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What's become of the old-fashioned grocer who used to blow into a paper bag to open it?—Detroit News.

If Police Judge Harlan, of Danville, undertook to jail everybody in Kentucky who holds his court in contempt, he would not find enough jails in the state to accommodate his guests.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bridge Approaches

We do not profess to know everything about road and bridge construction, but it is hard to understand why the state highway commission does not permanently fix the approaches to the Yadkin River bridge between the Wilkesbors.

At the time the bridge was constructed several feet on either end were left without pavement. This was said to have been done to allow the bridge fill to do all the settling it was going to do before the approaches and the bridge were connected.

It seems to us that the fill has settled all it is going to and why not fix those little aggravating patches of road?

Courtesy

There is nothing that does a town or community more real good than does a population of courteous people. That friendly greeting or smile you will give a stranger may make a good impression for our town. Let's try it.

Carl Goerch, editor of "The State," has the following to say about this subject in his current issue:

"A New York lady says that the thing which impressed her most during a recent visit to this state was the unfailing courtesy on the part of the people with whom she came in contact.

"That's fine.
 "There is nothing that is cheaper or that pays greater dividends than plain, old-fashioned courtesy. Whenever you go out of your way to be courteous to a stranger, you help to put in a mighty strong boost for your town.

"It is something that is worth remembering."

Peculiar Attitude

A holiness preacher at Sylva Friday attempted a demonstration with a rattlesnake that probably caused his death.

This preacher went before his congregation and allowed a rattlesnake to sink its fangs into his flesh. He held the snake aloft with its fangs fastened in his arm but he did not keep this demeanor long, for he screamed, rushed from the church and rolled in agony on the ground. He refused to see a physician, despite the fact that his arms were swelling and bursting and that death was imminent.

It appears to this writer that the preacher was defying the Deity instead of upholding the power of God.

Probably we are not as learned on Holy Writ as many, but we have never read or heard of any of the teachings of God that would lead us to the conclusion that we should deliberately expose ourselves to danger in order to make a demonstration. Contrary to this, we believe that the Supreme Being would have us shun danger and care for our bodies to the best of our ability.

Several years ago this same preacher's wife died after a long and serious illness, during which she steadfastly refused to have the services of a doctor. Albert Tester, the preacher in question, had preached for years his belief that he could handle fire and go through all kinds of torture.

It is not our business to censure anyone who has such belief; we are just pointing out his peculiar attitude and calling attention to our belief that we are supposed to avail ourselves of the services of physicians in case of illness.

What scientists have discovered for the benefit of humanity has been through power granted to the human race by the Divinity and we should use it as freely as needed.

Child Welfare Survey
 No doubt these columns have carried previous mention of the Child Welfare Survey which has just been completed in North Carolina under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Absher, of this city, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary. But, we reiterate that the project is worthy of all the mention and commendation it can receive at the hands of the press.

The greatest benefit that can be derived from the survey is the information gathered about handicapped children in order that their physical deficiencies may be corrected.

Society at large can be greatly benefited by the restoration of a crippled child to a state of normalcy in order that he may be able to earn his own living.

Many of us have looked with pity at a cripple on the streets, begging, and wondered if something could not have been done in his youth to place him on a plane with his fellowmen and enabled him to enter some kind of gainful occupation.

It is just such instances as these that prompted Mrs. Absher to originate the survey. To learn where children are that need the attention of state institutions and the services of vocational rehabilitation is the purpose of the survey.

At this time we cannot fathom the far-reaching results of the survey. Already every crippled and indigent child in Wake county has been given attention. Surely other counties will follow suit.

In only a vague way can we see into the future and imagine the many useful citizens the survey will make possible, who otherwise might become cripples dependent upon pennies, nickles and dimes dropped into their hats on the streets of some city.

All who helped in any way toward making the survey the outstanding success it has proven to be will be rewarded by having the chance to live among a society of people benefitted by the information gathered by the paid and volunteer workers in the 100 counties of North Carolina.

Duke Power Rates Reduced Again; Effective October 1st

Reductions in rates of the Duke Power company and its subsidiaries in North Carolina, which will effect an annual saving of \$957,000 to consumers of gas and electricity in the state beginning October, was announced in Raleigh Thursday by Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner.

The reduction is the second effected by the commission within the past two years on rates of the power company. A slash of the same amount, \$957,000, was made effective in November, 1933.

The cut in electric rates in the Carolinas was brought to \$1,335,000, as South Carolina announced a similar reduction there of \$380,000 on rates of the Duke Power company and the Southern Public Utilities company. The rates of reduction were figured on the basis of 1933 sales.

The slashes in North Carolina were agreed upon a week ago, but announcement was held up pending the announcement from South Carolina, it was pointed out.

In the Southern Public Utilities, the saving to residential consumers in this state, including \$44,000 in the use of gas for water heating, will amount to \$368,000, while the commercial reductions total \$316,000.

The Duke Power company cuts totaled \$273,000, bringing the full amount to \$957,000.

The old residential rate of \$1 service charge will be 3.25 cents for the first 150 kilowatt hours, and three cents per kilowatt hour for excess current will be replaced by a rate of 80 cents for the first 19 kilowatt hours or less used per month. Graded upward the charge will be 6.5 cents per KWH for the next 20 KWH used per month, three cents per KWH for the next 100 KWH used per month; and 2.5 cents per KWH for all over 130 KWH per month. This eliminates the service charge.

The residential and commercial comparison on percentage reduction basis is as follows:

Kilowatt Hours	Residential Reduction	Commercial Reduction
50	6.3	8.8
100	11.0	12.6
200	15.7	15.1
300	16.0	16.2
400	16.1	16.7
600	16.3	17.2

Happenings At Purlear Reported

Much Interest In Sunday School Revival At New Hope Is Manifested

PURLEAR, Aug. 7.—Miss Catherine Martin left Sunday for Dobson to engage in the Sunday school revival work there. She taught a large class at New Hope last week and much interest was manifested. More room in the church was curtained off and stools made for the children.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Eller and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Church.

Misses Virginia and Edith Nichols were dinner guests Sunday of Miss Edna Eller.

Messrs. M. A. and Charlie Faw went to Kannapolis Sunday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Jim Greene.

Rev. Avery Church visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Church, a short while Friday. He is going about on crutches.

Miss Gladys Davis spent last Tuesday night with her cousin, Miss Jennie Davis, at Wilkesboro.

Mr. Jesse Watts and son, Rex, of Hickory, spent some time here last week looking after business.

Mrs. W. T. Eller was in North Wilkesboro Tuesday shopping.

The tobacco crop of Beaufort county is reported the best since 1928, with an excellent corn crop, but cotton late due to the excessive rain.

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A KINGSHIP REFUSED
 Jesus' miracles caused His reputation to spread before Him, and the most dramatic of them, the feeding of a host of people, was followed by one great moment of triumph, which, however, marked the beginning of the end.

That multitude of people whom He had seated in groups of fifty and a hundred rose to their feet after their miraculous meal and discovered that they were an army. They looked up with new eyes at the strong young man who had fed them as Moses had fed their ancestors in the wilderness.

The words of the prophets surged into their minds. Here indeed was a son of David; here was the promised leader who should free his people, drive the Romans before him, and sit again upon the throne in Jerusalem. With a great shout they surged forward.

Did He hesitate for a moment? Was there an instant in which the temptation to seize this proffered leadership battled with His real ideals? We know only the final decision, which was quickly made:

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

From that hour His popularity waned. Most of those who had followed Him in the hope of reward through a successful revolution began to drop away.

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Even the twelve were disappointed and disheartened. Why was it necessary for Him to be so inflexible? Why must He always abuse the Pharisees and other influential people? Why turn away so abruptly from those who could be of so much help? Jesus alone saw clearly. He led them away from Galilee into the foreign shores of Tyre and Sidon. He wanted to be alone with them, to try to make them understand why He must refuse temporal power; why, indeed, it would be necessary for Him to insure the permanency of His message by sealing it with His blood.

He must "go into Jerusalem," He told them, "and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed." Indignantly they sought to dissuade him. "Be it far from thee, Lord," the beloved Peter exclaimed, "this shall never be unto thee." Their remonstrances were in vain.

The whole last year of His ministry has a different tone. He is far more emphatic, far more audacious. Knowing that compromise is useless, He lashes out against the smug complacency of the Pharisees who render lip service to Jehovah but are rotten at the core with selfishness and greed.

Maybe this will be of some comfort: A scientist says the earth is cooling at the rate of one degree in eight million years.—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

North Dakota survived the Non-partisan league and will recover, we suppose, from its present Langer-ing illness.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

College Professor Goes Insane.—Headline. Even the wise crack.—San Francisco Chronicle.