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First Need Is Homes

There are many grave problems facing the nation and little is being done, apparently, to find any solution.

All are agreed that housing is a number one need for the American people. The nation is five years behind in home building. During the five years that homes have not been built, the population has been increasing rapidly. Marriages do not often wait on new homes.

The returning veterans have a right to expect to have an opportunity to provide a home for their families, and many of their families have originated since home construction was suspended.

During the war wives and children of veterans have been making their homes with parents of the husband or wife. During the war they accepted such conditions and made the best of them.

Now that the war is over and enough time has passed for reconversion, the men who fought in Europe and in the Pacific have every right to expect that they can return to their respective communities and build a home.

But they find conditions for building are entirely unfavorable—practically impossible. They visit the supply houses and find that lumber, hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies are not to be had. It is a discouraging situation, and one which congress and all other departments of government are doing nothing about.

The housing situation is a real emergency. There is nothing imaginary about it. The war powers act is still in force, and should be invoked to break the housing bottlenecks.

Housing is the key to activity in many lines of business. In addition to the business created by materials and labor for the homes, the houses will need furniture and numerous other items which will cause business activity in practically every line of manufacture and commerce.

If materials needed for houses are going into other lines of business, the government must step in with emergency power and straighten out the matter. Homes are the paramount need. It will take some time to fill the most pressing need for homes, but precious time is being lost while no steps are being taken to break the bottlenecks.

Borrowed Comment

THIS, TOO, WILL PASS
(New York World Telegram)

Lest we get unduly low in mind about our present troubles, let us refer to page 423 of the public papers of Franklin D. Roosevelt, covering the year 1933.

Deflation was raging then. Want amidst plenty. Overproduction, underconsumption. Surpluses. Kill the little pigs. Prices too low, according to the President, who promised to get them up—"If we can't do this one way we will do it another. Do it

we will."

Now it's the reverse. Prices too high and going higher. Scarcities. Underproduction. Steel, butter, meat, sugar on the way up. Chester Bowles losing ground in his battle with the stubborn old law of supply and demand. Quite a flip-flop in 12 years.

But don't conclude that today's trend is permanent. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction; the only thing that's constant is change. Not all change is progress, and we'll have other different worries. Worries we have with us always.

The above lamentation was written on a gloomy day.

But when the sun shines more and "the day before Spring" approaches we'll all feel better and decide that life's not such a bad proposition after all.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



There is new hope and new opportunity each new day for those who will grasp them. It is well known that a good night's sleep often changes one's attitude completely toward life. The burden which seems so heavy, the situation which seems so confused, assumes different proportion in the morning. Many of you can remember as children, how at night when you were sick or tired your mother tucked you in bed and said, "Go to sleep now. It will all be better in the morning. God bless you." This experience is but a foretaste and a symbol of the whole new life which comes to man when he accepts membership in the divine family. Wistfully Louise Tarkington has written: "I wish there was some wonderful place, Called the Land of Beginning Again, Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches And all our poor selfish grief, at the door, could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, And never put on again."

There is just such a place—at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ. John Bunyan in his immortal "Pilgrim's Progress" portrays Christian rolling all of his burdens off at the Cross and standing up straight and free in the new life for the first time. St. Paul writes about that in the sixth chapter of Romans. The whole book tells how a man may reach this new life by faith, accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Membership in the divine family, becoming a son of God, is a gift which must be received by personal choice. But there are those who have entered the divine family, and then like the Prodigal Son have wandered away into the "far country." Jesus related that parable to show that they too may return to the Father's house and receive a welcome and forgiveness.

A correspondent sent me a newspaper clipping by Chaplain Frank M. Thompson, "The Land of Beginning Again," in which he quotes a little poem "Try It Again," by Robert Freeman, which reminds us that there is always a welcome for the returning son or daughter in the father's house:

"I played with my blocks—I was but a child, Houses I builded, castles I piled; But they tottered and fell, all my labor was vain; Yet my father said kindly, We'll try it again! I played with my days—what's time to a lad? Why pore over books? Play, play and be glad! Till my youth was all spent like a sweet summer rain; Yet my father said kindly, We'll try it again; I played with my chance; such gifts were mine. To work with, to serve the Divine, With prodigal hand I did waste and profane; Yet my father said kindly, We'll try it again! I played with my soul, the soul that is I, The best that is in me—I smothered its cry; I lulled it, I dulled it, and now, O the pain; Yet my Father said kindly, We'll try it again!"

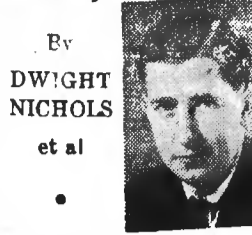
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made. Young trees also need cultivation. Digging or plowing around them will keep down grass and weeds.

"Some of the fruits best adapted to this section of the state are: Early Harvest, Yellow Transparent, Bonum, Golden Delicious, Stayman and Winesap apples; Golden Jubilee, Belle of Georgia, Elberta and Hale peaches; Concord, Niagara, Portland, Little, Caco and Sheridan grapes; Early Richmond and Montgomery cherries. Now is a good time to plant."

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

WAS HIS FACE RED—

A couple came out of the theatre to find a lawyer restlessly pacing the sidewalk. His car was parked in an alley and the car belonging to the couple was parked on the street almost across the alley intersection. He said he wished they'd move their car so he could back out.

The lady of the couple asked what he had been waiting for, and was firm in her declaration that there was room for a ten-ton truck through the opening. The young attorney said his car couldn't be backed out without hitting their car. Over his protest the lady got in his car and backed out through the opening with plenty of room to spare on both sides.

CHITTER CHATTER—

One of our readers says that it is all right for women to take part in public affairs if you want the affairs made public. One service man told his pal that he had met a girl who hadn't been kissed, and, of course, his pal wanted to meet her; but he was informed he was too late....Minds and parachutes are similar in one respect. Neither will function unless it is open....One reason pillows cost so much is because down is up....Too often the things people want published is mere publicity and propaganda; but what they don't want published is news. The drunk who looked down in the lake and saw the moon decided he was plenty high.

COORDINATED EFFORT—

A dean of women at a large co-educational college recently began an important announcement in the student body, as follows: "The president of the college and I have decided to stop necking on the campus."

KNEW THE SCORE—

Two cars bumped at an intersection. One car drove away undamaged. The other driver sadly contemplated his damage: Witness (rushing up excitedly)—You ought to have that fellow arrested! It was plenty his fault! Driver (shaking his head)—Thanks, old man, for your offer. But it couldn't possibly be his fault. His father is mayor, his uncle is chief of police, and I'm engaged to his sister.

PICK UP TOO MUCH—

Daughter—How do you like my new dress, Dad? Dad—It's nice, but a little short, don't you think? Daughter—Oh, no, I don't!

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Dessie Hayes, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Wilkesboro, R. F. D. 1, duly verified, on or before the 18th day of December, 1946, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 18th day of December, 1946. W. A. HAYES, Administrator of estate of Dessie Hayes, dec'd. 1-24-T

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In Revival Here



Rev. Sam Jones, pastor, will begin a revival Sunday, January 27, at the Pentecostal Holiness church on Sixth street. Visiting ministers will assist the pastor, and it will be a union revival with all denominations is invited.

like these long dresses. They pick up so many germs and things.

Dad—You'd be surprised some of the things the short ones pick up.

KEEP THIS STRAIGHT—

A duel was fought by James Shott and John Nott. Nott was shot and Shott was not. In this case it is better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, but Shott insists that he himself was not. It may be that the shot Shott shot shot Nott, or since accidents with firearms will happen, maybe the shot Shott shot not Shott himself. We think, however, that the shot Shott shot shot, not Shott, but Nott.

Government price supports and heavy demands are expected to keep dairy products high during the first half of 1946.

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Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of D. J. Carter, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 15th day of December, 1946, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 15th day of December, 1946. HATTIE LEWIS CARTER, Admrx. of the estate of D. J. Carter, dec'd. 1-24-T



This is the season that family or guests really go for waffles... ideal for Sunday morning breakfast, or for a light supper after a mid-day Sunday dinner.

Mix your batter ahead of time and store in the refrigerator, but leave out egg whites and baking powder until just before baking. Then dissolve baking powder in a little water and mix into batter. Last of all, add the beaten egg whites, folded in.

Always have your batter cold. Mixing ahead of time insures cold batter, but then waffles impromptu are fun, too. In that case, stir in a few ice cubes, but of course decrease milk in proportion.

If you're having company, a waffle iron at each end of the table speeds up supply. (Festive, too!)

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"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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Now Is the Time To Work With Orchard

Now, and for the next few weeks of winter, is the time to prune, spray and thin orchards, according to Burke County Agent, R. L. Sloan, of Morganton, who offers the following orchard suggestions for North Carolina farmers:

"Some pruning is helpful each year in shaping young trees and thinning crowded limbs on old or trees. Spraying is also helpful in killing scale and other parasites on the bark. For small orchards, one can buy a ready-mixed lime-sulphur solution which mixes with water at the rate of one gallon of lime-sulphur to eight gallons of water. This spray is good for winter apples, peaches and other fruits.

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