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SHALL WANT NO GOOD THING.—For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Psalm 84:11.

PRAYER.—O God, our Heavenly Father, Thou hast given us Thine only begotten and well-beloved Son, and with Him thou wilt freely give us all things.

SMITH'S NOMINATION ALMOST CERTAIN

The withdrawal of Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland from the race for nomination by the Democratic convention at Houston for the Presidency, and his wholehearted support of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, makes almost certain the naming of Smith as the Democratic standard-bearer.

There are thousands of people in North Carolina, as is the case in other States, who do not like Smith as the choice of the Democracy for President. But, for that matter, neither do the Republicans, for they have grave fears of his election.

We repeat, there are thousands of Democrats who do not like Smith. The cause is given as this or that—mainly religion and liquor. A queer combination, isn't it? But what the News is wondering about is, what sort of choice can be taken between Hoover and Smith?

PUBLIC UTILITIES DOING GREAT GOOD

Instead of ruining the country by wiping out the integrity of public officials and men of influence and standing, as some people might be led to believe from the tirades made against the public utility companies, these concerns are doing great good.

On the other hand, the utility companies, by conducting information bureaus, and in various other ways, seek to enlighten the general public to the fact that right here in the home land is where the greatest prosperity and happiness may be found if only we can be induced to "dig in." And this "digging in" is what the utility companies are doing.

Unusual harping at the heels of everybody who undertakes to accomplish anything! What in the world would we do in this State, anyway, if it were not for the people who have the nerve, grit, determination and all else that it takes to make things go—what would the State be, we ask, if these energetic and far-sighted people did not point the way for us? We are a g-r-e-a-t people! Yes—sir! And who told us so? Dollars, to doughnuts we would never have believed that we were great if some smart fellows had not told us so.

Let the developers develop. Let the weak grow strong and the strong grow great. And let's give our moral support to all who show an inclination to help us.

IS BUSINESS DULL EVERYWHERE?

Over in the thickly settled cotton mill country—Gaston, Mocklenburg and adjoining territory—merchants told this writer last week that "business is dull." We were somewhat surprised at the statement after we had watched the people milling through the streets and into stores like so many ants.

We wondered what those merchants would think if they should come over into our country where the section is almost entirely agricultural and very little money is passing through the channels of trade. But it goes to show that no section of the country is hit by dull business periods without the same effect being felt in other parts of the country.

The query uppermost in the minds of practically everyone now is, when will business be better? The answer, it seems to us, may be answered, when the people begin spending money. Everyone knows the country is not "broke." But everyone can see that very little money is being spent. The "economy habit" has taken such a firm hold on the people that the merchants are having a hard time making a "go" of their business.

EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL IN HARNETT

With the successful elections in the seven districts Tuesday, Harnett County now has eight months schools within easy reach of practically all children in the county. These few small corners where six months schools are left will soon be supplied with the same advantages as are afforded by the districts which voted the special levies Tuesday, and Harnett will become a 100 per cent high school county.

The most gratifying feature of the elections which carried by substantial majorities Tuesday lies in the fact that the people have voluntarily taken upon themselves the responsibility of operating the schools for the extra two months required in order that they may have up-to-date high schools. The News has always believed, strongly, that the people may be trusted to take care of their interests.

It takes some mighty plain talk to get the people of the country to thinking for themselves. Is it not so?

THE MUSCOLINI TOWER

There is a movement on foot the objective of which is to rear a thirty-story building, on Times Square in New York City, dedicated to and bearing the name of Mussolini. Probably, from the Fascist standpoint, New York City would be quite suitable and proper, not only because of the large Italian population resident there but by reason of the fact that the Island of Manhattan has proven a fertile ground for Fascist propaganda.

THE LUSCIOUS DEWBERRY

Right now the dewberry season is bringing joy to the hearts of lovers of this luscious fruit. The strawberry, the huckleberry, the cherry, the Mayflower peach and all other fruits that come in spring and early summer may have precedence in the choice of some people. But, folks alive! Have you ever placed yourself squarely before a big bowl of real dewberries covered with sugar and cream? If not, here's pity for you.

Let us in a few days. These berries of Mister Bill's are so nice and juicy that very little masticating is necessary. Just place them in your mouth, give a few glad smiles with your eyes and your throat takes charge of the berries before you hardly know it. That's the truth. We've experienced the joy.

The News doesn't understand why the farmers near Lillington have not taken up dewberry culture. Mister Bill tells us there's "pretty good" money in it. But of course it's all in knowing how to grow the good kind. The little, hard, knotty, sour kind will not be relished by anybody, and would be hard to sell.

Mister Bill accuses us of "drinking" the berries he brings us. Bless if he isn't just about right about it. They're so soft, sweet, juicy and good that they just slip along down like a nice drink. Yessir, they're intoxicatingly good.

NEIGHBORS

"Neighbors of John Jones gathered on John's farm Monday and did his spring plowing for him. John has been ill for several weeks."

Such news items, says the Research Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers, are quite common in weekly newspapers representing our rural sections. Perhaps John has been injured or he may have been stricken with a serious illness. His wife has spent all her time at the hospital and there has been no one to take care of the farm.

The wives come to, a little later in the morning and make preparations for one of those bountiful dinners typical of the farm. Perhaps they will clean house and do the washing for John's wife. If his gasoline engine is out of order they will borrow a tractor from one of the husbands to run the washing machine.

Out in the field all John's corn ground will be made ready for planting in a day. They will come again later, these loyal friends, to plant the crop, to cultivate the growing corn and even to husk it if that proves necessary. They have no thought of pay. They are just neighbors.

Can anyone cite an example of such friendliness and good will in our large cities? There are differences of opinion about the advantages of farm life, even among those who themselves live in the country. Sometimes other fields look greener merely because they are quite a distance away. But no matter what the farmer's financial standing may be, he is rich in one of the greatest things life has to offer—friendship.

CROPS IN WHICH WE LEAD

According to the estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina has stood in each of the last five years among the five states leading in the production of three important crops—tobacco, peanuts and sweet potatoes.

In the five year period 1923-27 North Carolina produced 28.9 percent of the entire tobacco crop of the United States, and 36.3 percent of the amount raised in the five leading states (which produced four-fifths of the total crop of the United States). Of the peanut crop North Carolina produced in the five year period 25.7 percent of the entire United States crop, and 29.4 of the amount raised in the five leading states (producing nine-tenths of the United States crop).

While North Carolina has gained in production of tobacco in recent years, our runner-up, Kentucky, has steadily declined. As a producer of peanuts, Georgia is a formidable rival to North Carolina, and its 1927 peanut crop surpassed that of North Carolina very considerably. Georgia has also forged ahead with sweet potatoes, in which crop it now leads; and Texas also is gaining steadily in sweet potatoes, in which it has had a larger production than North Carolina in each of the last two years.

The average value of these crops in North Carolina for the five-year period 1923-27 has been: tobacco \$95,757,000, peanuts \$9,610,000 sweet potatoes \$8,414,000.

When the hatching season is over it is time to remove the male birds from the flock. Fertile eggs will not keep so well in hot weather.

666 Cures Chills and Fever, Intermittent, Remittent and Bilious Fever due to Malaria. It kills the Germs.

his pollies have no place in the United States. It would behoove American citizens to awaken to a realization of this sinister Fascist menace and take immediate and effective steps to remove all traces of it from our national life. W.

BWARE OF THE BUG IN SPARKLING WATER!

Sickness, ill health, and death often lurk in the colorless water which comes in a sparkling stream from a wayside well or spring to quench the thirst of the dusty traveler, warns the Research Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers. Water from a strange well should never be used unless it is boiled especially if the well platform is open and cracked, allowing surface water to run in. Many states now analyze the water from wells along highways annually, erecting "safe drinking water" signs near those which contain water safe for the traveler.

"ANDY GUMP" SUES

One of the strangest lawsuits on record is that of David A. Hoag of Canadogua, N. Y., against two Syracuse newspapers for \$1,000,000 each, on a charge of libel.

Hoag claims that the popular comic strip, "Andy Gump," is a caricature of himself and has caused him much distress of mind and brought him into disgrace, through its publication in the newspapers named.

He asserts that in 1915 he was forced to have a part of his lower cereus growth, and that Sidney Smith took advantage of the ridiculous appearance of his face to create the character of "Andy Gump," thus exposing the said David A. Hoag "to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy, and has caused him great distress of mind and has disgraced and dishonored him."

While the comic strip has been published all over the country, it is assumed that the suit is brought against the Syracuse newspapers because they are published near the plaintiff's home and therefore call attention locally to his peculiar appearance.

The trial of the cases will be observed with absorbing interest by the publishers and others on account of the unique character of the complaint.

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