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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep the 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.

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### GOLDEN GLEAMS

Constant employment and well-paid labor produce, in a country like ours, general prosperity, content and cheerfulness.

Let every man be occupied and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.

There is great ability in knowing how to conceal one's ability.

Do not think that what is hard for man; but if a thing is possible for thee to master is impossible and proper to man, deem it attainable by thee.

This world's no blot for us. Now blank, it means intensely, and means good; To find its meaning in my Meat and drink.

### WORTH REPEATING

Last year the Bureau of Internal Revenue announced that its staff of investigators would be greatly increased to ferret out income tax evasions.

E. I. McLarney, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, speaking at Los Angeles, said that, as a result, 110,000 Americans rushed an additional \$170,000,000 to the Government.

### 52-20 PAYMENTS

One of the plans provided by the government for the assistance of returning veterans guaranteed \$20 a week for fifty-two weeks in the event that the veteran was unable to secure employment.

Up to the present time more than six million veterans have filed such claims. Slightly less than one million are now receiving the payments and there has been much comment throughout the nation about the 52-20 clubs.

It is interesting to observe that in Puerto Rico 86.2 per cent of the veteran population has filed claims. Among the states, West Virginia, with 65.5 per cent is tops, but in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri more than half of the veterans have put in requests.

The states with the lowest percentages were Nebraska and Wyoming, with figures between 20 and 25 per cent. In Hawaii, by the way, the requests for unemployment pay came from only 5.5 per cent of the veterans.

### POTATOES ROT IN FIELDS

Some twenty million bushels of potatoes "are likely to a total waste," declares Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, in a letter to Senate and House committees.

The Secretary points out that his Department had to buy 1946 surplus under the price-support program enacted by Congress. The potatoes are in temporary storage, largely in the Northeastern States, and the approach of freezing weather leads to the conclusion that many will rot.

This is an interesting if unpleasant situation. Undoubtedly, there are millions of American people who could use the potatoes in their family diet with benefit. While the Government has made strenuous efforts to divert the potatoes into alcohol, animal feed and school lunch programs, it has been impossible to find suitable disposition of the surplus which was purchased under a price-support plan.

### TROUBLED CONSCIENCES

Chicago — Conscience works, however slowly. The Pullman Company recently received from an Iowa woman a towel missing for 32 years, while Massachusetts man sent in another which bore a 1910 date, with a note saying, "The world needs our highest integrity at this time."

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

By HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

The break-up of a home under any circumstances is a difficult and trying experience. There are two classes of these. A home broken by divorce is always the result of sin and selfishness, and could have been avoided by keeping the marriage in repair.

The second class of broken homes is that caused by death. This is inevitable, even in the happiest of marriages. Many of us have experienced the break-up of the old child-hood home, and we know how difficult it is. All of us face the time when death will break the home unit of which we are now a part.

This break-up of a happy home and marriage is one of the most trying experiences in life. This is especially true of those who have been happily married for a long time. The death of a beloved life's partner is an excruciating experience. The period of readjustment which inevitably follows is sometimes even more difficult. Few older people accept it gracefully. They fight against any change, even though reason tells them it is inevitable. By doing this they make it hard for themselves, and doubly difficult for the children.

Statistics tell us that only fifteen percent of those who reach the age 65 are self-supporting. The remainder become dependent upon others for their living arrangements.

This being the case, all of us should look towards the wintertime of life, which inevitably comes after the spring and summer. We should prepare for it, and accept it gracefully when the time comes. Jesus Christ spoke of this when he said to Peter, "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself, and walked where you would; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you, and carry you when you do not wish to go."

Older people who have enjoyed the fruits of happy marriage, reared their children to maturity, should accept the wintertime gracefully and try to accommodate themselves as welcome guests and companions in the homes of the children they have reared. They should remember that the "hoar head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

### Letters To the Editor

#### APPRECIATES MAIL CARRIER

Editor Democrat: I believe this is the first time I have put a write up in the paper. I hope it won't be offensive.

While I live here alone I often think of our mail carrier and the many rounds she makes yearly in service for us.

Do we ever stop to think how much we should appreciate her work for us? So let's see how many of us will remember her with a little more than "Thank You" this Christmas for her service.

Last year I put in a little token of remembrance with a greeting and her reply was most gratifying. I feel sure we will make her happy by so doing and feel happy ourselves by showing our appreciation in this way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

MRS. C. M. WATSON

#### TWIN FALLS FROM AUTO: KILLED BY SECOND CAR

Pattonburg, Mo.—Lt. and Mrs. Ralph W. Lind, Minneapolis, Minn. were en route from Camp Hood, Texas to Minneapolis to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Lind's family. On the back seat of the car were their twin daughters, Carol Ann and Caroline Frances, 2. In some way, Carol Ann opened the rear door and tumbled out of the car, into the path of an approaching automobile, which struck and killed her.

### To Preach Here



Rev. M. D. Garrett, nationally known Baptist preacher, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will preach at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone Monday evening December 16, at 7:30. Religious sound films will be used in connection with the service. The sermon topic will be: "When the Skeletons Come Walking Out of Their Closets." The public is invited.

## From Our Early Files

Items From The Democrat Of December 12, 1907

Miss Alice Boyden left Tuesday for Hickory, where she will spend a few weeks with relatives, after which she will go to Florida for the winter.

Little Lina Fletcher has been right unwell for some time, but is thought to be some better now.

Henry T. Hayes, who recently moved back from Virginia, has purchased the Dr. Little property at Blowing Rock, and will again enter the mercantile business at that place.

Married at the home of the groom in East Boone yesterday, Mr. Joseph Cook to Miss Bessie, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Norris of Sands, Rev. J. H. Brendall performing the ceremony. The groom is one of our popular young merchants, and the bride is much liked by all who know her.

### State College Hints To Homemakers

The dark greasy stains that accumulate on the interior surface of ovens in kitchen ranges are difficult to clean. Ordinary washing or wiping will not remove them because the grease has "baked on." Scouring often is used but, unless done with care, may damage the enamel finish.

The fumes of ammonia are helpful in softening the substance and making it easier to wash or wipe off. Home economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture suggest placing a shallow bowl of household ammonia in the oven for several hours or overnight. The fumes given off then will have time to loosen the greasy stains. A badly soiled oven may need this treatment for several successive nights.

To keep the oven clean, home economists advise leaving the door open after use until the oven is cool. This will "air out" many of the volatile odors and oils from baking. This also helps prevent rusting of metal surface by the steam from food. Any food that boils over or spills in the oven should be wiped up at once and not allowed to burn on.

Color has a way with fashion! It can pay extravagant compliments. It can make a frock a howling success or a dismal failure; or, it can make one dress into practically a whole winter wardrobe. Choose with thought and care the colors you wear.

learn that two of Register May's little children are badly scalded. The little boy, in the absence of his mother from the room, lifted a vessel of boiling water from the stove, overturning it with the above results.

Mrs. Walter Hayes, after many months of suffering, died at her home at Sugar Grove on December 1 of consumption, leaving a husband and three small children. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenkins.

Mrs. A. E. Trivett, who is under treatment of Dr. Hodges at the Blackburn Hotel, received the sad news Tuesday that her sister, Mrs. Solomon Greene, of Washington county, Tenn., was violently ill with but little hopes of recovery.

Rev. J. F. Davis returned last week from Butler, Tenn., where he was engaged for some time in a revival meeting. He reports a most wonderful revival, there being about 40 additions to the Butler church.

Choose with thought and care the colors you wear.

The safest time to use non-perfspirants or deodorant preparations is after undressing at night. Care should be taken not to drop any of the liquid preparations on underwear or night-cloths or to use so much of the creams that they get on fabrics. Powder applied over these preparations at night and again in the morning helps protect cloths. Shields may be as useful in protecting against these chemicals as against perspiration.

### ONE WAY TO GET VACATION

Elkhart, Ind.—In an effort to control an epidemic of scap ringworm, Elkhart health authorities placed stocking caps on infected school children and directed them to remain from school. It wasn't long before some uninfected children, hoping for a vacation from school, began offering the victims from 10 to 25 cents for the stocking caps.

### HARD LUCK

Tulsa, Okla.—After waiting for nearly six years to obtain a radio station, Fred Jones excitedly came to the day of dedication for station KFMJ. There were greetings on the air from Tulsa civic, business and political leaders, but none from Jones. On the long-awaited day, Jones awoke to discover that he'd lost his voice and couldn't speak above a whisper.

O'Connor reports 1946 polio epidemic worst in nations history. World traff negotiations in Geneva to be based on reciprocity.

## New Farm Machine Prepares Soil In Single Operation Rototiller in Operation



The new Rototiller farm machine, produced by Graham-Paige Motors in the giant Willow Run plant, prepares soil for planting in a single operation, making unnecessary the three operations of plow, disk and harrow. The five-horsepower tillage unit, which churns and crumbles the soil to a depth of nine inches, has attachments which adapt it to a score of other farm tasks, using the belt pulley, cultivator, field mower, furrower, hay rake, Hiller, lawn mower, Lawn roller, planter, Ridger, Bulldozer, sprayer, trailer, rash coverer, water pump, etc.

The Rototiller is expected to revolutionize tillage methods on small and medium-size farms. It will make the plow obsolete for certain tasks, and is a great time and labor saver.

The tiller works the seed bed thoroughly from top to bottom, leaving no lumps or air pockets to interfere with moisture absorption. Soil can be wrked earlier, permitting air to penetrate the finely crumbled earth. In one operation the new tiller produces a more thoroughly prepared seed bed than is obtained in several operations with plow, disk and harrow. From 25 to 33 1-3% more yield is obtained by using this method, and at the same time mixes the humus thoroughly with the soil so it is used as a fertilizer the first year. This also causes the soil to remain loose and crops get a better start.

This unique machine, invented in Switzerland, has been available in this country only in limited quantity. We have a few for delivery now. The next we receive will be higher in price.

See this machine or write us for a free booklet, also see us about your other farm machinery needs, such as tractors and 35 other kinds of farm equipment that are now becoming available.

## E. S. QUALLS

Temporary Headquarters, Bus Terminal Bldg. Boone, N. C.

### Take Weed Trees From Woodlands

Farm Forester John E. Ford of Wilkesboro says that one of the first steps in growing a good crop of timber is to have trees of good timber quality and that, for this reason, "weed" trees should be removed.

To correct the situation of too many weed trees in average woodland, the Wilkesboro Chamber of Commerce, together with the representatives, the State College Extension Service, is holding a Forestry field day on December 4 for 52 farm boys of Wilkes county, selected upon the basis of their interest in improving forestry conditions in the area.

These boys represent 10 of the leading high schools in the county. They will be shown how to properly thin young timber, how to scale and estimate volumes of standing timber, and how to selectively cut a stand of timber along with other good forestry practices.

At the close of the day there will be contests and prizes will be awarded.

All of the boys will be eligible to receive 1,000 tree seedlings each to plant on the home farm and these trees are to be donated by the Chamber of Commerce. In the fall of next year the boy who has the largest number of trees to survive will receive a special prize.

R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester at State College, will be in charge of the field day exercises and demonstrations. The boys to attend the school were selected by county agent R. D. Smith, assistant agent D. D. Williamson, and Ford on the basis of a tree quiz which was held at each of the schools.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gilliam of Rominger, wish to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown them during the illness and death of their daughter, Birdie Greer.

**The Poor Cow**  
The train came to a sudden grinding stop, causing the passengers to jump.  
"What has happened, conductor?" cried a nervous old lady.  
"Nothing much. We ran over a cow."  
"Why, was it on the track?"  
"No," replied the disgusted conductor, "we chased it into a barn."

**Tardy**  
Only a Moment to Wait  
A Negro called at the hospital and said: "I called to see how ma fren' Joe Brown was getting along."  
The nurse said: "Why, he's getting along fine; he's convalescing now."  
"Well," said the darkey, "I'll just sit down and wait till he's through."

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