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Encouraging

That so few Wilkes farmers have found it necessary and deemed it unwise to burden themselves by securing heavy crop production loans from the government is encouraging. These loans must, of course, be repaid and every farmer who can get along without them is helping himself.

Of course, no one would advise a farmer not to accept the loan if by so doing he can make a better crop and increase his income therefrom. But freedom from debt and the knowledge that what is made on the farm can be stored in the granary are worth working toward.

County Agent Hendren is wise in advising against any loan which is not absolutely necessary.

Thomas Jefferson

Last Thursday, we celebrated the 190th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and President of the United States. We paused to pay tribute to that great Virginian whose memory the nation cherishes.

More than a hundred years ago, Jefferson gave to the world a statement of personal and governmental policy which fits conditions as they exist today. Said he:

"When we find ourselves in a situation which must be endured and gone through, it is best to make up our minds to it, meet it with firmness, and accommodate everything to it in the best way practicable. This lessens the evil; while fretting and fuming only serve to increase your own torments."

The fact that a majority of the American people have taken this attitude toward the economic depression during the past three years has been the steadying influence in our national life. If all of us could have resolved from the first to make the best of the conditions, we would have been farther advanced in our steps toward recovery.

Thomas Jefferson lived his doctrine and the serenity of his life and the patience he showed in dealing with public affairs and people was a worthy example. His was a life that measured up to the highest standards of patriotism and citizenship. We revere his memory.

Would Be Poor Economy

Pressure has been brought to bear upon Budget Director Douglass to discontinue federal support of agricultural extension work and experiment station research in the various states. This is not a part of the Roosevelt economy program and the pressure seems to come from sources that are not entirely familiar with the excellent work which has been accomplished through the federal aid to these agencies.

North Carolina would have to abandon county agent work and the extension division of State College if this course should be taken. Under the present plan, this work is carried on with federal and state funds and in the case of county agents, these are supplemented with county funds. State funds could not bear the load.

It seems to us that it would be poor economy to stop aiding agriculture through the advice and counsel of the extension division. If there is any time that farmers need encouragement, need supervision and counsel, it seems to us that it is in these times.

If the influences which have been at work upon the director of the budget are successful, gone will be the services of the county agent, the splendid farm articles prepared by the extension division and the research work which is done with a view to putting into practices better farming methods.

Every believer in county farm agents and extension work should write or wire Senators Bailey and Reynolds at Washington. It may prevent withdrawal of federal support.

Mother of Famous Sons

Mrs. Rebecca Doughton, mother of Congressman R. L. Doughton and "Governor" E. A. Doughton, who celebrated her 94th birthday a few days ago at her home at Laurel Springs, has the honor of living to see the day when two of her sons are famous in the life of the state and nation.

A beautiful tribute to Mrs. Doughton appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer the day following her birthday. To this tribute we add that we hope this delightful old lady under whose direction two boys grew to vigorous manhood and then entered the service of their county, state and nation, will live to see several more birthdays. The editorial tribute in the News and Observer follows:

"Yesterday the legislature adjourned in honor of an old lady in Laurel Springs. She was 94 years old, which was in itself an achievement, but her reason for being proud was more fundamental than that.

"The lady was Mrs. Rebecca Doughton. One of her sons, Congressman R. L. Doughton, is head of the powerful ways and means committee of the United States house of representatives, was in Washington laboring with the shaping of the fiscal policies of the nation upon which depend President Roosevelt's plans for reconstruction. The other, Representative R. A. Doughton, was in Raleigh, where as head of the important finance committee of the North Carolina house of representatives, he was busy with the financial future of North Carolina.

"Few ladies live so long as Mrs. Doughton, and fewer still live to see her sons attain such success as Mrs. Doughton's sons have attained. More remarkable than that, it is unlikely that any mother ever saw her two sons bearing at the same time the responsibilities for shaping the finances of their state and their nation.

"The adjournment yesterday by the house in honor of Mrs. Doughton was a proper token of respect for the mother of flesh and blood and emphasized the pride which the state as a mother shares in the Doughton boys with the old lady in Laurel Springs."

Unless something unforeseen at this time intervenes, Winnie Ruth Judd who killed two women and put their bodies in a trunk, will be executed by the state of Arizona next Friday. The board of pardons has refused to recommend commutation of the death sentence despite determined efforts on behalf of the woman.

BRUCE BARTON WRITES

A "MANY-SIDED" MAN

JESUS was, as we say, "many-sided," and every man sees the side of his nature which appeals most to himself.

The doctor thinks of the great physician whose touch never failed, who by some mystery proceeded modern science in its still imperfect knowledge of the relation of the spirit to health. The preacher studies the Sermon on the Mount and marvels that truths so profound should be expressed in words so clear and simple. The agitator remembers only that he denounced the rich; and the communist that his disciples carried a common purse. Lawyers have written in praise of his pleading at his trial; and the literary critics of every age have cheerfully acknowledged his mastery.

I am not a doctor, or lawyer or critic but an advertising man. As a profession advertising is young; as a force it is as old as the world. The first four words ever uttered, "Let there be light," constitute its charter. All Nature is vibrant with its impulse. The brilliant plumage of the bird is color advertising addressed to the emotions of its mate. Plants deck themselves with blossoms, not for beauty only, but to attract the patronage of the bee and so by spreading pollen on its wings, to insure the perpetuation of their kind.

The spacious firmament on high,
And all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled Heavens a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.

It has been remarked that "no astronomer can be an atheist," which is only another way of saying that no man can look up at the first and greatest electric sign—the evening stars—and refuse to believe its message: "There is a Cause: a God." I propose in the next few articles to speak of the advertisements of Jesus which have survived for twenty centuries and are still the most potent influence in the world.

Let us begin by asking why he was so successful in mastering public attention and why, in contrast, his churches are less so? The answer is twofold. In the first place he recognized the basic principles that all good advertising is news. He was never trite or commonplace; he had no routine. If there had been newspapers in those days, no city editor could have said, "No need to visit him today; he will be doing just what he did last Sunday." Reporters would have followed him every single hour, for it was impossible to predict what he would say or do; every action and word were news. I repeat. Jesus had no routine. He was never trite or commonplace.

China's part in the open door which Japan is planning to maintain in Manchuria, we take it, will be to serve as the mat—Virginian-Pilot.

We are a peace-loving people, seldom paying pensions for more than three wars at a time.—Boston Post.

As we understand it, each nation believes in preserving the sanctity of the other fellow's signature.—Muskegon Phoenix.

BY THE WAYSIDE

By A. B. W.

KEEPING YOUNG

After we have reached the years of forty-five or fifty even, we are inclined to think we can look forward to no greater growth. We think that if we "hold our own" through the fifties we have done well, then we start on the downward rush to the sixties and as we express it, "old age."

The difference between youth and old age is that youth is constantly looking forward . . . forward to something better, while those of us who have passed the milestone of fifty years, begin to look backward and think of the years that have passed on instead of looking forward . . . to the years that are yet to be.

Cannot the human body be compared to an electric system? When a dynamo runs at full power everything speeds along and runs with precision; but if the dynamo slows, the whole system lags. Is not the mind the human being's dynamo? And do not thoughts provide the energy that runs the dynamo? If we feed it healthy thoughts it reflects vitality and energy. Happy thoughts and it reflects happiness. Feed it thoughts of depression, hard times, and gloom, and we are depressed, gloomy, and see nothing but hard times ahead. Feed it thoughts of old age, and we will soon find ourselves growing old.

Once there was a prince who had a crooked back. Even the lowest of his subjects could stand up straight; but he could not. Being an exceedingly proud prince this caused him a great deal of mental distress. He had his most skillful sculptor to make a noble statue of himself, true in every detail, with the one exception . . . the statue must be made with a straight back. He desired to see himself as he might have been.

Many months the sculptor worked, hewing the marble carefully into the likeness of the prince, and at last the work was done, and the sculptor went to the prince and said: "The statue is finished; where shall I set it up?" Said one of the courtiers: "Set it before the castle gate where all can see it." Smiling sadly, the prince shook his head.

"Place it in a secret nook in the palace garden where only I shall see it," he said. "The statue was placed where the prince had ordered it, and straightway forgotten by the world; but morning, noon and evening the prince stole quietly to where it stood and looked long upon it, noting the straight back and the uplifted head and the noble brow, and as he looked, something each time seemed to go out of the statue into him, tingling in his blood and throbbing in his heart.

Days passed into months, and then into years, and strange rumors began to spread throughout the kingdom. "The prince's back is no longer crooked, or mine eyes deceive me," said one. Said another, "The prince is more noble-looking or mine eyes deceive me." Yet another said: "Our prince has the high look of a mighty man." These rumors came to the prince and he listened with a queer smile. He went out to his garden and stood before the statue, and it was just as the people had said. His back had become straight, his head had the same noble bearing; he was in fact, the noble man his statue proclaimed him to be.

Strange? No! He had before him daily the image of what he would like to be, and keeping that image in mind constantly, he unconsciously grew to be like the image. All of which goes to prove that we can be whatever we desire to be. If the desire is strong enough, and we are willing to work hard enough.

Nothing will keep us young like good hard work! We sometimes hear someone say "He is working himself to death." It is not the work that kills us. It is the way in which we do the work! Work with our heads, with our hearts, with our hearts, (yes: and a very great deal of heart too) and with our health. With our health? Certainly, with our health! For if we do not have health, our brain is in no condition to do clear thinking, and therefore we could not work with our heads, for it takes clear thinking to accomplish anything worthwhile. There are a very large number of people in this world whom the depression does not bother at all . . . never think about depression . . . they are so busy working the four H's that they do not have time to bother with depression.

Even in keeping our youth, mental attitude is more than half the battle, since, as we think, so we are. And we all have the "fountain of youth" within ourselves.

A Disease

"I see the doctor's attending him again. What's he got?" "Money."

ROOSEVELT MOVES TO AFFORD RELIEF FROM MORTGAGES

Washington, April 13.—Relief for the "white collar" man was sought by President Roosevelt today as the newest step in his emergency program to bring about economic recovery.

Legislation was asked of congress in a special message which would protect city dwellers from foreclosures on their homes and enable them to refinance their mortgages at a lower interest rate and on a sounder basis of values.

The aid proposed for small home owners follows generally that already being considered for the refinancing of farm mortgages. A bond issue of \$2,000,000,000 guaranteed as to interest only by the treasury, would be floated to underwrite the refinancing, and a moratorium on payments of both interest and principal would be granted in case of "extreme need."

In asking for this newest legislative step President Roosevelt enunciated the definite declaration of national policy. He said: "This policy is that the broad interests of the nation require that special safeguards should be thrown around home ownership as a guaranty of social and economic stability and that to protect home owners from inequitable enforced liquidation in a time of general distress, is a proper concern of the government."

Parents Barricade Their Home Against Doctor Who Seeks to Care For Child

New York, April 14.—With timbers braced against all the doors, and with boiling water at hand to pour over anyone who might seek entrance, an immigrant couple barricaded themselves in their suburban home today, determined that an operation to save the life of an infant daughter should not be performed.

Neither John Vasco, 35-a-week laborer, nor his hysterical wife could be made to understand that the physician who stood outside was not calling to see two-year-old Helen Vasco, who has a malignant tumor of the eye which threatens her life.

Terror had seized the misunderstanding Vascos, and they only shook their heads with grim determination when it was explained that the doctor was there to attend Helen's twin-sister, Anna, who became suddenly ill last night and developed a tem-



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temperature of 105 degrees. As the physician Dr. Michael Bender, gave up his attempt to gain entrance and police said they would take no hand in the case for the time being, a neighbor told how Mrs. Vasco had placed her twin daughters in a small room and had locked the door.

Maybe it was the sight of a policeman Dr. Bender had brought with him that terrified husband and wife.

Maybe it was the crowd of neighbors that gathered.

Or maybe it was that it was all just a ruse to get Helen and take her to a hospital—and perhaps remove one of the pretty youngster's eyes.

Checking Up On Ma

Mother: "Why are you reading that book on the education of your children?"

Son: "To see if you are bringing me up properly."

Brown arrived at his office one morning beaming with satisfaction.

"Hallo," said his partner, "what's happened to please you?"

"A man held me up this morning," explained Brown, "and tried to pick my pockets, but my wife saved me."

"Great!" exclaimed his partner. "What did she do, grapple with him or scream?"

"Neither," smiled Brown, "she wasn't there."

"Then how did she do it?" asked the other, puzzled.

"She had been thru my pockets first," came the reply.

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Farmers, beware of the mistake of using a cheap grade of fertilizer this season, or any other season for that matter. Even though you prepare your land just right, and then plant good seeds, your harvest will not be as abundant as you had hoped to reap, if you neglect to give the plants the proper food. The old reliable and dependable

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