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**Losing By Inches**  
 Several days ago The Journal-Patriot carried a news article saying that Wilkes county had lost the value of more than 46,000 acres of land because of erosion. This is significant and appalling.

In Burke county the loss by erosion is said by the United States soil erosion service to be similar and a news article was carried by the Morganton News-Herald to that effect. In the following issue this editorial appeared:

Running the risk of being charged with too frequent repetition, we cannot resist the desire to call attention to paragraphs in two separate articles in Friday's issue of The News Herald.

In account of a survey of the soil erosion service of the United States department of the interior, we read:

"Burke county has lost the value of 89,959 acres, or 12.41 per cent of its total area because of aggravated erosion . . . Of the 321,920 acres which comprise the county there are 16,830 acres already abandoned due primarily to severe erosion, the report shows. Also, there are 37,690 acres having 25 to 75 per cent of the topsoil gone."

On another page, in a column of "Farm Notes," County Agent R. L. Sloan writes: "Lespedeza has proven itself the best crop ever tried in this section to prevent washing along sloping lands," and goes on to discuss its growing popularity among Burke farmers as a pasture plant and for hay.

Our point, simple as adding two and two, is that Burke county farmers who have witnessed the appalling loss, have seen the strength of their lands washed by rains into ditches and streams, may well turn to this plant which has proven itself as the most satisfactory solution of the problem. That they are already doing so in gratifying numbers is attested by the fact that lespedeza is now the chief legume crop of the county.

Farmers whose soil has washed away have no chance of earning a living and are beaten before they begin, unless they are willing to work hard at the long fight to build back the soil. Lespedeza is a wonderful crop for building fertile soil and for keeping it from washing away. No farmer can neglect his land and expect to earn a living on the farm. Nothing with more underlying truth was ever said than that "the farmer does not have an idle day in the year." At any time a farmer can find something to do on his place that will improve it, and take it from us, there is not a farm home anywhere that cannot stand some improvement.

**The Book** the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON  
 JOSEPH  
 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites . . .

And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him; and he (Potiphar) made him overseer over his house, and all that he had . . .

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me . . . and he fled, and got him out . . .

The illicit love of Potiphar's wife, and her revenge when the young overseer refused to betray the trust of his master, is the most widely remembered episode in Joseph's career. It has been the theme of plays and novels, and the cynical writers of all ages have scoffed at the young man's scruples and by their scoffing condemned themselves. For the story of Joseph is the finest single story in the Old Testament.

His father's favorite, and therefore the scorn and envy of his brothers, he made trouble for himself by the strange wisdom of his dreams and by his "coat of many colors," his father's gift. "Behold this dreamer cometh," they sneered, and forthwith they cast him into a pit, and smearing his coat with the blood of a kid took it home to their sorrowing father with a lie.

A commonplace age is always suspicious of dreamers. But what continent was ever opened, what railway built, what great discovery made, without their help?

He whom a dream hath possessed treads the invincible marches:  
 From the dust of the day's long road he leaps to a laughing star;  
 And the ruin of worlds that fall he views from celestial arches.  
 And rides God's battlefield in a golden and shining car.

The dreamer may ride in the golden car at the end, as the poets inform us, but he treads a long hard path in the beginning. The Ishmaelites bought Joseph when his brothers removed him from the pit into which they had cast him, and he tramped beside their camels down the dusty trail into Egypt. By sheer brains and force of character he won his way into Potiphar's employ:

And he (Potiphar) left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat.  
 Joseph's life stretched out before him with the fine promise of success when the passion of a woman intervened, and evil days descended. "Behold this dreamer cometh"; unlock the prison door and let it clang behind him.

In prison who remembered him? Potiphar's wife, perhaps, with a sinister smile at his scruples. His guilty brothers, like enough, with a lessening prick of conscience until they almost persuaded themselves they had forgotten. But the people whom he had benefited did not remember him.

**Last Rites Held For Mrs. Brewer**

Mrs. John Brewer, Hays Resident, Died Wednesday Night With Pneumonia

Funeral services were held at Round Mountain church Friday afternoon for Mrs. John Brewer, who died at her home on Wednesday night following a brief illness with pneumonia.

She was 37 years of age and was the last of her family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson. There are no surviving children, brothers or sisters. She leaves her husband.

Rev. J. M. Owens, Rev. H. A. Adams and Rev. D. C. Miller were in charge of the last rites, which were largely attended by many friends of Mrs. Brewer, who was an esteemed resident of her community.

**PONTIAC LAYING STRESS ON SEALED CHASSIS**

Although the leading industry in the country during the last decade has been the motor car business, its leaders have never been so engrossed with their own importance that they were not ready to make use of the experience gained by older lines of business. To wit: watch-making.

The Pontiac Motor company is laying great stress this year on its sealed chassis and according to W. L. Gilpin, vice president and general sales manager, the company's engineers have used the same care in protecting every moving part of the chassis against dust, water and dirt, that the maker of the finest watch would use.

"The sealing of any piece of machinery is very important," said Mr. Gilpin. "No manufacturer of precision machinery of any kind would think of leaving its parts exposed to the action of water and dirt. Likewise, the thing that any good judge of fine watches considers of utmost importance, next to its action, is how well its maker has protected that action."

"So, Pontiac engineers have used great care in sealing all vital parts of our 1935 chassis. And by doing that they have added to the riding comfort of the car and contributed to its durability, because, by careful sealing they have retained oil and grease where they are needed and they have kept out dust, grit and moisture.

"A car thus properly sealed will go farther and give a better ride than one in which less care has been given to this vital necessity."

**Family Has 5 Sets Of Twins to Raise**

Putnam, Conn., Feb. 31.—While their fifth set of twins were making normal progress, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fifield tonight said they had been swamped with gifts and mail from all parts of the east from Maine to Florida.

Paul Denson and David Eugene, born January 12, swelled the Fifield family to 11 children. Paul today tipped the scales at six pounds and three ounces while Davis weighed six pounds three and one-half ounces.

**Utah 22nd State to Ratify Federal Child Labor Law**

Salt Lake City, Jan. 31.—Utah today became the 22nd state to ratify the federal child labor amendment.

The action of the house of representatives in approving the ratification resolution 32 to 28 yesterday was allowed to stand when a motion to reconsider the vote failed to materialize. The senate already had adopted the resolution.

**GET THE JUMP ON "COLDS" THIS YEAR**

Does winter find you "run-down"—a victim of the first cold that comes along? If so, there's an easy way to combat this treacherous ailment. Build up your resistance now—with McKESSON'S VITAMIN CONCENTRATE TABLETS.

These tempting chocolate-coated tablets bring you an abundance of vitamins A and D. A helps you resist infection. D furnishes the extra "sunshine" your body craves in winter.

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**County Commission Measures Killed**

Two Bills Designed to Add to Powers of Board's Fall Before House Group

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Two bills intended to greatly increase the powers of county commissioners were killed unceremoniously following a two-hour public hearing by the house committee on counties, cities and towns Wednesday afternoon.

One would have empowered commissioners to appoint tax collectors and fix salaries of county officers and the other would have permitted county boards to abolish or consolidate offices in the interest of cheaper local government.

**Fletcher Outlines Program To Revive Republican Party**

New York, Jan. 31.—Henry P. Fletcher, Republican national chairman, tonight outlined his program for revival of the party in the drive to recapture the presidency in 1936.

Addressing New York Republicans, Fletcher said the party must:

Give youth a greater voice in its councils "if we are going to escape dying like an old tree at the top."

Intensify opposition to the new deal because President Roosevelt "advocates unsound national and economic policies" which may cause the nation "to reap the whirlwind of demagogic radicalism."

Support social welfare legislation and "advocate the correction of abuses which have grown up in the economic field."

Work for uniform state laws regulating corporations. Support an equitable and absolutely fair distribution of the tax burden and insist upon a fair distribution of public funds which are contributed by taxes.

Fight the movement towards an increasing presidential dictatorship as proved by "the astonishing and degrading spectacle of the legislative branch of our federal government supinely abdicating its constitutional powers and authority into the hands of the executive."

**Beard to Get Hearing**

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—A public hearing will be held here February 5 by Edwin Gill, parole commissioner, for Dwight Beard, Caldwell county man now on death row at state's prison facing electrocution February 15.

**If You Have a WRECK**

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**GET A LIFT WITH A CAMEL!**

**MASTER BUILDER.** (Left) Says Frazier Forman Peters: "I smoke Camels all the time. Camels give me new energy when tired. And they never get on my nerves."

**SOCIETY MATRON.** (Right) Says Mrs. Allison Boyer, young New York social leader: "Camels are so mild and rich! And it's marvelous how smoking a Camel will revive my energy."

**FAMOUS FLYER.** (Above) Col. Roscoe Turner, famous ace of the skyways, says: "A speed flyer uses up energy just as his motor uses 'gas'—smoking a Camel gives me a 'refill' on energy. After smoking a Camel, I get a new feeling of well-being. Camels never tire my taste. I smoke all I want."

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Women will try to get a law declaring economic independence. That ought to give the men their half of the pay-check.—Wichita Eagle.

Pennsylvania reports an increase in employment—and the Democrats still have to get their jobs in January.—Topeka Daily Capital.

That vast empty silence would be the response of the rest of the country to Huey's proposal that Louisiana pull out of the union.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The class in geography should be taught that Louisiana under Huey Long is bounded on all sides by frank disapproval.—Buffalo Evening News.

**Possible Relief**

School authorities in Wilkes county, realizing that a capital outlay will be necessary in order to provide adequate school buildings, are showing some commendable foresight in investigating the possibilities of getting some work done in the gigantic works-relief setup that is almost sure to be carried out this year.

The school building situation in the county just now is not so bright. At least two modern buildings for consolidated schools are almost necessities, while additions and alterations are needed in practically every district in the county. Several years ago a number of modern buildings were erected and even these are overcrowded.

While other central schools in the county have at least brick buildings, Millers Creek district is badly handicapped by having to use two frame buildings, part of one being condemned as unsafe. The situation at Mountain View and Wilkesboro, is likewise bad, and the report by state insurance authorities show that these buildings will have to undergo a lot of work and expense before they are really fit for use. With the funds that are available the school authorities are keeping the lesser frame buildings in the outlying districts in as good condition as possible.

Now, these are facts which the people must face. If the county has to levy taxes to do all this work and furnish materials it will mean quite an outlay that can be gained in the only way the county has of raising money—by ad valorem property taxes. Land taxes are unpopular because of the burden upon the home owner who is barely able to get his food and feed out of the soil, to say nothing of cash to buy clothes, rear his children and pay taxes.

If the national government is going to spend over four billion dollars on public works this year in order to give people employment, it is quite natural that some will be expended in our county for the needy people. Although the plan has not been worked out to the merest detail, it is plain that the president, who will have final say in the expenditures, means to use the money to place people to work on worthwhile projects and a survey is already being made over the country to find things to do with the money and when Wilkes county is considered, let us not forget facilities for our schools and see if we cannot gain some measure of aid that will lessen the county's burden in furnishing comfortable and safe places for our children to meet for study. Engineers would have to search far and wide to find work that would be of more benefit and that is more badly needed than school building work in Wilkes county.

At the present time two schools are definitely without buildings of any kind, these being Sulphur Springs and Baptist Home. Sulphur Springs building was condemned on account of deterioration and when the children were placed with those in Baptist Home to get them away from the condemned building, Baptist Home building burned to the ground. An application is now being made for funds with which to build a township unit for Mulberry and the recent fire makes the need more apparent.