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A radical is just a conservative without a job.—Dallas Morning News.

But would Senator Schall seriously contend that politicians do not resent the absence of newspaper mention even more than they resent newspaper criticism?—San Antonio Express.

Synthetic rubber tires are found to equal the real thing, and doubtless synthetic rubber checks would be just as good as the rubber checks now frequently used.—Boston Transcript.

The racing of turtles, frogs and fish is reported to be popular in Baltimore. It is understood that contests between even lower forms of life, including taxpayers and consumers, are in contemplation.—Hartford Courant.

Deserves Support

The charity baseball game to be played on September 6 between an all star aggregation and the Home Chair Company nine deserves the attention and consideration of all the people of this community.

It is not primarily a question of your belief in and support of sports but it is the purpose of the game that should draw hundreds to the fairgrounds to see the game. The benefits from the admission charges to be made will go for the Boy Scouts, a very helpful organization for the boys of our towns.

Exchange of Teachers

The plan of exchanging Sunday school teachers in the three leading Men's Bible classes here for one month is unique and interesting.

Although there has never been nothing but friendliness between the classes the exchange of teachers will be helpful in building up good will and closer relationship in the Christian work of the Sunday school.

And, of course, the exchange is interesting for the members of the classes and teachers who are given an opportunity to observe how their neighbors engage in the Sabbath school study.

More Good News

Tobacco markets which have opened in eastern Carolina are the source of some very optimistic news. Tobacco prices are higher so far this year than since 1929.

Satisfactory tobacco and cotton prices and demand for these two cash crops of the south is regarded as the outstanding achievement of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the crop reduction programs.

In this industrial and diversified farming area figures on tobacco and cotton prices are not regarded with very much attention, but we should remember that portions of our own county produce these two crops in considerable quantities. It is also a fact that communication and transportation facilities have made this nation a much smaller place, industrially speaking, and that what affect one section affect the entire country.

Here in our own county we have no outstanding cash crop but the farmers have the best crops in many years. Many of them have received or will get benefit checks from the government for crop reduction and an uplifting spirit of optimism prevails.

Markets for raw materials are opening up again and it looks as if our people are in for a much less distressing fall and winter than in the past several years.

Often we are too prone to believe that the lack of a cash crop such as tobacco and cotton is our great disadvantage but there is another side to the question. All the year 'round we have a steady flow of business activity, while in the tobacco areas the business boom lasts only about four months and there is the long wait of two thirds of the year before there is much money in circulation again.

Against Big Odds

In an editorial The Reidsville Review had figured up just what odds the careless automobile driver takes and according to their figures, which are apparently based upon facts, there is plenty of cause for the driver to do some serious thinking before taking any kind of a chance with a "benzine buggy."

The editorial entitled "The Poorest Gamble" is worthy of quoting in full: "Would you gamble \$17,000,000 against one dollar? You wouldn't, of course, no matter how good you thought your chance of winning. At those odds, no wager would possible be worth the risk you would take."

It is very possible, however, that you take an even poorer bet than that every day—that you accept, consciously or unconsciously, life's poorest gamble.

If you are 35 years old, you will, on the average, live for 17,000,000 more minutes. To save one little minute, thousands of automobile drivers risk losing the entire 17,000,000 minutes that are coming to them. They take that risk whenever they drive excessively fast, whenever they cut in and out of traffic, whenever they pass other cars on hills or curves, whenever they are guilty of one of the many acts of carelessness that may cause an accident.

Each year in this country about 33,000 people make the 17,000,000-to-one wager with death—and lose. Hundreds of thousands of others are injured. Millions sustain needless property damage, estimated to reach a total of over a billion dollars.

Think of the odds next time you are tempted to take a chance while driving. Remember that the automobile you are operating is one of the most potentially dangerous of all weapons, both to others and yourself. Then ask yourself if that minute you might save is worth the gamble.

Deaths on the highways can never be eliminated entirely by law enforcement, although much can be done by strictly enforcing the traffic laws. A more feasible way to cut down the auto death toll is by educating the people regarding the risk they are taking in careless driving.

Splendid Achievement

Under the leadership of Mrs. W. R. Absher, the North Carolina Department of the American Legion Auxiliary during the past year was an organization of achievement.

This is shown by the reports submitted in the convention held in Greensboro during the past week. The public child welfare survey alone could be counted a year's work, not to mention the many other splendid accomplishments of the department of which Mrs. Absher was head.

The year will go down as one of outstanding accomplishment for the Auxiliary and North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county can feel a sense of pride in that one of our esteemed ladies led the organization toward the realization of greater goals.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

MICAH CHAMPIONS THE OPPRESSED
 Lesson for September 2nd, Micah 6 and 7.
 Golden Text: Micah 6:8.

Our Golden Text was, it is said, the favorite Bible verse of President Washington. It was also close to the heart of Theodore Roosevelt. Rather does it concern itself with the root activities of the human pilgrimage. No doubt we need formalism. And certainly we must have enthusiasm. And President Eliot, of Harvard, made much of it.

Religion, insists Micah, is not primarily ritual. Neither is it, at bottom, ecstasy. But of much more importance are the justice, mercy, and humility of every day living.

The need for justice today is obvious. Too long has man given full rein to his predatory impulses. Our present competitive profit system places a premium upon the exploitation of one group by another. Moreover it is subversive of human values through its philosophy of strife leading inevitably to international war and industrial conflict the fruits of which are insecurity, unemployment, and untold misery. What is needed is a planned social economy, thoroughly Christian in its implications. Clarity is no longer sufficient. The times call loudly for genuine justice.

But mercy is as important as justice. The church has always given a royal status to the virtue of kindness.

Finally, the sovereign grace of humility must be stressed. A discouraging defect of human nature is its cocksureness, a product of the deadly sin of pride. Other fruits are fussiness, jealousy, snobbishness. All of these common vices can be cured by a rigorous self-examination leading to a realistic appreciation of our littleness.

Most of all do we need humility in our religion. This is made clear by Jesus' striking parable of the Pharisee and the tax-gatherer. "For every one who uplifts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be uplifted."

The market for bicycles is nowhere near exhausted, according to a survey. Yes, but the riders are.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.

Home Chair Team Takes Two Games

Southside Defeated Here Saturday; Marion Bowled To Locals Tuesday

Home Chair Company's cracked baseball team has hit another stride of victories and during the past week copped two games from two of the strongest teams in western North Carolina.

Tuesday afternoon the locals let loose a bombardment of hits on two Marion pitchers for eight tallies while the visitors could garner only 4 off the offerings of Halteman, who went a long way toward winning his own game by crashing out a long homer in the fourth frame with two on.

Marion is a member of The Carolina League and the victory Tuesday is a strong boost for the home nine.

Score by innings:
 Marion 201 010 000—4
 Home Chair 000 610 100—8
 Batteries: Marion—Brad-bourn, Mills and Horgan; Home Chair—Halteman and Davis.

Saturday's victory of Southside from Winston-Salem was more spectacular with the locals gaining a one run margin in the last frame to gain a 7 to 6 lead after the visitors had tied the score at their time at bat.

Score by innings:
 Home Chair 130 020 001—7
 Southside 002 020 002—6
 Batteries: Home Chair—Halteman, Crook and Davis; Southside—Skidmore and Carter.

Through With 13

In Birmingham, Ala., Fireman R. L. Musgrove, says he is not going to take any more chances. Today, after wearing No. 13 badge for 13 years, his number was 31.

During these 13 years, Musgrove was burned several times, had blood poison five times from injuries received at fires, was overcome by smoke once or twice, and stepped on numerous nails.

And just last week, a hose nozzle escaped his grasp and gave him a lusty swat on the head. That was the final straw. No. 13 has been officially retired from duty.

Want Homes For Two Colored Children

Charles McNeill, welfare officer for Wilkes County, stated yesterday that he has two colored boys, ages 8 and 5, now in charge of his office and that he is wanting to place them in homes of reliable colored families. Any one interested should get in touch with Mr. McNeill.

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