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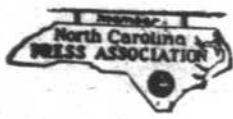
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Protection Forests From Fires Essential

This is one of two periods in the year when there is particular danger of forest fires.

The Southern States Forest Fire Commission, along with other interested agencies, is trying through the school to teach young people to protect and respect forests.

That theme is particularly important in this part of North Carolina because of the great value of timber products. During the past ten years many millions of dollars worth of lumber and other timber products have been sold from the forests in Wilkes county. This revenue provided a great slice of the total income from which business accrues.

Thus it is readily evident that it means much to all of us to protect the forests. Any industry which adds to the productive wealth of the community will benefit all the residents and raise their standard of living.

Greatest damage of forest fires is destruction of young timber, and young timber is what we must protect unless our beautiful mountains are to become barren wastes. Altogether too much growing timber has been recklessly destroyed when harvesting mature trees. The haste to cut timber has resulted in slaughter of trees which would be double in lumber value in a few short years.

With all these factors against us, we must guard the young trees against destruction by fire. Ninety per cent of forest fires are caused by carelessness while some few are deliberately set. Heavy penalties should be exacted for such wanton destruction.

Labor Savings Exposition May 26

Through cooperation of electrical appliance dealers in the Wilkesboros a labor-saving exposition will be held in the Wilkesboro gymnasium on Wednesday, May 26.

Naturally, one purpose of the exposition will be to stimulate interest in appliances and create demand for them, but of more importance will be the educational value of the exposition.

Participating dealers will have on display many appliances and machines which run by electricity. Wilkes is fortunate in being served with a great number of rural electric lines, and it is to the interest of the people to make profitable use of electric power.

The exposition is planned to show people what electricity will do and each demonstration will have accurate figures on time and cost, so that the people who observe the exposition will get first hand information based on factual demonstrations.

This forward move deserves commendation and should be liberally supported by attendance of large numbers of people for the afternoon and evening periods. There will be no admission charges and participating firms will distribute free tickets to those who call for them at their places of business.

At the Fork Of The Roads

The United States, in the opinion of its representatives at the Havana Trade and Employment Conference, stands at a fork in world economic history. There are only two ways to go—one the road of inter-

national economic cooperation and the other the road of tightening economies, barriers to foreign trade and the expression of economic nationalism.

The belief of the people of the United States, we think, is that economic cooperation will open the way to world peace. The peoples of various countries will have an opportunity to improve their economic position and this means, of course, an improvement in their social standard of life.

The road to peace involves freer trade, lower barriers against the exchange of goods, wider distribution, increased production and employment and better standards of living all over the world. The democratic system, which we espouse politically and profess to accept in the economic field, will only survive if it demonstrates to the peoples of other nations that it can do more for them than any competing economy.

It is obvious that the United States cannot continue in the world as the only free enterprise and prosperous country. To retain that condition, we must have company, associates and allies. This we can get by persuading other countries that a closed economy is not for the benefit of anyone and that a free international economy will contribute to the welfare of all.

Borrowed Comment

PAY THE TEACHERS

(The Skyland Post)

The recent announcement made by Superintendent of Public Instruction, Clyde A. Erwin that a program starting teachers with "A" certificates at a salary of \$2,400 would be presented to the next legislature, is a matter of interest to all progressive thinking citizens.

As Dr. Erwin points out, North Carolina will not be able to keep the better trained teachers or to get the needed additional ones in the profession, unless the salaries paid are comparable to those in competitive fields.

Like Dr. Erwin, we are alarmed over the teacher-load in North Carolina, which is 34 pupils per teacher, and the highest in the nation. This must be decreased. In a state as progressive as North Carolina, we cannot afford to let the education of youth be hampered by such overcrowded conditions. Neither can we stand by and see teachers leaving the profession, because of monetary reasons.

Again we repeat that our schools are our best investments. And to have good schools, we must have good teachers, sufficient classroom space and equipment. This all costs money and we are strongly in favor of a sufficient appropriation from State funds to take care of this need.

All liberty is based upon the surrender of individual liberties.

Religion would probably have more converts if it didn't interfere with the way some people live.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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WHEN THE CARES OF LIFE ARE HEAVY

When the cares of life are heavy
And my heart is filled with pain,
It is sweet to go to Jesus
That relief I may obtain;
For I tell Him of my troubles
As I kneel at His dear feet,
And He gives me peace and blessing
That is comforting and sweet.

Chorus

When the cares of life are heavy
O my brother, don't despair;
Come to Jesus with your burdens,
He still hears and answers prayer!

When the cares of life are heavy
You will find in Christ a friend
Who is truer than a brother
And will help you to the end;
For He knows your tests and trials,
Knows your heartaches and your sighs,
And through love and deep compassion
He will hear your humble cries.

When the cares of life are heavy
And the way seems hid from view,
O remember God is able
Just to make a pathway through,
As He did for good old Moses
As he stood beside the sea,
When his hand he upward lifted
To the God who set him free!

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
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et al

MORE TRAINING NOTES—

In the absence of a sports page today we give you a few more notes on baseball training by the North Wilkesboro Flashers of the Blue Ridge League.

Jack Leonard, 145-pound third baseman batting about 500 at this writing, is the hardest man to keep off the base paths, according to a scan of exhibition box scores . . . Tom Daddino, first sacker from Delanco, N. J., has the best fielding average to date and has been the hardest luck hitter with many drives going right "where they is" instead of "where they ain't" . . . Louis Floro, diminutive second sacker, who is a good substitute for a three-ring circus as far as entertainment is concerned, is assisting as property man and trainer . . . Jake Lowe, second baseman, gladdens hearts of fans since he started smacking the ball, and the same goes for Tom Cumby, long shortstop . . . We don't know of any other Class D club which had four good catchers in spring training. We refer to Mike Brelich, veteran and hard hitter, Bob Collins, the short and heavy boy, Johnnie Mercak, who hails from Rhode Island and who recently graduated from Washington University, and Henry Duncan, of Pulaski, Va., with two years experience in the Appalachian league . . . The outfield has been shifted around to get the best combination, and with new players arriving for the distant gardens we have difficulty keeping up with the situation. Troy Stanley in right field looks a fine prospect. All he needs is work and hustle . . . Douglas

Shores, whose grandparents were Wilkes people near Roaring River, can be found on the river banks fishing when not on the ball field. Bet his wife likes that kind of news . . . Jack Cooper and Jimmie Johnson, who have been used in the outfield, are fine boys, and are expected to improve . . . Jim Ledbetter is another right guy with promise.

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State Hospital Head Resigns Raleigh Job

Raleigh.—The resignation of Dr. R. G. Blackwelder, superintendent of the State Hospital here for the past three years,

was announced yesterday by officials of the State Hospital Board of Control.

Europe's 1948 wheat and crop are expected to be well above those of last year.

BUSY MAN'S PAUSE FOR REFRESHMENT



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