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## Use 52-20 Later

This week is being observed here as Veterans Employment Week, and the event naturally focuses attention on the "52-20 Club."

That phrase means those veterans who are drawing \$20 per week and may draw it for a total of 52 weeks on their service record if they remain unemployed.

Charges have been made that some veterans are "riding the gravy train" on the unemployment benefits and refuse to work.

Employment Service officials say that the number who are willingly drawing the benefits in preference to gainful employment is comparatively few.

However few they may be, they should think seriously before turning down jobs and remaining on the benefits.

As Col. A. L. Fletcher points out, those who go to work will have the better jobs, and when those who are drawing the benefits exhaust the 52 weeks and have to go to work they will find themselves at great disadvantage.

Another thought the veterans should consider is that they can work now and have the 52 weeks of benefits waiting for them when economic conditions slump and when the \$20 will have far greater purchasing power than now. The unemployment benefits will be of much more value to them later on and will be a splendid insurance against being unemployed when jobs are harder to get than now.

It would seem from observation that veterans who take the best jobs available now will be in far more favorable position than those who willingly exhaust their 52 weeks of liberal benefits while loafing.

## Looks to Youth

While many sneer at the inexperience of youth, and think that only the old are able to lead, it is refreshing to note that one of the world's most successful men pays youth the highest tribute possible.

Henry Ford on the eve of his 80th birthday issued the following optimistic statement:

"I am constantly reading and hearing about unsettled conditions in the world today. In my lifetime I've witnessed similar situations many times as they followed military and economic warfare.

"Actually, each of those periods was only temporary and from each of them we learned. We emerged a little more intelligent; a little more able to combat recurrence.

"We've never succeeded in preventing those cycles because we've never searched out and rid ourselves of the real reasons for them. These reasons are greed, selfishness and narrow thinking: simple to state, so hard to remove.

"I am convinced that after five years of war and its subsequent problems, this nation is ready, willing and able to prepare itself for an unprecedented future of peace and prosperity.

"As always, I look to the young people of this country for the real solution of our problems. May I suggest they devote themselves to clear and long range thinking and planning, to selection of proper and sincere leadership and, above all, to hard work.

"With these as the goal, I'm sure this nation and the world again will be on the right track."

## Make Something

Many were impressed with the address of Mr. Louis Purdey, industrial manager of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, before local civic clubs Friday.

One point Mr. Purdey emphasized was "building from within." He strongly advocated that local people form and operate industries which can use available raw materials and natural resources at hand.

Of course, that type of industry is highly desirable. It puts to work local capital and profits from the industry remain in the local hands to benefit the community.

During the past several years many Wilkes people have accumulated substantial money wealth. If this wealth is to be beneficial to owners and to the community at large it should be put to work in useful production.

The person or group who makes something useful and wholesome is using his means and ability to bless mankind.

The world is ready, waiting and clamoring for millions of things. The productive capacity of industry is now far below the demand and will be for years to come. No better time has there ever been for starting in industry.

There are raw materials in Wilkes county for several types of manufacturing, and there is ample labor to man several plants of substantial size and capacity. In addition, we have excellent climatic conditions and natural resources highly desirable.

This being a political year, you can afford to ignore some of the stories that you hear about politicians.

Our science expert advises that the explosion of the atomic bomb at Bikini has nothing to do with the present hot weather.

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**EVERYDAY COUNSELOR**  
By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.

If you want to have a good time try saying something nice to another person or showing appreciation to your associates. You might commence on wife, husband, father, mother, some employee or even the boss. But let me offer one warning—if you haven't been in the habit of doing this, commence gradually or you may be in the position of a husband who was attending an institute I was once conducting on family relations. In the first session I advised wives and husbands to show appreciation for the other, suggesting that gifts and compliments were as much appreciated after marriage as before.

In the next session there was a question period. This husband announced that he had followed my advice and had taken a box of candy home to his wife. She received the gift with the question, "Now, what have you been up to?" He said that he had a hard time explaining, and he did not think much of my advice. I asked him how long it had been since he had taken such a gift to his wife. He said he couldn't remember, but he was afraid that it had been a long time.

I recently attended a national convention of civic clubs. The closing session was quite evidently the most enjoyable. It was devoted to the presentation of awards and citations for outstanding service of various clubs and individual members. The atmosphere was one cheerful expectancy and enthusiasm. The various awards were greeted with much applause. There was little of monetary value in these awards, but there was sincere appreciation. Everybody was having a fine time.

The oil of appreciation is one of humanity's best lubricants. Yet it is used far too little. The pages of our newspapers are filled with accounts of human strife, domestic, industrial, civil and international. Men and women hurl accusations against one another.

I can't help wondering what would happen if we would show the same zeal in expressing appreciation for the virtues of others that we do in denouncing their faults.

Why not try carrying along with you an oil-can filled with appreciation. Then use it. You will be delightfully surprised how the friction of personal relations will be overcome, and daily situations will run smoothly.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By  
**DWIGHT NICHOLS**  
et al

**GRANDDADDY MOUNTAIN—**  
We've heard reports that the weather in this neck of the woods was hot on Sunday afternoon.

But where we were it was so cold that the cold wind gave us earache. It was so cold that we thought it was time to mail out Christmas cards; so if you get one don't be surprised.

That cold spot was on top of Grandfather Mountain.

The wind blew so cold that we tried to figure out a way to can some of it and bring it back for relief on hot days like this.

Grandfather Mountain is really a rugged, scenic spot. It lacks a few hundred feet being as high as Mount Mitchell, but it stands up like a sentinel above all surrounding mountains and from its lofty peaks is perhaps the most panoramic view east of the Rockies.

And we're not making this plug just because the guy extended us courtesy of the press and passed us over the toll road leading up to the summit of the mountain from the highway.

And in case you're interested in scientific facts, Grandfather Mountain is one of America's oldest mountains.

Mountains were formed by the molten inside of the earth pushing up the earth's crust, and some mountains are older than others.

But the age is not where Grandfather got its name. From a distance the outline of the mountain looks like a bearded man's face.

Our three junior wisecrackers, plus some jibes from Jack Pruitt, had some comments about the name of the mountain.

Along the way they called some rocky knobs Grandchildren. They said if the big mountain was Grandfather that there had to be some grandchildren some place.

Almost directly on top of the Linville Peaks part of Grandfather is an area of huckleberries now ripe. We ate some, but we had heard that huckleberries are relished by bears, and we didn't want to enrage the bears on Grandfather, so we left some for the bears.

**THE COFFEE CLUB—**

We have been neglecting to report the doings of that august and deliberative body called the Coffee Club. Recently there have been some new members who qualified by being stuck, namely Rester Blackburn and Ed Day.

Many momentous decisions have been reached by that body recently and great problems have been solved. There are two remaining knotty problems: what to do with Russia, and how to improve the traffic situation in North Wilkesboro.

The Coffee Club will probably never admit defeat, but the truth is that it has made little, if any, headway on the two major problems which come up so often for discussion.

About the only suggestion offered for the traffic problem is to route all traffic in one direction one day and reverse the next.

Still another suggestion is to have a giant bulldozer go through the streets every fifteen minutes and clear the traffic.

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**Bethany Home Coming Sunday**  
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