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Thanks!

The State Highway and Public Works Commission did something last week for which all of us who have been crossing the Yadkin River bridge here are very grateful. What we refer to is laying a satisfactory surface on the approaches to the bridge.

Then we "see by the papers" that those little aggravating patches of gravel are going to be supplanted by concrete, all of which is to the liking of everybody who has crossed the new bridge since its construction.

Indian Summer

The first frosts of the season have come and gone and we are now entering into one of the most beautiful and glorious seasons of the year—Indian Summer.

Leaves of the beautiful mountain foliage are turning a shade pale and within a few days the countryside will be resplendent with the gold of autumn. The nights are chilly, inducing the desire for a warm fireside and a little later—peaceful sleep under blankets.

The glory of autumn on the mountains of Wilkes is hardly surpassed by spring, when orchards are in bloom and everything seems to have taken on new life. During the summer the trees take on new growth, which is now in a premature and pulpy stage. Following autumn will be the winter frosts, snows and blizzards. Next spring the new growth will be mature and hardened.

Can we see a similarity between plant life and human existence? In youth body and mind grow fast and take on abundance of life. The problems and difficulties of life and responsibility mould that growth into a substantial being.

When a person faces life itself with all the responsibility of his or her existence and probably that of someone else, he or she is in the Indian Summer of existence. If he has the courage, morality and initiative—in other words character—he will get through the winter with the growth of youth hardened into experience that builds for an individual a worthy existence.

Easy Money Gone

What the "man on the street" thinks and says is always interesting. Today we hear many people talking about recovery as the time when easy money will flow without much effort. They seemed to think that to have good times we must have chances to get rich quick or make "easy money." There is no such thing.

Our definition of prosperity is a time and age when everyone has an opportunity to earn a decent livelihood. By this we do not mean that one should get \$10 per day for unskilled labor. If such were the case the quickly earned money would be of little value and would be spent more rapidly than it was made.

When a person is able to sell his labor for enough within a period of ten years to buy and furnish a home and keep up with current expenses he is prosperous. When he has to earn what he makes and gets it is of value to him and he can possess it with pride.

About 15 years ago some people did get rich comparatively fast and the world considered them lucky. But let us consider whether we know of the long years in preparation for accumulating the riches. Do we know how much midnight oil those men burned while hard at work when less active men were slumbering and hoping for a streak of luck? Do we know how much they sacrificed in order to accumulate some worldly goods and to be ready when opportunity came?

There are still, and always will be, opportunities to accumulate wealth but the chances do not come without effort and the intelligence to make circumstances work out to advantage.

Too many ambitious young people cherish the hope that they will accumulate wealth without effort. Too much stress has, in the past, been laid on education as a means to that end. Our advice to anyone going to school to "get an education so they will not have to work" is to get another idea for that one simply will not pan out in this mad scramble we call life.

More About Soil Erosion

The government has set aside \$550,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 to help North Carolina farmers to control soil erosion.

Our soil is our most priceless asset, and it most likely will continue to be. Therefore, it is an economic necessity and a patriotic and moral obligation to preserve this all-important resource that cannot be rebuilt within the expectancy of a human life.

The federal government, becoming duly alarmed with the increasing destruction of farm lands from unrestricted washoff has set in operation 25 huge soil erosion projects in separate sections of the country under supervision of the Department of the Interior. One such project of two separate areas was established, and another of 57,000 acres of the Brown's Creek watershed of Anson and Union counties.

In our country there is something like 80 million acres of formerly cultivated land destroyed by gullying and deep washing alone. About 4 million acres of bottom lands, formerly cropped, have been rendered essentially useless by a covering of inert material deposited over it and by increased waterflow resulting from silt-choked stream-beds. Insignificant that loss is, though, when compared to the loss from that vast area subjected to a more serious type of washing which steals off a layer of soil with each successive rain, sheet erosion. The removal of a thin covering of soil, more or less uniformly, during every rain heavy enough to have runoff is sheet erosion.

Rainwater flowing out of cultivated fields is always muddy, never clear. This discolored washoff is the very fat of the land! Simple deduction and observation indicates what eventually happens where the process is not arrested.

The uncontrolled wastage of our land is what the soil erosion service of the government is out to prevent,—to demonstrate how individual farms can be handled so as to arrest the evil effects of erosion. Work of the soil erosion service also will reduce loss of water from runoff, will minimize the effects of drought, reduce flood hazards, will prevent the covering of bottom lands with unfertile subsoil, stop washouts, prevent the silting of streams and channels, and stop the filling up of expensive reservoirs with farms soils and mud.

Already our nation has permitted the essential destruction and unrestricted erosion on an area of formerly cultivated land exceeding the combined extent of Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut. This means that there has been made unfit for profitable husbandry 218,000 160-acre farms!

North Carolina is being robbed of its full share. Yearly farmers of the state suffer an estimated loss of \$66,000,000 from erosion. That doesn't include the loss to the state of the stupendous damage to highways and the silting of reservoirs, streams, ditches and harbors.

Thousands of North Carolina farmers are operating on slopes stripped of the more productive surface layer have only the slimmest of opportunities to make a satisfactory living whether prices are up or down.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE CHRISTIAN AT PRAYER

Lesson for October 21st. Matt. 6:5-15. Golden Text: Romans 12:12.

It is perfectly clear that to multitudes of people prayer has become unreal. The main reason for this is the temper of our day. Our age of speed and secular emphasis is not favorable to the practice of prayer. We belong, says an editorial writer, "to a generation that believes, first, in nothing, and, second, in self." Lyman Abbott wrote this parody of that model prayer of Jesus included in our lesson: "Our brethren who are upon the earth, hallowed be our name; our kingdom come; our will be done on earth; for there is no heaven." Well, if prayer is no more than self-communion, it loses a great deal of its reality and value. It becomes almost as absurd as the girl who, in her eagerness to be popular, "sat on the sand, and held her own hand."

There are, however, encouraging signs that people still believe in God, and still pray to Him, using the Lord's Prayer in the original form of our lesson text. "Time spent on the knees in prayer," said the late George David Stewart, an eminent surgeon, "will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else." And Dr. Elwood Worcester, so gifted in the cure of souls, testifies that when the pressure of his work has seemed beyond endurance, "reliance on spiritual force has brought new and deeper understanding of difficult problems."

People, then, are still praying. Let us take comfort in that fact. Moreover we need not take too seriously the widespread opinion that there is no God who hears prayer.

Therefore pray. Pray every day. Pray every hour. "Pray without ceasing," as Paul says. Pray as a happy privilege. Pray in secret as our Lord, in the lesson passage, advises. And remember that prayer is not a monologue, but a conversation. God talks to us in true prayer.

This Week In Washington

New NRA Atmosphere
Washington, Oct. 15. (Auto-caster)—The most noticeable thing in the National Capital these days is the comparative peace that has descended upon the city since the retirement of General Johnson from control of the NRA. A new atmosphere, calmer and apparently more deliberate and reasonable, has already become noticeable in the offices of the Recovery Administration. Business and industrial leaders who have had business at NRA headquarters in the past week or two report that what they had to say was listened to with apparent respect. This is held to be encouraging to the belief that the Government may not, after all, frown upon the making of profits in business, and may be more inclined to modify some of the restrictions which have prevented the making of profits.

Removing Obstacles
Chief among these obstacles, it is realized now, was the effort to put wages ahead of increase in business. The President's proposal for a "labor tree" in his recent radio address is being interpreted as indicating that the Government will not use its influence to force unionization, and will help to prevent the forcing of workers into unions by intimidation.

The most recent interpretation of the famous "7a" clause of the Recovery Act is that, while a majority of the workers in any industry may elect to join and be represented by any labor union or organization they prefer, that does not compel the minority to go along. Every worker retains his right of individual bargaining, and a minority group can set up their own collective bargaining organization.

On this matter of labor and wages, there is a good deal of talking and some deep thinking going on about the suggestion made by the President that perhaps the best way to approach the subject is from the point of view of annual income of the workers, rather than rate per hour or week. That has a definite bearing on the building trades, which are traditionally seasonal, and the high wages which are justified by labor on the ground that they don't work all the year around. The President's reference to England as an example of recovery has led to inquiries about British wages. After making due allowance for differences in cost of living, which are not great, it seems to be the fact that building trades workers in England do not enjoy a much higher rate per hour than other industrial workers.

Housing Work Booms
The matter of wages in the building trades has a bearing on the program of the Federal Housing Administration. That is starting out to be the most successful of all the Administration's plans so far. Applications for "modernizing" loans are increasing at the rate of 40 percent a week, and the outlook for widespread new home building activity gets distinctly brighter from day to day.

The question of labor costs will shortly become a distinct concern of the Housing board. The average annual income of industrial workers in this country is estimated, in the best of times, at \$1,500 a year or thereabouts. Can building labor be spread out over a great number of operations so as to give every one of the four or five million unemployed in the building trades an annual income of that much or more, without loading labor costs too heavily on individual houses?

In the AAA they have just been taking a vote of farmers in the corn-hog belt, to see how many of them want to go along next season in the matter of crop reduction and birth-control in the hog family. The replies received so far indicate that more than 80 percent of the farmers are for the continuance of the plan.

Now a Cotton Poll
Another vote of farmers is to be called for soon, under the Bankhead cotton control law. As the law stands, the total production of cotton is limited to 10,000,000 bales a year, with the act quotas allotted to each grower and a fine of \$20 a bale for growing more than one's quota. But unless two-thirds of all cotton growers vote for a continuance of the plan, it is to be abandoned after one year.

Another poll, conducted by an outside agency, is giving the Administration something to think about, however. The National Industrial Conference Board, of which Virgil Jordan is the head, and which has a good reputation as an impartial fact-finding organization, sent a questionnaire to the editor of every newspaper in the United States, daily or weekly, asking several questions about public sentiment in each community in

respect to various phases of the Recovery program. Nearly 5,000 of the 12,000 editors addressed sent in replies giving their best judgment of their communities' attitude.

Editors Report Findings
The majority, in many cases an overwhelming majority, reported that people generally were opposed to compulsory unemployment insurance, for old-age pensions, against further increase in the national debt, for reduction in the Federal payroll and the application of the Civil Service law to new jobs, against price-fixing of both agricultural and industrial products, against restriction of agricultural or industrial production, opposed to Government competition in any kind of business, to Government taking over the banking system, against power of the Executive to change the value of the dollar, opposed to the use of the taxing power for the redistribution of wealth, for private profits in business, against regulation of profits except public utilities, for Government fixing of minimum wages and maximum hours of labor, against compulsory membership in labor unions, and for legislation making sympathetic strikes and lockouts illegal.

CORN-HOG FARMERS APPROVE AAA PLAN

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Corn-hog producers in North Carolina are voting 12 to 1 to continue the AAA program in 1935.

Returns from 23 counties showed today that 1,311 farmers voted for the program next year, while 110 voted against it. W. W. Shay, of State College, announced.

Shay is conducting a referendum among the 4,117 growers in North Carolina who signed contracts to adjust their corn and hog production and receive benefit payments from the government.

Marriage Licenses

During the past few days marriage licenses were issued from the office of register of deeds at Wilkes to the following: Robert W. Lee, Winston-Salem, and Velma Ethel Teague, North Wilkesboro; Lonnie Winkler and Nora Sheets, both of Sherman; R. H. Johnson, Windy Gap, and Minia Hendren, Wilkesboro; A. W. Wood, Hays, and Ruth Rose, North Wilkesboro.

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HEALTH INSURANCE URGED BY SURGEON

Boston, Oct. 15.—Prepayment health insurance, to be administered by communities rather than commercial organizations, was advocated by Dr. Robert B. Greenough, of Boston, at his inaugural as president of the American College of Surgeons tonight.

Though asserting that "the personal and fiduciary relation between patient and physician is too precious a relationship to be jeopardized by radical changes of a socialistic nature," Dr. Greenough told his fellow surgeons, gathered in Symphony Hall, that periodic prepayments were "the only way in which people of modern means can be expected to pay either the hospital or the physician for the necessary costs of serious illness or operation."

Crippled Children Taken To Orthopedic Hospital

Mrs. Bertha Bell, county nurse, carried a number of children to the state orthopaedic hospital at Gastonia Tuesday for treatment. Included in the number were Billie Gray Kemp, son of B. D. Kemp, of Cycle; Ruth Joines, daughter of George Joines, of Traphill; Ralph Wood, son of Benny Wood, of North Wilkesboro.

Quality at Savings—Some places you can get quality, but you usually pay more; other places have cheap prices and also cheap quality. At the Mark-Down you get undisputed quality at unequaled low prices. Come in today and see for yourself. You won't look further.—The Mark-Down Furniture Co., in the F. D. Forester Building, Avery Whittington, manager.

Nyal "2 For 1" and Special Sale Starts Today and Continues Through Tuesday

<p>Zinc Ointment Soothes skin—25c Tube 2 for 25c</p>	<p>This Nyal "2 for 1" and Special Sale brings exceptional savings on drug necessities, medicinals and toiletries which find everyday usage—remedies which for years have safeguarded health in thousands of homes. In many cases, you can buy two standard quality, full-sized Nyal products and SAVE AS MUCH AS YOU SPEND! Nyal Drug Stores are always "value-giving" stores, always dependable, always interested in the health matters of the community and first to offer aid. Get acquainted with Nyal Drug Store values and Nyal reliable remedies during this "2 for 1" and Special Sale. Check your needs and bring this ad with you. BUY TWO AND SAVE!</p>	<p>Nyal Aspirin Box of Two Dozen Tablets 2 for 25c</p>
<p>Honey and Almond Cream 1 pt. Lucein Honey and Almond Cream 2 for 50c</p>	<p>NYAL SALTS The Saline Laxative that brings regular elimination—65c Jar 2 for 65c</p>	<p>NYAL HEALTH SOAP A milled soap with an aroma of cleanliness; excellent for toilet, shampoo or bath. Large Bar 2 for 10c</p>
<p>NYAL YELLOW PILLS For the Liver—25c Bottle 2 for 25c</p>	<p>NYAL FOOT BALM For Athlete's Foot, Skin Cracks and Foot Eczema. Not greasy or sticky. 50c Bottle 2 for 50c</p>	<p>MILK OF MAGNESIA For acid stomach and heartburn, neuralgic and rheumatic pains. Bottle of 100 2 for 50c</p>
<p>NYAL NASAL JELLY With Ephedrine—50c Tube 2 for 50c</p>	<p>Nyal Laxative Tablets A chewy wafer that acts without gripping. Safe for children. 25c Bottle 2 for 25c</p>	<p>RUBBING ALCOHOL Refreshes tired, sore muscles; an invigorating body rub. Pint size 2 for 50c</p>
<p>NYAL NASAL JELLY With Ephedrine—50c Tube 2 for 50c</p>	<p>NYAL FACE CREAM A Peroxide Vanishing Cream that softens and whitens the skin. Large 50c Jar 2 for 50c</p>	<p>COD LIVER OIL A valuable food tonic—builds resistance against colds. Pint Bottle 2 for \$1.25</p>
<p>CI-MI ROUGE Popular Shades 2 for 35c</p>	<p>SHAVING CREAM Apply with finger tips. requires no brush, no rub-in. Large 35c Tube 2 for 35c</p>	<p>Witch Hazel Extract A soothing rub for muscular soreness, bruises and scratches. Full Pint Bottle 2 for 50c</p>
<p>HOLDTITE POWDER For Dental Plates—50c Tin 2 for 50c</p>	<p>LAXACOLD TABLETS Take at the first sign of colds, check further discomfort. 25c Box 2 for 25c</p>	<p>Buchu and Juniper Pills A stimulating diuretic that promotes liver and kidney action. 50c Bottle 2 for 50c</p>
<p>EPHEDRINE SYRUP For Stubborn Coughs—50c Size 2 for 50c</p>	<p>NYAL CORN PADS Adhesive Pads with Medicated Centers that loosens Corns 2 for 25c</p>	<p>SANITARY POWDER A cleansing, soothing douche; antiseptic and deodorizing. 50c Tin 2 for 50c</p>
<p>PAR SHAVING CREAM Makes a velvety lather that penetrates right to the hair roots—Large Tube 2 for 50c</p>	<p>HIRSUTONE A Stimulating Tonic for the Hair and Scalp, curbs Dandruff. Large \$1.00 size 2 for \$1.00</p>	<p>ULTRA SHAMPOO Cococanut Oil and Castile liquid soap, cleanses and glosses the hair. Large Pint Bottle. 2 for 50c</p>

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