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Slaying The Birds

Much is being written in publications throughout the state relative to the diminishing supply of quail. It seems that every so-called hunter or sportsman has a different remedy but do not want to do anything about it themselves. They want to hunt whenever they feel like hunting and kill all the birds they can. They want other people to hunt less. They want farmers to quit shooting at birds while out rabbit hunting. They want foxes and hawks killed in order that they will not destroy birds. But how many are willing for the bird season to be shortened? How many would agree to an open season of only a few weeks? How many are willing to lower the bag limit? How many will not exceed the present bag limit? How many will not shoot into huddled birds? How many will plug their automatics and repeating shotguns to hold only three cartridges? The answer to these questions will vary but the percentage of people who are willing to do something about the bird shortage is altogether too little. Local hunters know that in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county there are some real sportsmen who are not game hogs. They also know that there are many who will hog every bird they can get with no thought for the future supply.

Retailers Go To The Bat

June, 1939, sales of all types in variety stores increased, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, by only 5.5 per cent over June, 1938, sales. Yet, as outcome of extensive, coast-to-coast, Dairy Month promotional activities, the sale of milk in the soda fountains, luncheonettes and restaurants of variety store participants increased during the 1939 campaign period (June 1-July 1) by an average of 28.5 per cent over the corresponding period in 1938; by 63.4 per cent over the corresponding period in 1937, and by 100 per cent over the corresponding period in 1936. Dairy Month was sponsored by dairy groups including the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, the National Dairy Council, Milk Industry Foundation and many others. Organized food distributors participated wholeheartedly in the campaign, and so did scores of non-grocery companies dealing in general merchandise, apparel, tires, specialties, lumber, auto accessories, shoes and other commodities which, while vending no milk, desired nevertheless, to aid in stimulating the earning and spending power of American dairy farmers, thereby enabling these farmer legions to maintain payrolls and to purchase feed, food stuff, building material, machinery, equipment and supplies, automobiles and trucks, gas, oil, tires and countless other products of American industry, to the benefit of the entire nation. Dairy Month was the direct cause of a substantial increase in the income of agriculture. It is one more successful example of the fine fruits that are produced when organized retailers, irrespective of what they sell, go to the bat on behalf of the farmer.

"Revolutions" In Farming

Untold centuries ago, an authority on agriculture has observed, the art of farming was revolutionized "when some inventive genius contrived to overturn the earth by means of the forked limb of a tree, drawn by a camel, horse or ox." The first crude plow marked the initial application of mechanical power to farming. Since that far-off time there have been many revolutions in agriculture. And today there is an immensely important, if quiet, revolution going on, though it is not of a mechanical character. It lies in the comparatively new awareness of the farmer to the fact that one-man enterprise is not enough in this age—that the energies, the brains and the abilities of many men must be enlisted together if each is to succeed and prosper. Its concrete manifestation is found in the fast-growing, strongly entrenched agricultural marketing cooperatives which dot the nation. And a "revolution" which makes it possible to distribute crops more quickly, surely and to better advantage for all concerned is as important as a "revolution" which makes it possible to produce them with greater efficiency and reduced efforts.

Borrowed Comment

STRENGTH IN UNION
(Oxford Ledger)
Members of the Congress of the United States have returned to their respective districts and in their public and also their official statements, are giving an accounting of their stewardship. The hectic last days of the Congressional session and the lack of coordination efforts that marked the work of the body were proof enough of a breach within the Democratic members of Congress—a breach that is far greater than a surface wound; one that will require a master political surgeon to trim and administer the proper panacea. The first requirement for success of the Democratic party in electing a President in 1940 is a united party, for the Democratic party is a minority party and is able to win only when the split exists in the opposition camp and not their own. Ag'n, one must remember that in union there is strength.

BETTER BUSINESS

(Statesville Daily)
The United States Department of Commerce reports a billion-dollar gain in the nation's retail trade during the first six months of this year. Automobile sales are responsible for around forty per cent of this increase, the upward trend being noticeable in almost every other retail activity. From the Agriculture Department comes the prediction that there will be additional improvement during the next few months, but without the ear-marks of a boom. This billion dollar upswing is particularly impressive when one reflects that it comes in the face of a general reduction in retail prices below the average level of the corresponding six months of last year. Prices of general merchandise were around 2.5 per cent under last year's levels, while retail food costs were dropped out 3.5 per cent. Automobile sales are a fairly accurate barometer of national purchasing power, and when the dollar sales in this sector increase by forty per cent, there is abundant reason for encouragement. People buy automobiles whether they can afford them or not, of course, but usually they have reason to hope that they can manage to pay for them somehow, and this increase bespeaks their faith in the future. This should prove an inspiration to industry in general to get down to the business of measuring up to the expectations of those who have been contending that business would get under the load if given a fighting chance. Further spending by the federal government under authorization of the next session of Congress depends a lot on how business acts toward taking up the slack during the immediate months ahead. Business has its opportunity to discredit government spending. The whole country will be interested in the reaction.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

Uzziah: A King Who Forgot God.
Lesson for August 27: 2 Chronicles 26.
Golden Text: Luke 18:14

King Uzziah, whose exceedingly long reign in Jerusalem lasted for 52 years, was unusually able and energetic. Through successful military campaigns he succeeded in extending the boundaries of Judah, thereby opening doors for a profitable trade. His domestic policy was equally fortunate, for he was active in developing the internal resources of his little kingdom as he was in expanding its territory and developing its commerce. Unfortunately Uzziah became a victim of the revolting disease of leprosy which was visited upon him, according to our lesson narrative, because of an act of impiety in connection with the temple worship. In the light of our larger knowledge today, both of physical disease and of human misconduct, we cannot accept the verdict of the ancient chronicler that Uzziah's indiscretion was punished by the Lord with an immediate visitation of this hideous affliction. Such a divine judgment doesn't make sense.

But there is one phrase in the lesson text, the downright honesty and candor of which is extremely revealing. "As soon as he was strong, he became so puffed up that it ruined him."

Hardly any of us have seen a leper, and few have looked upon a king. But we know full well what pride can do to debase human nature. For arrogance is a universal failing. We see it not only in blustering generals and politicians, but in our own personal prejudices.

How easy it is for us to set ourselves on a pedestal, and judge events arbitrarily and selfishly, rather than in accord with basic principles of right! How often we overpraise our own work or that of our friends and, by comparison, unduly disparage that of others!

The sure penalty for this is expressed by our Golden Text, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled." The Kaiser, at the outbreak of the war, proudly boasted that he would bring France to her knees in six months, and flippantly dismissed the British arms as contemptible. But how soon he had reason to reason to repeat of his ill-timed boast!



CALIFORNIA empire
I have been traveling the length and breadth of California, for the first time in a good many years. Nobody can really know the United States until he has visited the Pacific Coast. The country west of the Great Divide is an empire in itself. It could be separated completely from the rest of the nation and be self-sufficient and prosperous. It is not hard to understand why Californians feel a love for their state such as few feel for any land. From the palm-fringed shores of the south to the pine-topped mountains of the north, California has a variety of climate, of geography and of scenic beauty such as no other of the 48 states has. Its natural resources include everything from oil to oranges, from grain to gold. In the South, California's climate in summer reminds me of that of Palm Beach or Miami in winter. Bright sunshine by day, but you're likely to need a topcoat at night. In the country around San Francisco Bay one can expect rain almost every day, and straw hats appear only on the heads of tourists from the East.

Not without reason does California call itself the Golden State. **ENGINEERS** paradise
With more and better raw material to work on than could be found in any comparable area anywhere, California has for years been a paradise for engineers. Beginning with the gold mining area, which is still far from ended, technical men have been working wonders in California. The great tunnels and aqueducts in the south, bringing water from the mountains to irrigate the farms and turn turbines for electric power, are matched by the magnificent bridges across the Golden Gate and the Bay of San Francisco in the north. Californians drill for oil in the bed of the ocean, and invented the curved drill which can tap oil deposits a mile away from the original hole. The "caterpillar" tractor, most useful of agricultural implements, is a California invention. Scientific agriculture and horticulture have a wider application in California than, I believe, in any other state. I still maintain that Florida oranges and grapefruit are superior to the California products, but Florida could learn a lesson from California in the matter of marketing its citrus fruit. Every California orange is, in effect, personally conducted from tree to consumer. **SCIENCE** advanced
California is a scientific center of world importance. The great telescope at Lick Observatory on Mount Wilson has been the medium through which the greatest astronomical discoveries of all time have been made. Now the new 200-inch telescope, twice as large, is being built on Mount Palomar, near Los Angeles, and in a year or two we shall know more about the rest of the universe than we have ever known before.

In every phase of scientific research, many of the greatest leaders are in California, working in the University of California and the California Institute of Technology, and attracting students and research workers from all the world. Here Luther Burbank did his great work in developing new kinds of fruits, vegetables and flowers; here the most penetrating research into the problems of human behavior and the working of the human mind has been done. Something in the California air seems to stimulate the thirst for knowledge. **HOLLYWOOD** work
Movie fans from all over the world flock to Hollywood in the tourist season, hoping to get at least a glimpse, if not an autograph, of one or more movie stars. Much bunk has been written about the glamorous life of actors and actresses, and the fabulous salaries young men and women get for apparently doing nothing but play around. As a matter of fact, there are few people who work harder for their money than the movie folk. When a picture is being made, the glamour girls have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning to start their hair-do's and make-up for the day's work, which begins in the studio at 8. They work until 5 or 6 o'clock on the set, and get to bed by 8 or 9. While a picture is in work they have no time for play.

Between pictures the movie actors and actresses make up for lost time by having as gay a time as they know how. Those are short, brief intervals for the successful ones. The discipline and demands of the studios do not permit of any sort of frivolous

behavior while they are working on a picture. Not only tourists but residents are crazy about the movies. I went to a preview at the celebrated Chinese Theatre in Hollywood a few days ago, and the streets were jammed for blocks with crowds watching for a glimpse of the stars as they arrived. The picture was "Stanley and Livingstone" and when it comes to your theatre don't miss it. It is one of the most stirring pictures I have ever seen.

Elon Anticipates Successful Year

Elon College, Aug. 23.—With the beginning of registration Tuesday, September 5, Elon College will be opening its doors for its 50th year. Indications from early room reservations and other items indicate that the college is headed for its greatest year. College officials expect enrollment figures to surpass the total of 615 of last year which set a new high mark for the student body. Indications also point to a more evenly divided student body between men and women than at any time in the history of the school. Men will continue to hold a majority, however.

Virginia, with 95,000,000 pounds, will produce its largest crop of flue-cured tobacco since 1927 this year, according to the U. S. Crop Reporting Service.

News Items From Summit Vicinity

Rev. Henry Smith filled his regular appointment at Yellow Hill Baptist church Saturday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Atris Greene a fine baby girl Monday. Mother and child are getting along nicely. Mr. Noah Mikeal spent a short time in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mikeal, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church and Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Church spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church. Mr. Johnson Church and sister, Helen, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. Grady Church. Mrs. Nancy Mikeal and daughter, Mae, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Greene

Thursday. Mrs. Vea Blankenship spent Wednesday with Mrs. Minnie Church. Mr. Jean Church and sister spent Sunday night with John and Helen Church. Mrs. Maggie Clark and children, of Lenoir, are spending the week with her father, Mr. Robert Blankenship. Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church and Mr. Church's mother spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Sherman Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Church and children spent Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Church. Mrs. Paul Pactor and children are visiting her father, Mr. Robert Blankenship. Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Church spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Church. Miss Vetra Church spent a short while with Miss Mae Church, Sunday.

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5.25-5.50-17	13.20	6.60	6.60	5.25-5.50-17	9.50	4.75	4.75
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