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Apparently it is about time Amelia Earhart **settled** down long enough to acquaint herself with the new bridge rules.—Indianapolis Star.

An optimist is a man who claims to be losing money slower than he ever did before.—Springfield Union.

Berlin is stunned by the world's denunciation of its press censorship, which permits weather-reports, recipes for left-overs, and outspoken castigation of the wild-flower vandal.—Atlanta Constitution.

Not On List

A perusal of the list of projects to be let by the state highway commission this month will show that none are in Wilkes county.

Although we have fared very well at the hands of the state during the past few years we should remember that we have three roads under construction that need badly to be finished. We are speaking of highway 16 between Millers Creek and Jefferson. The North Wilkesboro-Elkin highway and the highway leading from near Wilkesboro to Statesville. To have an adequate system of state highways in this section we must have these roads. And we should not let the state highway commission forget our needs.

Mark Of Efficiency

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, can do more with less than 100 men toward running down master criminals than the remainder of the law enforcement forces in the land. At least, that is the opinion one gains from the well read man on the street.

Interest is centered on Hoover's "G-men" since the prompt capture of at least two involved in the kidnaping of the Weyerhauser child. Only one week was required for this force of trained manhunters to trail down the guilty parties.

A small group of men picked on the basis of ability and without political obligations can accomplish much. Some day the federal government will expand in this phase of work and we shall have a "Scotland Yard" of America that will eclipse England's noted group.

Graduates Of 1935

The colleges and universities of the nation have just turned out the largest crop of graduates in all their history. Practically every one of these young men and women is looking for a job. Many, perhaps most of them, will have a good deal of difficulty in finding satisfactory employment. Some of them will turn bitter and wonder what good their education has done them, if they cannot immediately obtain positions above the grade of filling station attendants. That is the usual first reaction of a high proportion of college graduates in their first few years of trying to fit themselves into the social scheme.

We think this is the result of over-emphasis upon the economic purpose of education. We do not know that the schools are to blame for the prevalent idea that a boy or a girl goes to college primarily to become fitted to earn "big money." We do not know of any university which teaches that the world owes a living to its graduates merely because they are graduates. It happens, however, that the economic standard is the one by which most people are inclined to measure everything.

The real purpose of education, as we understand it, is to fit men and women to understand and appreciate the realities of life. Those who come out of college equipped with such understanding and appreciation realize that contentment and happiness are measured by other standards than the size of the pay-check. They are the ones who get the greatest and most lasting benefits from their university courses.

The Dollar Tax Rate

Wilkes county's tax rate of one dollar for the next year is designed to meet the county's obligations and at the same time restore its credit, which was greatly jeopardized by defaulting on bond interest while the emergency tax rate of 80 cents was adopted for a two-year period.

Like any other government, the county has obligations which must be met and since a tax rate of one dollar is not considered burdensome it is generally believed that the county is fortunate in being able to work out with the local government commission a satisfactory budget by which the tax rate can be held to this figure.

The county must erect some school buildings and repair some of the existing ones. Some difficulty has been experienced in borrowing funds, due to the defaulting of bond interest. Raising the tax rate to one dollar and applying the increase to bond interest payments in a manner satisfactory to the bondholders and with the approval of the local government commission of North Carolina will enable the county to regain its financial footing.

No doubt the people of the county appreciated the relief given them during two trying years when the tax rate was only 80 cents but it is a known fact any government must pay its obligations in order to be carried on successfully.

Borrowed Comment

WHEN YOUR BRAIN REFUSES TO WORK (The State)

Modern science, says a news dispatch, is still far from determining if there is life, as we know it, on the 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 (quintillion) stellar systems known to man. Only an expedition to the solar planets would determine if there is life beyond the earth, it is stated.

The thing that interests us about that item is the quintillion solar systems. We can grasp the fact that we are living in a world of our own; that it is spherical in shape and that it is approximately 25,000 miles in circumference. We also can understand that there are other planets in our solar system, and beyond the borders of our little universe, there are other universes. They go on and on and on through quintillions of miles of space. Eventually, however, they must come to an end—and when they do, what is there beyond that end?

If you want to get good and dizzy, sit down and try to think about all that for a few minutes.

WANTED: A NEW FRONTIER (Charlotte Observer)

It has always been the advice of economists in the face of economic depressions to "develop new frontiers" and that, in fact, has been the remedy usually used for the greater lapses into an over-supply of labor.

But our trouble today is in finding new frontiers to develop. They have just about given out.

Not only in unpossessed territory, but in unpossessed national developments having to do with transportation or some other form of creative change that has stood out in bold letters across the history of this republic.

America is looking for the mind with sufficient inventive quality and ingenuity to find for it a frontier upon which it may throw itself.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Lesson for June 16th. Deut. 8:11-18. Golden Text: 1 Corin. 4:2.

How do we spend that marginal part of our income not devoted to necessities? The answer is a sure revelation of character. What we do without spare cash is a very clear indication of the kind of men and women we are.

A careful estimate shows that 24c out of the average American dollar is devoted to living costs, 21c to luxuries, 14c to waste, 13c to miscellaneous items, 11c to investments, 9c to crime, 5c to government, 2c to our schools, leaving only 1c for church support. The fact that we spend twenty-one times as much on the various comforts and pleasures of modern life as we do on our churches is most revealing. It demonstrates how dismally we fail, as a nation, to apply the principles of Christian stewardship.

How are we to correct this tragic habit of devoting only a tiny fraction of our wealth to education and religion? First of all, there must be a spiritual undergirding of our church budgets. A parish canvass should never be inaugurated without prayer. Secondly, Christian folk must be kept thoroughly informed of the program of the churches, both in its local and benevolent phase. Information is the motor of interest.

How much each person should give to church and charity can be decided by a careful analysis of one's income and probable expenditures. Most families could give a tenth of their means to the promotion of religion if they managed their finances in accord with a carefully planned budget. The giving of a tithe has Bible sanction, and should be heartily commended to all not in straitened circumstances.

St. Paul sums up our duty in this matter in his famous advice to the Corinthians, "Upon the first days of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

OLD GLORY WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

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bore the words, "Hope," "Liberty," or "An Appeal to Heaven." A favorite motto beneath the rattlesnake design was "Don't Tread on Me."

The first flag to show a unity of purpose on the part of the colonists consisted of thirteen stripes, similar to the design of today, except that where the stars now appear the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew were shown. It was usually called the Grand Union Flag, and the crosses indicated definite ties with the mother country, which the colonists were as yet unwilling to sever.

When stars replaced the British insignia, Old Glory was launched on its career as our national emblem. At first there were only thirteen stars in the blue field, but as the years passed and state after state entered the Union, the number of stars multiplied until now there are forty-eight.

From time to time slight changes in the flag have been authorized by Congress, and a design of fifteen stars and fifteen stripes remained in vogue from 1795 until 1818. Then Congress authorized a return of the flag to its original form of thirteen stripes, one star being added thereafter for each state entering the Union.

Research has failed to prove definitely just who was responsible for the design of our National Flag. A favorite tradition points to Betsy Ross as the needlewoman whose fingers wrought with loving care the first sample of the Stars and Stripes, which was almost identical with the flag as we know it today.

We are told that late in the spring of 1776 her little shop in Philadelphia was visited by some distinguished patrons. A committee headed by George Washington called on Mrs. Ross and submitted a rough design of a new type of flag in which stars had been substituted for the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew.

The committee was of the opinion that the stars should be six-pointed. But Mrs. Ross, so the story goes, showed how a five-pointed star could be made with one snip of her scissors, and her suggestion was adopted.

Unfortunately no record of this "first" flag has been preserved. But the patriotic lady told the story over and over again to her children and grandchildren, and it has been well authenticated by Betsy's descendants.

Many Americans have explained the symbolism of the Stars and Stripes but few have expressed it as simply or as well as the Father of our Country who said: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it with white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her,

Importance of Cooperative Effort Is Stressed

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existence for 48 years, which proves that it is based on truth and a purpose of helpfulness."

He then proceeded to launch into an enthusiastic discourse on the advantages of cooperative effort and organization, pointing out that only three-tenths of the farmers of the nation are actively aligned with any organization and that helpful legislation and other general objectives for the good of rural people are brought about by the efforts of the three-out-of-ten that are organized.

"When a banana leaves the bunch it gets skinned," he said as he remarked that rural free delivery of mail, lowered interest rates, cooperative marketing, exchange of ideas of helpfulness, lowered land taxes in many sections and other objectives have been reached because of the Grange and other organizations where cooperation and united effort are stressed.

He also touched on the moral benefits of the Grange and stressed the importance of a man leaving a good name and reputation for his children to build on.

Of particular interest to Grangers was his discussion of the many ways interest can be attracted and held in the organization by means of debates and discussions on questions of direct interest to rural people, social features, public performances and properly carrying on the ritualistic ordinances of the organization.

His address was listened to with rapt interest by the crowd, which was not large but was representative of many sections of Wilkes county and the subordinate Granges, as well as a number of interested listeners who were not affiliated with the organization.

J. M. German, master of the Pomona Grange, announced the next meeting to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Tuesday night, June 25, at eight o'clock. Prof. T. E. Story announced that the Wilkesboro Grange will meet on Tuesday night, June 18, at eight o'clock at the courthouse.

Attention was also called to the fact that a special Grange deputy of the state organization will work in the county during the next few months assisting in the organization of a number of new subordinate units.

and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

Faith in our flag and country has been characteristic of our people from the beginning. We honor and respect the Stars and Stripes, not as a fetish, but as the beloved standard of a free nation.

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Wedding Ends In Tragedy
Zanesville, Ohio.—A gay wedding trip ended in tragedy today when three persons were killed in an automobile accident at Brownsville, eighteen miles west of here.
Those killed were Waller Tomich, 24, Granite City, Ill.; his bride, the former Miss Anna Parks, of Union City, Pa., to whom he was married Sunday, and Pauline Tomich, 16, Granite City, the bridegroom's sister.

Decides Buyer Should See Highballs Mixed
Washington, June 10.—The House decided today that when a person plunks down cash for a cocktail or highball he ought to have the privilege of watching the mixing.
It passed and sent to the Senate a bill repealing the present provision of the District of Columbia liquor law requiring bartenders to indulge their skill out of the patron's sight.

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