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School Friends Rally For Gymnasium Work

Although no campaign of solicitation is planned, letters have gone out to patrons and friends of North Wilkesboro school asking their help in financing improvements on the school gymnasium.

The plans are to install a heating plant, which has been purchased, and to construct dressing rooms in the gym.

Estimated cost of the entire project is \$3,000, and work has already started on installing heat. A splendid heating unit was purchased from Camp Butner at great saving.

Attendance at games at the gym has been low in recent years because it was impossible to comfortably heat the building with two stoves.

But of more importance is the fact that the lack of heating facilities has made it impossible to use the gymnasium in winter months for a full program of physical education for all the children in the school. Having children to play in a cold house is one easy way to cause illness of severe colds or pneumonia. Outdoor play in cold weather is not as dangerous, but weather conditions are not usually good for outdoor play in winter.

Those who can are respectfully asked to give whatever they can for the project, because it will be for the benefit of their children and all who attend the school. No pressure is being put on anyone to give, but all gifts will be welcome and helpful.

Most Needy Don't Have Insurance

During the past year there were families in Wilkes county who lost everything they had when their homes burned, and they had no insurance money to help replace the things which could be bought.

The remark is often made that a person cannot afford to pay fire insurance premiums. But on the other hand, there are few who can afford to be without fire insurance when it is needed. About the only person who can afford not to have fire insurance is the one with so much wealth that the loss of a home would not seriously impair his financial security.

Inquiries made here reveal that fire insurance on rural property can be purchased from \$6 to \$10 per thousand dollars valuation, depending upon the fire hazard. The rates are made according to the probability of loss and if your rate is high it is because of likelihood of loss. Often your insurance man can make suggestions for improvements or alternations which would lower your rate. For instance, one man found that fire extinguishers in his home would lower his insurance rate. Another found that building his stove flue in a different manner would save him money and lessen fire danger.

This is something for people to study seriously, especially those who feel that they cannot afford the financial outlay of annual insurance premiums.

For \$15 yearly a rural resident can carry sufficient fire insurance to lessen the shock of total fire loss, and to leave a family something to start with in case the worst happens.

1938 Opportunity For Progress Here

The new year presents itself as a wonderful opportunity for civic progress in Wilkes county.

Much progress was made during the past year and progressive forces were set in motion for better days to come.

It will require continued cooperation on the part of the people who are interested in improving their community and county to achieve the desired results.

It takes unity of purpose to achieve. Some of the results are noticeable in building programs of churches, the raising of more than \$150,000 for the Wilkes Y. M. C. A., beginning the development of Memorial Park, erection of high school gymnasiums, beautiful holiday decorations in the Wilkesboros and many smaller projects.

The chamber of commerce has given to the people the opportunity to work together for progress. Efforts correlated in a forward direction are more effective than widespread effort without unit of purpose.

There is a number 1 objective for the coming year in which all can participate. It is the movement to secure complete flood control in the Yadkin valley, including soil conservation and reforestation. You as a citizen can help by letting your congressman know you favor this great endeavor.

So far in this fuel oil argument nobody seems ready to smoke the pipe line of peace.—Greensboro Daily News.

— THE — EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert
Spaugh, D. D.

Depth is the most important dimension of life. Perhaps that sounds foolish, for we do not often hear much about it. More people are interested in length of life than any other dimension. Others are interested in breadth, as breadth of thought and vision are considered most important. We don't hear about depth of life, but we all admire it, and seek it consciously or unconsciously.

Length of life is the physical dimension. Breadth is the mental footrule, while depth or height is the yard-stick of the spirit of a man. "Still waters run deep," is an old way of speaking of those quiet souls whose depth of character makes them a blessing to all.

It is said that far out in the ocean where the depth runs into miles, the roughest storm never disturbs the quiet calm of those still waters far below. There are some lives like that. We all know such. We honor them, admire them, seek their advice and want to be near them when our own lives become disturbed. They always keep their heads, when excitement carries the crowd away into some frenzy.

Depth is never found seeking length or breadth. It is a matter of the spiritual life. Many lose sight of that. The man of wisdom, calmness and discernment who can be of help to others is the man with a sense of security. He is at peace within—at peace with his God and with his fellowmen, for he has taken time to know them and to love them.

No one pays much attention to a loose tongue. I have several friends whom I like in spite of their tongue. They talk entirely too much and too quickly. They say things which would hurt me, if I would let them. But I know that they don't mean them. I like them for what they are, not what they say. But I never ask them for advice, because they are not deep enough to give it. I hesitate to give them a confidence, because they cannot get it far enough below the surface of their own lives to keep it.

Calmness of soul is not a natural gift—it is the gift of God. Often it is secured at great price. It takes spiritual toil and adversity, obstacles and hardship to plow down through the hard crust of our outer lives. We do not find it by amusements, by recreation, by education. It is to be found only as man learns to walk with his God and to give much room to His Spirit.

What all men desire is depth of life, but most of us do not know it. It is not easy to get, but nothing brings greater happiness. Henry Van Dyke gives a good prescription for its cultivation:

"Four things a man must learn to do if he would make his record true: To think without confusion clearly; To love his fellowman sincerely; To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God and Heaven securely."

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

LEAP YEAR—

This is leap year, which means that we will have 366 Daisy Hawkins days in 1948.

This is the year when eligible males are supposed to be chased until the question is propounded.

Leap year is the year in which one more day is tacked on. This is supposed to keep the calendar and the sun in step with each other. In other words, to keep the calendar from getting ahead of old sol.

The extra day, as you all know, is put on February, which makes 29 days. A certain number of people were born on February 29.

We once heard of a Scotsman who picked out a girl born on February 29. He married her because that meant a birthday present only once each four years.

Several years ago we had five Saturdays in February, which meant five pay days for those who get paid on Saturday, and that is something for the shortest month in the year.

This year we will have five Sundays in February and Fifth Sunday Singing Conventions can celebrate a rare occasion.

That last time we had a fifth Sunday in February was in 1920.

In case you are looking forward to the next fifth Sunday in February, it will be in 1976. So just stick around and it will eventually show up.

NEGLECT OF CHILDREN—

We are informed that hundreds of children walk to North Wilkesboro school from the Woodlawn, or eastern, part of this city.

There is nothing unusual about that, but a suitable walkway should be provided.

To reach the school the children must cross a small stream, which isn't so small in rainy weather, and they have to climb a hill at an angle of about 45 degrees. They have no foot bridge across the stream and the

hill is muddy and slick in wet weather.

While improvements are in order, we think that those children deserve at least a graveled pathway, steps for the steeper part, and a foot bridge with handrails.

We say handrails, because every child likes to step in water. Have you ever seen one walk around a mud hole? No, it is more fun to walk through it.

Wilkesboro Divides With Mountain View

Triplet and Craig paced the Wilkesboro quint to a 42-28 victory over Mountain View to give Wilkesboro a split of a twin bill at Mountain View Tuesday night. The Mountain View girls had annexed a 24-15 win the opener.

Girls' Game

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