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A Chicago psychologist who says that from 30 to 80 per cent of our executives are crazy shouldn't take the unsupported word of the office boy.—Atlanta Constitution.

Forest Fires

Regardless of whether or not Wilkes people have profited to any great extent from sale of lumber and timber products during the past few years, the forests make up one of our most valuable resources.

The report recently released by the department of conservation and development through the county game warden indicates that the loss by forest fire last year was comparatively small. This denotes two things—that people have been more careful in not allowing fires to get out and that the fire warden and his helpers have done good work in extinguishing the fires which did get started.

In the matter of forest fires, prevention is the most important phase to be discussed.

In 15 northwestern counties, which comprise this district, there were 179 fires last year. It is interesting to study the causes of fires. The greatest number, according to the report, starting from any single cause were fires that people deliberately set out, 36 per cent being of the incendiary type. Hunters and campers were charged with starting 21 per cent and careless smokers with 17 per cent. The next and only other important cause was brush burning with 12 per cent. This indicates that many who burned brush failed to take the proper precautions.

Practically all of the forest fires could be prevented if people were public spirited enough to consider the welfare of their country and had the proper regard for the property of others. We sincerely hope that some of those who have deliberately set forest fires will be given punishment due them in the courts.

Civic Pride

It will soon be the season for "clean-up week" and these occasions are commendable from every standpoint, but this is to call attention to practices and conditions that make "clean-up week" so essential and necessary.

In a city where many people live close together, even in a small city like North Wilkesboro, rubbish and garbage are not only unsightly but out of place.

The public spirited person, man, woman, boy or girl, who has anything like self-respect and cares anything for the city in which he lives or calls his home town, will not follow the practice of dumping trash and rubbish on the streets or on vacant lots.

If you have something to throw away you will find a trash can somewhere nearby where you can deposit it and the garbage collector will haul it off. It takes only a little effort to walk a few steps and you may not know how much you can help the looks of the town by doing your individual part to keep it clean.

And just because a lot is vacant is no reason why it should be used as a trash dump. One of the most unsightly appearances is a littered vacant lot used as a dumping place for trash and rubbish.

Some people may wonder why we would consume space to discuss a subject of this kind but have you ever stopped to think that you as an individual and your community is at all times making some kind of an impression, good or bad, on some one's mind. The person on whom the impression is made may mean nothing in your life and on the other hand it may be someone who has the power to do great things for you or against you and your community.

Can War Be Avoided?

For more than a year we have been hearing war talk from many parts of the world, and have been getting news of actual warfare. First Japan invaded China—and nobody did anything about it. Then Italy attacked Ethiopia. The whole world protested, and the League of Nations undertook to put pressure on Italy to desist from its unwarranted attack on a weak and almost defenseless nation.

Then we heard threats of war in the Far East between Japan and Russia. In the meantime, however, Germany disclosed the fact that it was rearming and preparing for another war—a war of "defense," of course, though nobody seemed to be threatening Germany. Russia disclosed that it has the largest trained and equipped army in the world, and a reserve of 17 million men. Stalin, the Russian dictator, denied that Russia had any hostile intentions toward Japan, but spoke of the menace to world peace that lay in Germany's belligerent attitude.

France has been strengthening her armies and the fortifications along the German and Italian borders. Britain, following Prime Minister Baldwin's declaration that the British frontier is no longer the North Sea but the Rhine, announced the other day a program of aerial and naval rearmament to be completed in three years. Germany's answer to that was to move its army across the Rhine, occupying territory which, under the Versailles treaty and the later pact of Locarno, it was obliged to keep demilitarized. But Hitler declared those treaties had been rendered void by the new treaty between France and Russia.

All of those things are fighting gestures. They may lead to war, or they may result only in a readjustment of European relations and a possible easing of the warlike tension. Nobody knows. All that is certain is that the world is in a state where a single false move may start a greater war than has ever been seen. Such a war would almost certainly destroy civilization as we understand it.

L. W. Lunsford

Col. L. W. Lunsford, who died at his home in Somers township Friday, was truly a well known man in Wilkes county. Since the days of his early youth he had taken an active part in political and civic affairs that brought him in contact with many people of his county and those who learned his true character found that they respected his integrity and sincerity.

Those who were privileged to visit him in his home found a hospitality and friendship that marked him as a true southern gentleman, a stalwart character who really made and maintained a stand for what he thought was right.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

JESUS TEACHES TRUE VALUES

Lesson for March 2nd, Luke 12:22-34; Golden Text, Matt. 6:33.

"Dismiss your fears, little flock: your Father finds a pleasure in giving you the Kingdom." Here Jesus attacks worry, one of the major afflictions of mankind. "There is no greater plague of our generation," writes Bishop Gore, "than the nervous anxiety which characterizes all its efforts." And William Lyon Phelps tells us that "the fear of life is the favorite disease of the 20th century."

The keynote of the gospel is the Master's command, "Fear not," or "Be not anxious." Goodspeed in his admirable translation, uses the phrase, "Do not worry."

But how can we overcome our "dependent sinking of heart in such a feverish world as that in which we live? One solution of the practical problem is to live one day at a time. "Do not worry about tomorrow," counseled the Master, "for tomorrow will have worries of its own. Let each day be content with its own ills." An old rabbi said that "there is enough of trouble in every moment." How much wear and tear would be avoided if we took all these words to heart! When we learn to live by the day, not anticipating future woe, we thereby relieve ourselves of an immense amount of needless apprehension. A good motto is "Semper agens, semper quietus"—"always at work," but "always calm."

However, the "sovereign cure for worry is religious faith," as a great philosopher assures us. This is why Jesus was so serene. He was God-intoxicated. A similar trust is possible for his disciples. Consider Brother Lawrence, an overgrown awkward fellow assigned to kitchen duty in a monastery. In that charming little devotional book, "The Practice of the Presence of God," we read his testimony on the joy he found in his Master. "Whatever becomes of me," he said to himself, "whether I be lost or saved, I will always continue to act purely for the love of God." Here we find a sure remedy for disquietude.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 18. (AP)—The outlook for adjustment of Congress before June 1 gets slimmer and slimmer. The main thing that is going to eat up time is working out a new tax bill. That a very large amount of additional tax revenues must be found somewhere, and that quickly, is now regretfully admitted by members of Congress. At any time the problem of taxation is a delicate one. Importantly new tax systems have to be discussed and considered from many angles besides the question of whether they will raise the money needed.

That sort of discussion was already begun in regard to President Roosevelt's proposal to levy a tax upon the undistributed surplus of corporations. That would mean that liquid funds in corporate treasuries, which are being held as reserves, either against a falling off in business or to finance improvements and extensions as business picks up, would be drawn upon as a new source of revenue.

The President's proposal is to abolish the existing taxes on corporate incomes, excess profits and capital stock, which now produce a revenue of about \$1,000,000,000 a year, and instead, levy a tax which is estimated at about one-third of their total on the corporate reserves. This, the Treasury figures, would amount to about \$1,600,000,000, thus increasing the Government's income by \$600,000,000.

Viewing New Tax Plan
The question of how the President's plan would work out is what is puzzling members of Congress. First, would it cripple corporations which have accumulated large surpluses? Second, would it result in an immediate distribution of large proportions of those surpluses in the form of dividends to stockholders, and so reduce the total to a point where the expected tax revenue would not be forthcoming?

It is pointed out on one hand that these surpluses are the property of the stockholders and ought to be distributed to them in the form of dividends. If that were done, they would be taxable as individual incomes.

On the other hand, the argument is set up that only the existence of large undistributed surpluses has enabled many industries to carry on, to keep their plant equipment up to date, continue to employ labor, and pay dividends to stockholders during even the depths of the depression, when they were actually running at a loss. How far can that protective reserve be drawn upon without incurring the risk of serious damage to industries and increasing unemployment?

These are serious questions, and are being taken seriously by the members of both Houses.

Looking Ahead
The best guess now is that the President's plan will not be adopted in its entirety, mainly because there is not time between now and the political conventions to examine all of its implications. There probably will be some experimental tax on undistributed surpluses, but existing corporation taxes are not likely to be repealed, although they may be scaled down.

Resistance is very strong to any increase in individual income taxes except in what are termed the "upper brackets." Incomes in excess of \$10,000 not a year may be taxed at a higher rate than at present. There is also a strong indication that there will be many excise taxes.

There is little likelihood of higher taxes on liquor and tobacco. There is much more likelihood of new taxes that will increase the costs of food and clothing.

The President has asked for nearly \$800,000,000 more a year in new taxes. The chances are that Congress will vote about \$500,000,000. This will not be enough to balance the budget of ordinary expenditures. Neither will it include anything for the continuation of direct Federal relief activities.

Somewhere between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 will have to be provided for relief for the next fiscal year. Whatever it comes to, that and the budget deficit will have to be made up by additional Government borrowing.

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Washington, March 18. (AP)—The Government today announced a new program for the administration of the new Farm Act which has been formulated by Secretary Wallace, who is in charge of its administration. There will be no contracts with individual farmers specifying how much each may produce, as under the AAA. Some system of bonus payments to those who voluntarily retire acreage from cultivation and plant it to soil conserving crops of a nature that will not disturb the market for farm staples is what is contemplated.

It is not an easy thing to figure out a system that will accomplish the objective of taking 20 million acres out of cultivation and distribute \$500,000,000 to farmers for doing so.

U. S. CONSTITUTION UPHELD BY MEEKINS

Fayetteville, March 18.—The safeguards of the personal liberties of the people contained in the first 10 amendments to the United States constitution are worth all the NRA, AAA and TVA decisions ever handed down. Judge Isaac M. Meekins told the federal grand jury at the opening of the spring term of United States district court here today. He admonished his hearers to "look twice at the man who talks recklessly about changing the state or federal constitution."

Judge Meekins stressed a recent decision of the United States Supreme court based on the fifth amendment to the constitution, by which were spared the lives of three Mississippi negroes who had been sentenced to death on the basis of confessions wrung from them by torture.

Toothpick User Ignores Etiquette, Halts Traffic

Newark, N. J.—Fred Mack, 17, laughed at a funny story and brought out an ambulance, tied up traffic and attracted a crowd. Mack held a toothpick in his mouth. It became lodged in his throat in such a position that it caused him to utter sounds passersby interpreted as laughter. A crowd gathered, halted traffic. A policeman tried to remove the splinter.

Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Porter, Soldier, Ky., making a total of eight children. The family receives \$2.40 a week from relief funds.

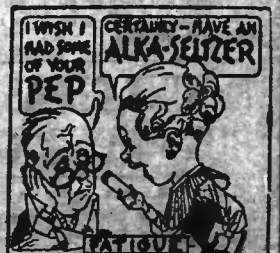
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James F. Nichols Fatally Stricken

Died at Home Near Millers Creek Monday; Funeral Held Wednesday

James F. Nichols, age 57, died at his home near Millers Creek Monday following an illness of only a half hour. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He was a member of a well known Wilkes family.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lura Nichols, and one daughter, Mrs. Mada Martin.

Funeral and burial services were held at Arbor Grove Methodist church Wednesday morning, 11 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. J. O. Spencer, in charge, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bumgarner. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Beason Child Fatally Hurt When Struck By Pitchfork

Goldboro, March 16.—Thomas Danford Hudson, two and a half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudson, of Beason, who had his skull and brain penetrated by a pitchfork prong Thursday, died Friday at a hospital in Fayetteville.

According to the report received here, the child was playing with an older brother and several other children. He was accidentally struck on the head with the pitchfork.

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