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**It's Getting Warmer**

Just now, while all of Europe is experiencing the coldest Winter in 80 years, it is cheerful news which scientists bring us that the world is actually getting warmer.

Many of us have suspected that for a long time. Who has not heard his grandfather or some elderly person remark that "Winters ain't like they used to be when was a boy".

It was the fashion for a long time to dismiss such reminiscences with the philosophical comment.

But now that research into changes in the climate has become more scientific, the men who study such things are beginning to agree that in the northern hemisphere, at least, the climate is getting warmer.

The records of the United States Weather Bureau run back only to 1871, but local records have been kept for more than a hundred years in numerous cities. Recent studies of such records show that Boston now has the kind of winters that Baltimore had a century ago.

The Winter of 1837-38 used to be spoken of by old New Englanders as "eighteen-hundred and froze-to-death". Temperatures got so low that the moisture remaining on the trees froze and burst the tree-trunks with a noise like musket fire all over the woodlands.

It is not likely that there will ever be another Winter so severe as that. And it is not likely that anyone now living will pick strawberries in January on the shores of Hudson's Bay.

But there is evidence that before the last Ice Age, out of which the earth is still slowly emerging, tropical vegetation grew in Greenland, and we may be coming back to that.

**Some Cheering Statistics**

We're getting richer. That is the gist of the report just issued by the Department of Commerce on the incomes of the American people. We haven't got back to where we were in 1929, when the average income of every American, man, woman and child, was \$668, but for the year 1937 the average income was \$540, which is a good deal better than the \$494 of 1936.

Statistics are boring, and often misleading, but it is interesting to learn that the total national income for 1937 was more than 63 billion dollars, ten per cent higher than in 1936, but still a long way below the 1929 record of over 81 billions.

A billion is such a big figure that it doesn't mean much to most folks. It is easier to understand if you think of a thousand towns with a thousand people in each town and every one of them having a thousand chickens. That would make a billion chickens.

One of the heartening things about the Department of Commerce report on incomes is that in 1937 the people of this country earned more than they spent. Not the government, but the people themselves.

We accumulated a surplus in the shape of savings bank deposits and business reserves. Another interesting fact hidden in the long string of figures is that more than two-thirds of all the money spent by everybody in the whole nation in 1937 went for salaries and wages, which is an increase over previous years.

There is so much talk on all sides about the trouble so many folks have in making both ends meet that many of us seem to have been bitten by the "poverty bug". Such figures as those cited should make us all feel more cheerful. America is far from broke.

Scientist finds that the radio voice is weaker when the moon is at full—a hitherto unsuspected beauty of moonlight.—Arkansas Gazette.

Every now and then we read about the Duke and Wally being on a vacation, and we always wonder from what.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

**Need Sensible Action**

This week the national congress and the state legislature met for transaction of business and the regular task of making and shaping the laws of the nation and state.

The general opinion among people who desire to see the good things of America kept intact is that they want little action out of congress. They are sincerely hoping that congress will accomplish very little in the way of new laws and go home shortly.

Aside from revision of a few laws which have been found to be more or less of a handicap to business and progress, congress needs to do but little. There are several things which need a general shake-up and downward revision, including the budget and so-called emergency expenditures but no drastic laws with "reform" labels appear to be in demand.

In North Carolina the state legislature should revise and repeal a few laws, pass budget appropriations as low as is consistent with progress, a revenue bill to meet such a budget, and return home as soon as possible.

Of course, these are not brilliant recommendations, but they speak the sentiment which could be found by "sampling" the voters of the state and nation.

On the other hand, numerous minorities will press congress for all kinds of laws and these minorities will have many votes.

It is high time, however, that congress quit giving groups something for nothing at the expense of everybody else.

An educator says that college students ought not to be required to memorize notable dates of history. Most of them have too many dates of their own.—San Diego Union.

Safe driving at a moderate speed requires nothing but self control and a strong rear bumper. — Dubuque American Tribune.

**ACHIEVEMENT TALKS**

By LUCIUS HUMPHREY

Author of "It Shall Be Done Unto You"

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

(St. Mark 9:23)

When we ask or pray it is proof that we realize the lack of something which cannot be supplied by the ideas that are being produced in our mind of the moment. Our Habitual Mind is insufficient in its unaided power to give us the required ideas. Hence asking is necessary.

Whatever we ask occupies at first a definite space in the mental realm, and immediately begins to associate itself with other objects in the mind and also with objects and events in the material realm. In other words, it begins to relate itself to things seen and unseen and to make a place for itself in our lives.

The intellect operates with conscious mental objects or images. To ask, decree, affirm and pray, as well as to deny and refuse, are all activities of desire which formulate these mental objects and images.

Asking, decreeing and praying intelligently formulate positive images in opposition to all negative images.

In asking we act upon ourselves under the influence of the consciousness of a void to be filled or a negative to be overcome. Thus it is that our void and negativeness are the means of causing us to direct Creative Energy into positive constructive channels, thereby overcoming all that is negative in our lives.

All the material forms in the material world were first immaterial form, created in the mind and carried forward by Creative Energy, energy manifested in creative laws. As this Creative Principle manifests itself in both the material and the spiritual we can, by just a little study and analysis, find a method consciously to use the laws operating in both of these realms for the fulfillment of greater desires.

Intelligent asking and intelligent believing unite the Habitual Mind, the Christ Mind and the God Mind in you.

The Habitual Mind is your personal, accumulated consciousness, limited in its conceptions to past experiences and to the world around you. The God Mind is your individual share in, and your point of contact with, that Divine Intelligence which has created the universe.

The mind which recognizes not only the existence of laws that create the experience of the moment, but also the still infinite possibilities hidden in the God Mind, is the Christ Mind in you. By learning to think as this Christ Mind thinks, with perfect faith and without fear, rejecting the fears, doubts and limitations of the Habitual Mind, anyone can consciously create all of the conditions of his own life.

**BY LAND, BY SEA, BY AIR — ALL ROADS LEAD TO NEW YORK FAIR**



Aerograph showing main highways which lead from New Jersey, New England, Westchester and Long Island to the grounds of the New York World's Fair 1939 in the heart of greater New York City. Tunnels, bridges, ferries, airports, water gates—all are indicated.

**Baptist Church Gives Program**

A very interesting program was conducted at the Wilkesboro Baptist church, Sunday night, January 1. It was called a "Student's Night" program.

Representatives from the various colleges appeared on the program and told what religious efforts the colleges put forth for the benefit of the students. All of these were former students of the Wilkesboro school and are now in college.

Those speaking were: From A. S. T. C., Irene Phillips; from Guilford, Homer Welborne; from Mars Hill, Violet Erickson; from W. C. U. N. C., Helen Bumgarner; from State College, Thomas Welborne; from U. N. C., Tom Story; from Lees-McRae, Yale and Virginia Miller; from Flora McDonald, Ruth Hulcher.

In addition to these a brief but interesting talk was made by Judge Johnson J. Hayes concerning the religious activities at Wake Forest College. He is a former student of Wake Forest College.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Madge Staudt who sang "The Stranger of Galilee." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Lillian Linney.

Three species of rattlesnakes, and two species of water-moccasins may be seen alive in their natural habitat by visitors to the State Museum, a division of the State Department of Agriculture.



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