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## The Horse Is Still With Us

Every so often we hear the prediction made that the horse will vanish from the American scene in a few years. Most of the prophets are fond of saying that their grandchildren will be able to see horses only in zoological gardens. But right on the heels of these dire forecasts, there always pops up some new evidence that the day of the horse is not yet over.

It is human nature, we suppose, to imagine that the new must always displace the old. Not long ago it was electricity that was going to displace steam. More recently the belief was current that internal combustion motors were going to make steam engines obsolete.

But along comes the United States Navy with the announcement that the two new battleships about to be built will be powered by steam-engines without any electric driving mechanism, although five of Uncle Sam's capital ships have electric drives. And in spite of the excitement and publicity about Diesel-engined locomotives on some of the modern streamlined trains, the newest highspeed locomotives being built for important railway systems are steam engines.

Coming back to horses, it is true that there are not as many being used as there were twenty years ago, but there are more than there were five years ago. The highest count of horses on American farms was in 1918, when the Census enumerators found 21 1-2 million. By 1931 the number had dropped to under 13 million, but the most recent count shows more than 15 million horses now at work.

New York state has just announced that its farmers will have to import 19,000 horses from the West this year to provide the motive power they need on their farms. Good work horses are no cheaper than they ever were. An average of \$200 each is about the ruling price in the East.

Horseshoe makers have just reported a heavy drop in sales since 1933, but a good deal of that is accounted for by the growing practice of farmers of using unshod horses. Where horses are used only for field work and their hoofs do not have to hammer on the hard highway, horseshoes are unnecessary. Modern concrete roads full of automobiles have driven the horse off the thoroughfares, but he is coming back on the plowed fields.

## Mounting Tax Figures

During the past fifteen years the tax bill in this nation has practically doubled and indications point to still greater tax boosts in order that income may balance with outgo.

In speaking of the tax bill we mean all taxes paid to all governmental units.

The reason for the mounting tax bill is increasing demands on governments. Any adult can remember when all the government was supposed to do was to make laws and enforce them and protect the nation from foreign invasion.

Now we expect the government to feed and clothe the poor, train the young, erect public buildings of almost any description, finance homes, finance home repairs, help distressed home owners, save our money for old age, pay us when we are not working and many other things, all of which cost money.

In order to reduce the tax-bill or keep its constant demands for further services from the government must be curtailed and people must revive their spirit of self reliance and independence.

The government can and is doing wonderful things for its people but its people must learn that things of value cost and that nothing is free when the final analysis is made.

## Park Development

One of the outstanding news events of recent weeks is to the effect that development of a park easement will get under way in Wilkes within the next few weeks.

The Bluff park area equals in majestic grandeur many points of interest that we have been traveling comparatively long distances to see. Yet that beautiful area of majestic ruggedness has been within the county all the while.

The old adage about the grass being greener across the fence is certainly true. We are prone to rave about scenery one or two days, or maybe a week's travel distance from home but miss the things in our own backyard. The same is true in relation to other interests. Some of our people rave about purchases they make in Charlotte, Winston-Salem or Greensboro, but do not know that the same article or its facsimile could be purchased from a local firm at almost invariably lower prices and minus the cost of a hundred miles transportation.

When tourist travel began to boom about two decades ago, people were admonished to "See America First." Let us see Wilkes county first, North Carolina next, America and then any other places in the world which we can afford to see.

With three highways leading to the Blue Ridge Parkway to the north and west, North Wilkesboro should be the gateway in this part of the state and as such should be properly publicized.

## Jobs and Employers

The following comment in a publication entitled "Realities of Unemployment," by Harry L. Hopkins, head of the WPA, is well worth reproduction:

"We cannot produce more and more goods to employ our people unless we maintain the purchasing power of these same people to buy the goods produced.

His (the worker's) job must be as stable as possible, his hours short enough to let others also have jobs, and his buying power must be high.

We must not lose sight of the fact that the WPA's job is to create jobs—useful jobs, of course, but jobs for people who can't find work. That must remain our concern ahead of anything else.

For the very life of business, the mass of people must be able to buy, for mass production is the heart of the system. With all this talk about taking care of the unemployed, what is going to take care of the unemployed employer? Nothing except the consumer's dollar.

Our aim is to supply to industry as many physically strong, mentally alert, skilled workers as we can.

The Federal Government cannot refuse responsibility for providing jobs to those whom private industry does not hire. I am sure America will win its fight where other nations have failed. It will win because it has the brains and the wealth and the leadership."

It is most always true that the things that are most difficult for us to do are the very things, that for our own development, we should do.

## Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE POWER OF JESUS OVER DEATH  
Lesson for February 21st. John 11:32-44.

Golden Text: John 11:25.

The Christian standpoint assures us that for two excellent reasons immortality is a reasonable assumption. First of all, man's spirit is itself an evidence for its own survival. As John Haynes Holmes tells us, "man is immortal because already the signs of immortality are upon him." In the second place, we can be assured of immortality because of the character of God who is a cosmic, creative Spirit after the manner of Jesus. To deny immortality is to blacken God's character, to make Him stupid, careless, ungenerous, worse than man, His child. For man, except when he launches such an anti-social enterprise as war, is eager to save life, not to destroy it. If this be true of man, how much more true it is of God! For God is surely above man, and therefore more anxious to preserve the highest. And that highest is what we call personality, self, or soul.

Our lesson, the wonderful 11th chapter of John's gospel, with its record of the raising of Lazarus, reminds us that to the Christian eternal life is a present possession. This truth, we must ever remember, is taught by the familiar Golden Text, "I am the resurrection, and the life." These words are read, appropriately enough, at funeral services, but they are meant more for the living than for the dead. They make it clear that we now, through the living Christ, can live as immortal beings.

But eternal life, as we find it proclaimed in the New Testament, and in the Christian teaching through the ages, is not a free gift benevolently bestowed upon all. You and I must deserve it. "Lay hold on eternal life," wrote Paul to his beloved Timothy. Immortality, you see, is something to be grasped. We prove ourselves worthy of it. Our thoughts, deeds, purposes and fruits must be such as to make us fit candidates for the New Jerusalem.

## FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

By G. M. DICKSON

The words that haven't been said never hurt any one.

It is said that in the country a man goes to bed feeling "all in" and gets up feeling fine; in the city he goes to bed feeling fine and gets up feeling "all in." What's the difference?

A man has to stretch his religion who will let his enemy hit him twice on the same cheek in the same place.

Axiomatic—that a man who drinks liquor is opposed to it.

It takes a great deal of tact to tell an honest man that he is dishonest and get him to believe it.

A sentence for "amateur" English students to think about in leisure moments: "There is no statute that will interfere with the status of any man's stature however large or small his statue may be."

A man's democracy has lost its savour when it has to be "resalted" every two years.

Age within itself makes no word, or object obsolete.

It might not be out of place to adopt the slogan of the woman who, when asked why she threw the flatiron at her husband, said: "I have been taught to strike while the iron's hot."

If one wants to hear a lie, let him listen at an habitual smoker, or a dope fiend say he is going to quit.

To be pitied—the farmer who hates the town so much, but who is found on the streets at least every Saturday watching the ladies go to the "beauty shop."

"Midgety" Americanism—not to be able to see beyond one's own yard fence.

It's hard enough to pay taxes on the so-called "tangible" property, much less that that one can't see.

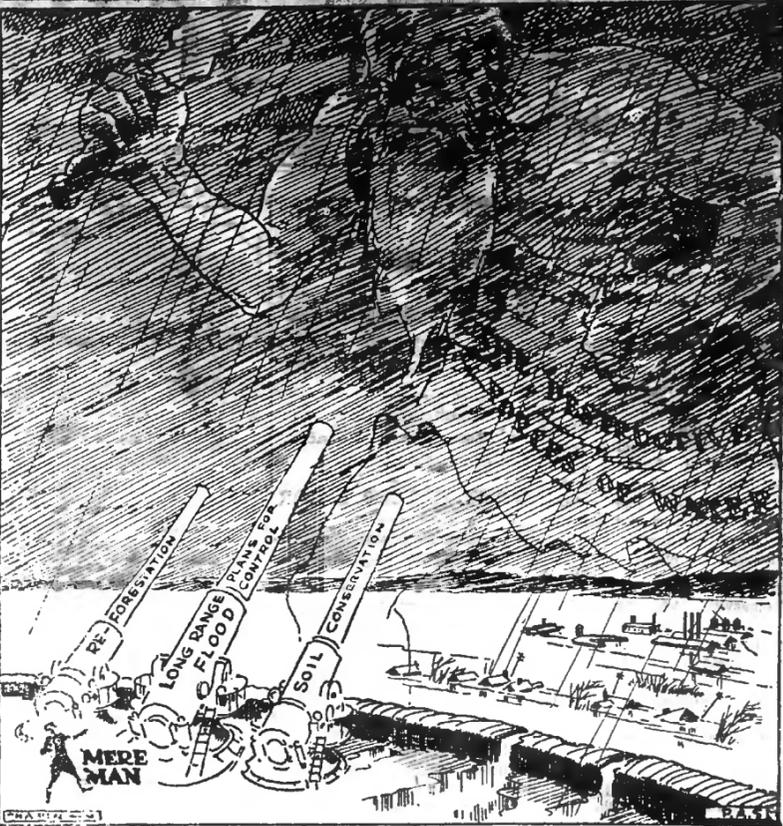
A self-conceited fellow (to hear him tell it), is never wrong, and everybody else is just a little off their base.

One thing psychologists have never been able to explain—why, when large crowds get together, they seem to go "hog wild."

In a fellow's younger days he thinks, "What a wise-care I am." When he gets older he will say: "What a fool I was."

Many who occupy the front pews in our earthly synagogues will sit farther back when the final end shall come.

## It's Going To Be A Long War—by A. B. CHAPIN



## Hays-Dockery Items Of Week

HAYS, Feb. 15.—Mr. Earl Gam bill, of Winston-Salem, visited the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gambill, over the week-end.

Mr. Major Hawkins, who has been away, has moved back to this community again.

Mr. W. E. Reynolds recently traded for a new Chevrolet coach, a 1937 model.

Mr. Coy Prevette, a former tenant of Mrs. Mae Myers, moved to Mr. S. C. Hutchinson's farm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shumate visited in Mr. L. F. Caudill's home Sunday afternoon.

The people of this community were shocked and saddened with the news of the alleged attempted suicide of Miss Ethel Brooks, of Dehart, last Sunday. Miss Brooks is now a patient of the Wilkes Hospital, with a .22 calibre bullet hole through her body near her heart. Miss Brooks is a high-

ly respected young lady of a well known family of the Dehart section, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks, and a granddaughter of an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Brooks, who reside in the same community. Everybody wishes for her a speedy recovery.

Because of his success in the role "Wang Lang" in Good Earth, Paul Muni has had to employ a Chinese interpreter to answer the letters he has received from his Chinese admirers. This is the first time that an oriental interpreter has been necessary.

Christmas was made for children. If you don't believe it, try and put on a real Christmas without any children about the house. It would fall flat.

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