and paying the cost of this ad. 1c

WANTED AT ONCE—Dishwasher at Daniel Boone Hotel. 1c

FOR SALE—A good mare mule, 5 months old. J. B. Cannon Vilas, N. C. 1p

MUST BE SOLD BY FRIDAY—6x12 play house, rabbit hutch 5x10, 6 pens; 1 rabbit, 2 sleds, scooter, infant bed with springs and mattress, 9 metal venetian blinds, 6 shades, 5 storm windows, 10 tons stoker coal, 3 ricks fireplace wood. E. Z. Garbee. 1c

COATS—Women's girls' and children's coats. Just unpacked another big shipment. They are wool, perfect condition and priced at less than one-third the original price. We have also received a nice selection of girls' reversible coats. Economy Store. 1p

NICE SELECTION women's and girls' dresses, NEW skirts, blouse and short sport coats. Economy Store. 1p

SWEATERS—Men's, boys' women's, girls' and children's NEW sweaters. This line of sweaters is one of the outstanding lines and you will find a big lot to select from. Prices very reasonable. Economy Store. 1p

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' HATS. We have just been appointed the agency for "Peggy Just Beautiful" Hats. We carry a nice selection and are receiving more each week. Priced very reasonably. Come in and look them over. Economy Store. 1p

MEN'S YOUNG MEN'S SUITS, New shipment men's and young men's and boys' odd coats and pants, all sizes, men's and boys' mackinaws. Economy Store. 1p

ARMY GOODS—New shipment navy dungarees, navy and poplin shirts, khaki army shirts, new navy shoes, army, navy, marine, field shoes, army combat boots, men's galoshes and rubber boots. Economy Store. 1p

WANTER—White high school graduates between ages of 17½ and 21 to take nurses training. Full maintenance with stipend after probationary period. Write for application blanks. Next class opens October 1. Gordon Crowell Memorial Hospital, Lincolnton, N. C. 9-3-4p

GIRLS' AND CHILDREN'S RAINCOATS—We have a nice selection of these coats. Some are lined and ideal for school wear. Economy Store. 1c

WE WILL be able to deliver coal and wood within the next few days. Your order for future delivery will be accepted now. See Spencer Miller or Phone 2002, Boone Coal Co. 1p

FOR SALE—Six year old mare, weight 1500 lbs. Work any place. See Joe C. Neal, Valle Crucis. 9-5-2c

SEWING—Altering, hemstitching and button holes, made at The Fashion Shoppe. 9-5-2p

FOR SALE—Purebred white Spitz pups. Patsy Ann Swift, Sherwood, N. C. 1c

FOR SALE—1940 4-door Ford de luxe automobile. Fred Edmisten, Sugar Grove, N. C. 1c

FOR SALE—Girl's bicycle. See Shirley Max Swift, Sherwood, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—1930 A Model Ford car, cut down and converted into pickup. Three good tires. Good running condition. E. T. Jones, Zionville, R. F. D. 1p

NOTICE—I have sold my business known as the Boone Flower and Gift Shop to Mrs. Ralph Mast on August 31, 1946, and will not be responsible for any debts for the Boone Flower Shop or the Boone Flower and Gift Shop, after that date. This September 2, 1946. Miss Sophie Eller. 9-5-4c

FOR RENT—House and apartments, Phone 150, Boone, N. C. 1c

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gers, local realtor. The purchaser was Ross Potter, recently of Detroit, Mich. The late Solomon Grogan and his wife willed the farm to Mills Home, and since the orphanage owned no other property in this vicinity, it was decided by the board of directors of the institution not to retain ownership of the place.

WANT ADS "OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS HERE"

FOR SALE—10 room house, modern throughout, 2 baths, approximately 4 acres land. Several outbuildings, grounds landscaped. See or phone Herbert Wey, Blowing Rock road. 1c

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Watauga Hospital in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 10-11-1fc

WANTED—Refined girls for beauty culture training classes now forming. Rates reasonable. Mac's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 10-11-1fc

STETSON HATS—Another big shipment of reconditioned John B. Stetson hats, all sizes and colors. Other reconditioned hats and new ones \$2.00. Boys' hats \$1.65. Economy Store. 1p

SHOES—Complete stock of men's and boys' oxfords and slippers. In this lot you will find a good selection of men's and boys' army and navy dress oxfords, women's and growing girls' flat heel oxfords, boys' girls' and children's shoes, oxfords and slippers. Economy Store. 1p

SUNDIAL SHOES—Just received shipment of reconditioned John B. Stetson saddle oxfords, men's tan oxfords. We hope to have a complete line of Sundial Shoes in near future. Economy Store. 1p

WANTED—Housekeeper. Small family. Write Mrs. Harrison Yorkley, Box 119, Win ton-Salem, N. C. 9-5-2p

WANTED TO LEASE for 18 months or over, 5 to 7 room house, with heat. If you have a house for rent see W. H. Gragg. 1p

FOR SALE—2 Black purebred coker spaniel pups, perfect specimens 12 weeks old. Excellent child's pets. Sisters to puppy who won Boone pet show. Herbert Wey, Blowing Rock road, or phone 4-J. 1c

SEED WHEAT FOR SALE—Grown from certified seed, Fulcaster, No. 612. It yielded 28½ bushels to the acre, and is prettier seed than the certified present stock. The price is \$2.75 per bu. as long as it lasts. Only 200 bu. to go. J. T. Ray, Mountain City, Tenn. 8-28-2p

FARM FOR SALE—52 acres near Todd Half mile off highway 221. Good house, good barn and granary. Good grazing land. One-third in cultivation. Write or see R. H. Clawson, Jr., Todd, N. C. 8-29-2p

WANTED AT Hotel Wilkes, North Wilkesboro, a woman to make salads and have general supervision over the kitchen. 8-29-2c

LAST—Wednesday of last week, around Blowing Rock, black bill fold, with currency, driver's license, pictures, etc. Liberal reward for return to Richard I. Hodges, Boone Body Shop, Boone, N. C. 8-29-2p

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE BY OWNER. I am offering for sale, direct to purchaser, for cash or on terms, the best located business lot in the city of Boone. This lot fronts fifty (50) feet on Main Street and extends two hundred forty (240) feet through to Howard Street, and adjoins the Appalachian Theatre Building. There is, at this time, a six-room brick bungalow on this lot, hardwood floors, steam heat with oil fired boiler. This lot is suitable for any business requiring a large space and an entrance on two streets. If interested, SEE Dr. R. O. Glenn at Mountain City, Tenn. 7-18-1fc

Industrial Doors: Metal Clad Fire Doors, Peelle Freight Elevator Doors, Wood Overhead Doors, Steel, Bronze or Aluminum Entrance Doors. E. H. AGLE, Factory Representative, 223 S. Green, GREENSBORO, N. C.

NOTICE! I am no longer connected with the Standard Service Station and am now giving my full attention to the Sinclair Service Station. I invite all my customers to visit me there for a greatly improved automobile service. W. J. KELSEY

WANTED Dogwood . . . Hickory . . . Maple . . . Beech . . . Birch . . . Ashe and Sycamore. MATHESON & PANGLE, Boone, N. C.

VETERANS! You will need photostatic copies of your Discharge to apply for your terminal leave pay. Fast, Accurate Service at the ROYALTONE STUDIO & PHOTO SUPPLY CO., BOONE, N. C.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. Boone, N. C., Sept. 2, 1946. A Republican Convention for Watauga County is hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Boone, N. C., at 2:30 P. M. on Saturday, September 14, 1946. The convention will nominate the Republican candidates for the various offices to be filled in Watauga County at the General Election to be held Nov. 5, 1946. Township meetings will be held Friday, Sept. 13, 1946, at the polling places in the various townships at 2:30 P. M. The township meetings will elect one delegate and one alternate for each 25 votes or fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the 1944 election. E. D. COOK, Chairman Ex. Committee. CLYDE R. GREENE, Secretary.

Announcement: This is to certify that I have sold one-half interest in my construction business to G. Perry Greene. I am to pay all bills prior to September 1, 1946. The firm will be known as the W. C. Greene Construction Company. With my thirty-five years experience, and Perry as a graduate engineer, I feel that we can render as good construction service as you can find anywhere in Western North Carolina. GIVE US A CALL ON YOUR BUILDING NEEDS. W. C. Greene