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Lest We Forget

The country road situation recalls the story of the man who didn't cover his house because when it was not raining he didn't need a roof and when it was raining he couldn't put one on.

Now the dirt roads are practically impassable, and nothing can be done about it because of the weather conditions which make the roads impassable. Much is being said about improvement of the roads, while little or nothing can be done.

But the weather will improve, and the dirt roads will be in good shape again, and the people, including the governor, the highway commission and all concerned will forget about the need for better roads in the rural areas. Come another winter and we'll be reminded that the road work should have been done when the weather—and the roads—were good.

Under the heading of "Horse Gone; Lock the Stable!" The Greensboro Record carried the following editorial:

"Now that the horse has been stolen, let's make haste and put a lock on the stable!"

"Or, in other words, now that the state's secondary roads have been permitted to become practically impassable because of washouts and mud, let's hurry and repair them!"

"A Gaston county woman writes her fellow-countryman, Governor Cherry, that the mud is so deep in the rural community in which she lives that people have to 'walk in,' and 'walk out,' and in plaintive note, she concludes: 'They can walk out when they're alive—but how are we going to get 'em out when they're dead?'"

"Some weeks ago Governor Cherry made a vigorous public statement in which he passed the word to Chairman Graham, of the state highway commission, that the secondary roads must have immediate attention. But rains, snows and freezes came and the branch roads, serving many rural communities and linking the hardsurfaced trunk highways, became worse than ever. Now the condition of rural roads is such that in many parts of the state school buses and other essential services have had to suspend operations.

"These rural roads should have been rebuilt and put in repair long ago. The state had the money with which to do it.

"Well, better late than never! Now from Raleigh comes news that the highway department is making all possible haste to put the country roads in passable condition."

Polio Fund Campaign

Today marks the beginning of the annual campaign to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Briefly, we wish to review the facts. The National Foundation, which receives half of the money from this campaign, carries on continued research in efforts to learn how to prevent infantile paralysis and how to cure the disease. It also finances hospitals for the care and treatment of infantile paralysis victims.

The other half of the funds contributed are retained by the local chapters of the Foundation. The local chapters help pay for rehabilitation of infantile paralysis victims, including braces, special shoes, emergency medical costs, and many other very necessary expenses.

In 1944, 35 children in Wilkes were stricken with polio and the National Foundation spent many thousands of dollars in the care and treatment of the Wilkes patients, as well as others from all over the

Piedmont and mountain sections of the state. The Foundation has already spent for Wilkes children many times more than the people of Wilkes have contributed since the Foundation was started. As a result of the expenditures, the patients were treated by the best known methods, and many of them have made remarkable progress toward recovery.

Now the time has arrived for another campaign. Wilkes' quota has been set at \$5,000, which is only a fraction of the amount the Foundation has spent to help patients from Wilkes. Liberal gifts will easily raise the quota and every person financially able should have a part in this worthy cause.

On Dangerous Ground

The controversy over "opening the books" of General Motors Corporation to determine whether or not the corporation makes sufficient profits to pay the 30 per cent wage increase demands by the CIO is more than appears on the surface.

There are no secrets about the profits of General Motors. The financial condition of the giant corporation is recorded in many departments of federal government.

The demand, supported by the President, for prying into data profits is nothing more nor less than an attempt on the part of the unions to take over management of the corporation.

If the time comes when corporation profits must be distributed solely as wages, the public will be the victims.

Suppose that had been the practice since the beginning of the automobile industry. If that had been followed through, very few cars would be produced, the prices would be too high for anyone except the rich, and the industry would still be very "small potatoes" instead of being a great enterprise furnishing good employment to thousands and thousands of workers directly and indirectly.

The American system of business provides that the public get some benefit of profits in lower prices and better products. If the unions are to get the profits, the public cannot expect better, more plentiful and lower priced products.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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USE YOUR SPARE TIME WISELY

No doubt the great majority of people have more or less time off from their work, and from the duties and responsibilities of life, which should be used wisely. This spare time can mean much indeed toward one's success or failure in life. To spend the spare moments, minutes and hours foolishly, or in sin and wickedness, certainly is unwise. Men go down largely in life by giving their spare time to the devil, or they succeed largely by using their spare time for God and His cause.

To hang around public places, tell foolish jokes, or laugh at foolish jokes, or talk idly, or play idle games, or spend one's nickels and dimes for things that are unnecessary, or gad about, or read cheap novels and trashy literature, or engage in something that is downpulling rather than uplifting, certainly doesn't make for success. Rather it makes for defeat, even on a large scale. Men should regard their lives and their time very highly.

As a boy growing up I remember how boys and men in my community would gather in the stores on rainy days, or cold, rough days, and especially in winter, and spend their valuable time in idleness and foolishness. Days, weeks and months were spent in this way by numbers of people. Not one of them ever accomplished anything good, great, commendable and worth while that I know of, especially as long as they kept this up.

Spare time should not be given to the devil. He will always use it against one's life and soul, and against the lives and souls of others. In fact, no time at all should be given to the devil. God gives us our time, and certainly none of it should be given over to the enemy of our souls. God would have us use our time in such a way that it counts for something good and worth while.

It is wise to engage in that which will uplift and bless us, and will uplift and bless our fellowman. There is so much good we can do until we should feel that we have no time to spend on anything that is bad. Why not read God's holy Word, pray, read the very best books, literature and publications, write something good, or look for opportunities of doing good, thus rising and climbing heavenward?

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al



SCANNING THE BRIEFS—

Grit is accredited with the philosophy that burning the candle at both ends is no way of making ends meet. . . . And the little boy who prayed for a baby sister added this to his plea: "And, please, if you have one about finished, don't put in any tonsils, adenoids, or appendix, 'cause they cut them out anyway." . . . A woman's hat is something that looks as if it had made a forced landing on her head. . . . Most people can't stand prosperity, says one economist, and most of us don't have to. . . . The fellow who goes home late at night dressed in a barrel is not a poker player. He is just one who has been with a poker player. . . . Local girl on telephone: "No, I can't see you on Wednesday night. I'm going to be operated on and will be sewed up for the rest of the week." . . . A person off the wagon should not drive a car. . . . A woman shopper has been described as a person who can slide through a narrow aisle in a department store without knocking china from the counters, and then drive home and knock down the door posts of a 12-foot garage door. . . . A woman who lost her balance and fell from a window into a garbage can was observed by a passing China man, who remarked: "American velly wasteful. That woman good for ten years yet." . . . The hardest thing about learning ice skating is the ice. . . . A girl's opportunity does not knock at the door nowadays—she sits outside and hanks. . . . Before marriage he used to catch her in his arms. Now he catches her in his pockets. . . . and

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who doesn't look back at a chic redhead

It may be great to be a gentleman, but it certainly is a big handicap in an argument.

LAZIEST MAN—

Mary—You've got to hand it to him when it comes to petting.
Elsie—What's the matter with him, is he that lazy?

NO FARMERS IN GROUP—

A group of sailors got into a discussion over the kind of animal a heifer was. One sailor claimed that the heifer belonged to the hog family, the other that it was a variety of sheep. Finally, they called in Boatswain Smith.
Sailor: Bill, what's a heifer—is it a hog or is it a sheep?
Boatswain Smith (thinking seriously a moment): To tell you the truth, mates, I don't know much about poultry.

AGREEABLE—

Young Oswald was surely an officious young man as every one in the firm's employ agreed. He always was horning in where he was not wanted, and, too, he had a highly exalted opinion of himself.

There were two partners in the firm and one of them happened to die. The young man approached the surviving partner with whom he was not exactly a favorite:

Young Oswald: I'm so sorry, sir, to hear of Mr. John's demise, and I have come to ask if you would like me to take his place?

Partner: Yes, I would like it very much if you can arrange it with the undertaker.

SITUATION IN HAND—

An ensign and a lieutenant (jg) were seated in a cafe. Across the way sat a seaman second class with a beautiful girl. They (the gold braid) wanted to meet the young lady, but they didn't know how to get around the sailor without pulling their rank which they didn't want to do. Finally the Jaycee wrote a note and sent it to the sailor by a waiter. The note read: "I believe I studied with you at Yale, and the ensign believes that he studied with you at Princeton. Please come over and straighten us out."

The seaman replied by return note: "I didn't study with the ensign at Princeton, nor did I study with you at Yale. But I did study at the National School of Taxidermy, and I'm taking care of this pigeon myself."

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Alfalfa Gaining As Favored Hay Crop

By virtue of its high productivity and quality alfalfa is fast replacing other hay crops in Wake county and the Piedmont section of the state.

Working in the manner of a self-winding watch, alfalfa will reseed itself from crowns that survive the winter and grow as long as eight years without additional seeding by the grower, according to H. Bruce Butler, assistant Wake county agent.

Agent Butler describes the work of Herbert Jackson, route four, Raleigh, in seeding 10 acres of alfalfa last fall as "excellent" and suggests that other planters in the area follow his lead. This is how the Jackson crop was prepared:

The land was limed with two tons of dolomitic limestone and seeded to oats in 1944. In February, 1945, lespedeza was seeded in the oats. The oats were combined and the straw left on the land. The lespedeza and oat straw were thoroughly disced into the soil in September, 1945. Two additional tons of dolomitic limestone per acre was applied after the first discing in September. Three tons of chicken manure were applied to the tract during the fall and added fertilization consisted of 1,200 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer with boron, also spread after the first discing. Seeding of the alfalfa was done after thorough discing and harrowing. Using a small seed attachment and grain drill with the disc running about an inch and a half deep, the seed were covered by an inch of soil. The field was cross drilled with 28 pounds of carefully inoculated seed to the acre.

DDT Not So Deadly To Bees As Feared

DDT, highly effective supplement to nature's own method of controlling insect pests, is still under intensive study by researchers and the results of tests made to date are encouraging, according to specialists of the State College Extension Service.

One of the early fears—that DDT would destroy too many bees which are useful as honey collectors and particularly valuable as pollinizers of crops such as legumes and fruit—has been virtually eliminated by the dis-

covery that DDT is actually less deadly to bees than the arsenical sprays now commonly used. Beekeepers now are beginning to regard DDT as a promising relief for bee losses by arsenic poisoning.

Usual objections to the new pest control have been predicated upon the contention that it would "upset the balance of nature's theory that beneficial insects, birds and other predators can sufficiently control insect pests. So, intensive tests of DDT are being made to determine its effect upon fish, birds, beneficial insects and other wild life.

In regard to the widespread use of the chemical, it now appears for the first time as a practical control for some forest insects.

The current "crop" of beetles and other injurious pests in North Carolina has been described by Henson specialists as normal with no dangerous outbreak indicated.

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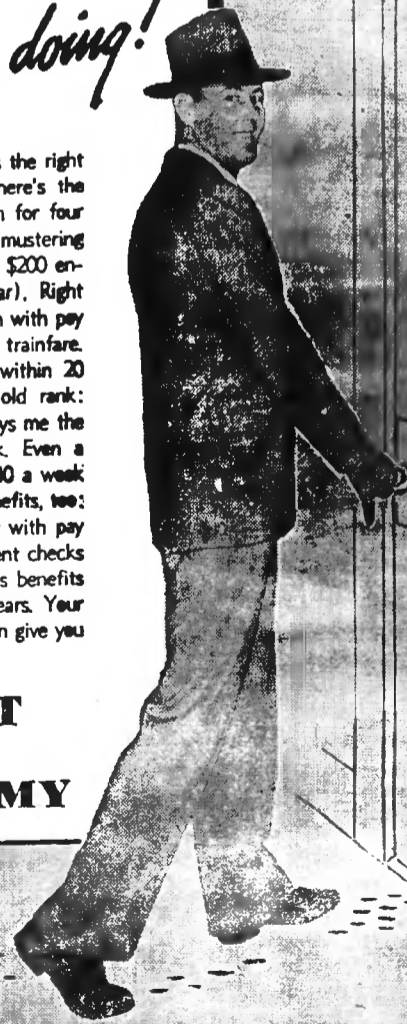
See or write . . .

J. S. ALEXANDER
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

"Sure, I know what I'm doing!"

I'm not saying the Army is the right career for everyone, but here's the way I look at it: I was in for four years which gave me \$300 mustering out pay and will give me a \$200 enlistment bonus (\$50 a year). Right off, I get a 90-day furlough with pay and the Army pays all the trainfare. I'm reenlisting in time—within 20 days—so I get back my old rank: staff sergeant. And this pays me the equivalent of \$55 a week. Even a private's pay is equal to \$40 a week these days. Plenty more benefits, too: 30-day vacation every year with pay . . . Monthly family allotment checks . . . All G. I. Bill of Rights benefits . . . Retire in 20 or 30 years. Your nearest recruiting office can give you the whole story.

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