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Heavy Social Drinkers Cause Most Trouble

Personally I am convinced that heavy social drinkers actually cause more trouble as a group—and this group numbers into the millions—than do the estimated three-quarters of a million alcoholics. The reasons for this personal conviction are based on some 20 odd years' experience in psychiatry and of observing the social climate of "our times."

One need not go far for evidence. At any hotel, bar or grill you may see at any dining hour a number of well-dressed, presumably influential men who, as the rounds pile up, become louder, more argumentative and expansive in movement. When calm judgment in business or profession is required, alcoholic states of mind are comparable to a cut-off in electricity at the peak hour of production.—Robert V. Seliger, M. D., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., in an address, "The Doctor Looks at Alcoholism," at the National Council on the New Approach to the Alcohol Problem, University of Chicago, April 27-30, 1948.

Hot Ashes Can Cost Plenty In Cold Cash

This is the season when hot ashes cost the nation plenty in cold cash, County Agent Paul Choplin of the State College Extension Service warned local farmers today.

"More than 11 million dollars is lost each year in fires caused by carelessness with hot ashes and coals," he declared. "With the country's fire losses at an all-time high—700 million dollars was burned up in 1948—there is no excuse for such waste."

Mr. Choplin suggested four fire safety rules for farmers during February and March.

1. Never empty hot ashes or coals into wooden, cardboard or flammable containers. Use, instead, a metal trash barrel, preferably of the lid type.
2. Keep the area surrounding the furnace, stove or fireplace free of refuse and combustible material.
3. Be sure an Underwriters'—approved fire extinguisher of the type designed to put out coal or oil fires is handy.
4. Always use a fire screen in front of the fireplace to prevent sparks from escaping into the room.

Good habits of fire safety should be taught each member of the family, the county agent said, because "tending the fire" has become everybody's job in spite of modern inventions which have made many parts of the job automatic.

Nobody enjoys being bothered—but it's still a lot nicer than being totally ignored.

Failure is the only thing that can be achieved without effort.

Envy provides the mud that failure throws at success.

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OUR BLESSED LORD IS NEAR

Oft Times along life's rugged way
We have to weep and sigh,
And then go on our knees to pray
Lest we should faint and die;
But in the midst of ev'ry woe
That would defeat us here,
We should have faith to truly know
Our blessed Lord is near.

O lot us look unto the hills
From whence our blessings flow,
And know there's balm for all our ills
Wherever we may go;
For if we pray to God above
He'll bring us peace and cheer,
And let us feel, that through His love,
Our blessed Lord is near!

Sometimes the clouds may gather o'er,
And gloom may hang around,
Till we can't see the other shore
Where glories rich abound;
But if we trust and do not doubt,
Nor give away to fear,
Our blessed Lord will bring us out,
For He is always near.

Let ev'ry tried and tempted soul
Look up to God in prayer,
Though waves of sin around us roll
To sink us in despair;
But if old Satan's robbed your life
Of things that seem quite dear,
Have faith to know, 'mid all the strife,
Our blessed Lord is near.

SPORTS BRIEFS

North Wilkesboro boys pulled a genuine surprise when they defeated Mount Airy here Tuesday night. If they had played all season like that they would now have an excellent record of victories. Mount Airy girls have the best female team we've seen among high schools. Franks, tall forward who wears spectacles and a muzzie to protect them, has uncanny accuracy.

The game Millers Creek boys lost to Jonesville was a heart breaker. Millers Creek had a one-point lead with 15 seconds to go when they elected to take a free throw outside. A Jonesville boy intercepted the pass, dribbled all the way and shot the winning goal.

Wilkesboro showed excellent defensive form in defeating Appalacheian high 22 to 21 Tuesday night. The score doesn't look exciting, but there were few points in the game when there were more than two points difference. Millers Creek all stars and Eller's Bluejackets are both participating in a tournament at Franklin in Surry county. They

are in separate brackets in the 16-team dribble derby, and at the time of this writing it looks like Millers Creek and Eller's will meet in the finals. They couldn't have a better finale.

Selection of Wilkesboro as scene of the Highlands conference, basketball tournament will be welcomed by local fans. It is a central location. At present it looks like Elkin, Sparta, Wilkesboro and Boone boys will put on the fight for conference title. One of several teams among the girls could finish tops.

Plans are shaping up for the 1949 edition of the Flashers. Tom Daddino may prove to be a highly popular choice for manager. Just how good the team will be will depend on the type of rookies

obtained, because the club must have eight of them. Not more than seven of last year's players will be back.

Cold weather means more heat from stoves and furnaces, and the chances for an increase in fire losses are greater.

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OKAY

but what's in it for me?

"So America's the richest country in the world.

So what?

"So Americans produce more than any other people on earth. Okay—but what's in it for me?"

At all times, in all ages, nations have had to answer that question — or go out of business.

The average man—the worker, the farmer, the small businessman — is human enough to ask: "What will it do for me—for me and my wife and my kids?"

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\$2400 per household to about \$4000 (in dollars of the same purchasing power).

Work Hours: Since 1910 we have cut 18 hours from our average work week—equivalent to two present average workdays.

BUT THE BEST IS YET—You're right—things can be even better . . . and must be better. Right now, everyone admits prices are too high. We still have the threat of boom and bust. Our system has faults, yet it has brought more benefits to more people than any other system ever devised.

We can beat the boom and bust cycle. We can have even better food, better clothing, better wages, better homes, more leisure, more educational and medical facilities. We can make the future the best yet!



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