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manent pasture and hay lands, woodland management and reforestation, using improved seeds and good farming horse sense. In short, the farm changed from a liability to an asset in the short period of seven years through soil conserving instead of soil depleting methods. Multiply this farm by the approximately 4,000 farms in Wilkes County and you get some figures that are worth studying.

We say again this contest is well worth the effort.

Each year new scientific advances make it possible to save more people from cancer.

If newspaper accounts are true, most of the murders committed, the majority of traffic accidents and injuries, the moral breakdown of family life would lead us to believe that liquor is at the root of the trouble. that our beverage rooms have become cesspools of iniquity, breeding crime, social disease, lawlessness and heartaches.—Reidsville Review.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR
By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



There is only one lasting basis of marriage: physical, mental and spiritual love. No doubt there are marriages made every day for other reasons, but unless they begin with, or eventually resolve themselves into love, they miss the highest possibilities of marriage and all too often end in dwarfed and unhappy lives.

But men and women marry for reasons other than love. A New York Commission on Marriage sometime ago made a study of the institution, listing ten reasons why men and women marry. They follow with certain added comments:

1. Companionship. This is an integral part of a successful marriage, but companionship without affection and mutual interests soon becomes a dry and arid desert. Solitude is a blessing compared to the boredom that companionship alone brings.
2. Pleasure. A real marriage is more than pleasure, it is happiness. Pleasure alone is like a pretty face or a fine pair of shoulders, of which one soon tires.
3. Freedom. He who marries for freedom usually wants license, which breeds selfishness, brings forth loneliness.
4. Adventure. Marriage is not a land to explore and then go home. The adventurer in marriage finds himself forever seeking, but never finding. The good land is always on the other side of the mountain.

5. Economic Security. It was Esau who sold his birthright for a good dinner and lived to regret it. Those who marry for a meal ticket may get just that, but eventually learn that "man does not live by bread alone."

6. Children and Family. Marriage is more than a scheme of the Creator to propagate the race. Children brought into the world without their knowledge or consent deserve a home atmosphere of mutual affection and respect.

7. Self-Realization. This places the emphasis upon self. He who marries for self finds a self-realization which brings no comfort with the advancing years. It is a foundation which crumbles.

8. Self-Respect. Again for self. Marriage for self-respect has a way of turning into sour milk which is not swallowed easily.

9. Happiness. Happiness without love is impossible. It is not to be had for the seeking. It is a bi-product of seeking the welfare of others.

10. Love. Love is the only enduring foundation upon which a happy and successful marriage can be reared. It is the only solvent for the obstacles which beset the pathway of marriage. It is the only lubricant which can oil the wheels of matrimony as they grind the grist of life. It is the only cement which can bind together two different personalities into a lasting union, "and the twain shall be one flesh." It is the only atmosphere in which a home can grow and develop. It is the only light which can illumine the dark and stormy days which come to all.

Love has a way of blending all other reasons for marriage into a beautiful whole. Without it marriage may survive through deference to duty and convention. With it marriage becomes a glorious mutual adventure.

Political Medicine

There is great agitation in this country to socialize the practice of medicine.

Those favoring such a plan would eventually put government in direct control over physicians and surgeons. Eventually, the situation would become such that if you needed a doctor you would be sent one picked out by the political bureaucrat in charge. The doctor would lose his individuality and become just another number in a political stew pot of patronage and red tape.

Political distribution of medical care would entail making a public record of the characteristics and the most intimate and sacred personal relationships of each and every patient. The privacy of every human being would be invaded and violated. It can be imagined how the information might be used by the curious and the unscrupulous.

The effectiveness of medical care is wholly dependent upon the skill of the physician. The American doctor is a human being—a personality. He must be free to act as an individual. He should not be robbed of his freedom of action and decision. Bureaucratic direction would destroy the factor that is the secret of his effectiveness.

Important Subject

We note the public speaking contest on "Soil Conservation" which many high school boys and girls are preparing for and expect to compete in the Wilkes County finals April 18, 1946, at the courthouse.

We wish to compliment the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, the North Carolina Bankers Association, and other civic clubs and individuals within the thirteen counties competing in the contest for sponsoring such a worthy cause—that of the building up of our soil so that we will have better production per acre, more products to sell, and a much better standard of living on the farm.

This contest goes deeper than teaching school boys and girls self-confidence and speaking ability—which is a worthy cause in itself—but it goes to the very grass roots of our actual existence; that is, the conservation and building up of the producing capacity of our basic natural resource—the soil. Did you ever give serious thought to what might happen to North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, and for that matter, the Nation, if the top six inches of topsoil was washed off our farm lands down into the rivers and streams?

We know of one farm among many that seven years ago was approaching this stage. In 1937 the farm was supporting: 1 mule, 1 cow, a few acres of corn (10 bushels per acre production); a few acres of wheat (15 bushels per acre production); a handful of chickens; and four acres of poor grade tobacco (grown on land not suited for tobacco).

In 1946 this same farm supports: 24 head of milk cows; 1 purebred bull; 13 hogs, 300 chickens; 2 head of work stock; a flock of turkeys; ample fields of alfalfa for hay; permanent pasture and temporary pastures to support the dairy herd; corn fields that yield 70 bushels per acre; a new Grade-A milk house, new silo, and many improvements to buildings, home, etc.

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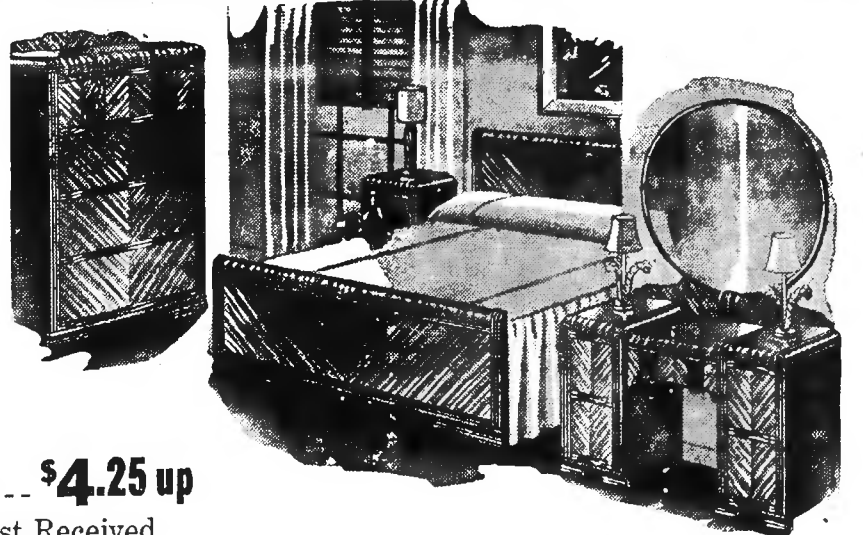
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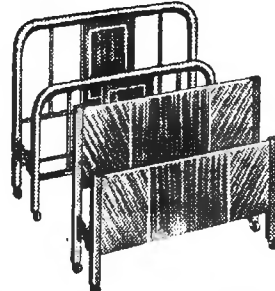
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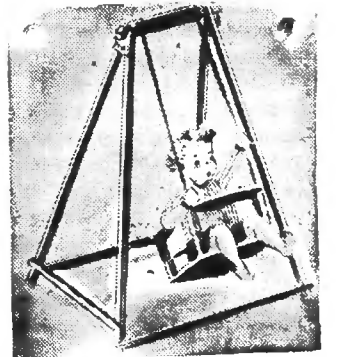
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