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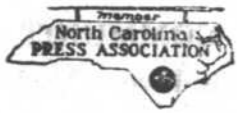
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Everybody Invited To Spring Festival

This issue of The Journal-Patriot is devoted mainly to the Spring Opening Festival to be staged here Thursday, Friday and Saturday by merchants of the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

This event is community wide, with merchants of the Wilkesboros cooperating to carry out an event which should prove to be very beneficial to their patrons in northwestern North Carolina.

The purpose of the Spring Opening Festival is to prove conclusively that our merchants can match all competition in this part of the country in merchandise value, including style, quality, price and service.

This merchandising event will not be a clearance of items that customers have passed up for months, but will be an offering of the very newest in spring merchandise that is entirely seasonable and up to the minute in style, fashions and patterns. And each participating firm is offering special values in new merchandise especially for the festival event, and at prices which afford real savings in price.

Make it a point to read the Spring Festival advertisements in this newspaper, and mark on your calendar to visit the Wilkesboros at least once during the three-day event. Your visit will be well worth while.

Mind Deteriorates When Alcohol Is Used

Self-criticism, no less than the adverse opinion of others, is peculiarly irritating to the alcoholic. He seeks to evade all responsibility for his maladjustment and blames any circumstance rather than himself.

He suffers from a feeling of inferiority and desires excessively the society, sympathy, and love of his fellows.

Boastfulness and confabulation conspicuously cover his inferiority complex, whilst conviviality and intimate contact with his fellows afford occasion for the release of obscene wit and homosexual trends.

Alcohol, by producing euphoria, blunting the critical power and progressively relaxing inhibitions, permits of a flight from reality, which up to a certain point is pleasurable, but when it is pushed too far regression proceeds to lower psychological developmental levels and the return of the repressed from these levels causes great anxiety and antisocial behavior.

Thus, in the long run, alcohol is liable to defeat the ends for which it is taken.—Dr. A. E. Carver, "Alcoholism from the Psychosomatic Point of View," British Journal of Addiction, Jan, 1948.

"We have learned that alcohol, as commonly used today, causes more disease, disability and death than any other cause of ill health which is wholly in the power of the individual to prevent and avoid.

"Since the end of the war in the theater of European operations, there have been more deaths among American troops in Europe from alcohol than from all communicable diseases combined, according to the chief of preventive services. Men in the army in the last stages of the European offensive died in larger numbers from use of alcohol to the point of self-destruction than were lost by all the communicable diseases put together."—Dr. Hayen Emerson, Professor of Public Health Administration, Columbia University.

Spring Clean-Up On Farms Urged

"Spring is clean-up-time to clean out farmstead hazards which might cause injury and loss of man-hours on the farm," County Agent Paul Choplin of the State College Extension Service declared this week.

"A place for everything and in its place" is a good safety slogan, the county agent said. He added that a study by the National Safety Council shows that disorder is responsible for hospitalizing one out of every five accident victims. The largest single cause of injuries, other than the personal factor of poor judgment, is disorder.

Debris and trash, such as paper, scattered boxes and boards, rags and rubbish, are fire hazards and ideal hiding places for rats. Removing trash collections reduces the chances for fire and destroys "rat hotels."

Farm families alone suffer about 3500 deaths and lose 100 million dollars worth of farm property annually through fires, about 90 per cent of which are caused by carelessness.

"Check through the farm shop," advised the county agent. "Are tools in their right places, hammer and axe handles secure and in good condition? Is there an accumulation of barbed wire, glass, scrap metals, loose boards, weeds, grass, etc., about the farmstead?"

"If every farm family would conduct a spring clean-up campaign both indoors and outdoors," he declared, "it would go a long way toward eliminating fire and accident hazards, provide a more healthful environment, and conserve food which is badly needed in many parts of the world."

An Arabian Legend

An Arabian legend which points a warning against wine, says:

The Devil planted a vine and watered it with the blood of a bird and three animals.

When the vine was first planted, he watered it with the blood of a peacock. With a man's first drink of wine, he boasts and struts and thinks himself a very important man, indeed.

When the leaves began to appear, the Devil watered the plant with the blood of an ape. When man continues to drink wine, his conduct is foolish and contemptible, just as the conduct of an ape excites ridicule.

When the fruit was ripening, the Devil watered the plant with the blood of a lion. When man continues to drink, he becomes ferocious and dangerous.

When the fruit was rotten, the Devil watered it with the blood of swine; and the last stage of the drinker is drunkenness, when he falls into the mire and wallows in filth as a hog does.

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I want to give a helping hand
To those whom other folks pass by,
And lift them up and help them stand
For something good and great and high,
Thus proving that within their lives
There's yet a principal sublime,
Where some have thought but evil thrives
That can well lead to shame and crime.
Sometimes we find within the heart
Of those whom other folks pass by
A strong desire to do their part
To bless the world before they die;
But men have dealt them blows and knocks
Along life's ruffed, thorny way
Until it seems their many shocks
Have crushed and put them down to stay.

I want to speak a word of cheer
To wretched folks that sin has crushed,
And shed a sympathetic tear,
Though Satan seeks to keep me hushed.
I mean to breathe an earnest prayer
From day to day as moments fly,
And have within my heart a care
For those whom other folks pass by.
How sad the plight of those who fall,
Or those whom other folks put down,
Who seldom hear an upward call,
But often see the world's cold frown;
These could be jewels in the rough
For whom we ought to pray and sigh,
Though classed by men as being "tough,"
And so they only pass them by.
If polished by the Master's touch
And filled with holy love and grace,
The Savior only knows how much
They might in life adorn some place;
Therefore I'll help such fallen men
The better way of life to try,
And hope to see both now and then
Great souls whom other folks pass by.

Preventive Spray Plans Discussed By Health Group

Health committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting here with Dr. G. T. Mitchell, chairman, mapped a program of work for 1949 and discussed at length two proposed projects.

Efforts will be made, the committee said, to plan a program of spraying DDT as a health measure this summer. The spray is believed to have beneficial effects in prevention of polio and other diseases, and elimination of many insects.

The committee inquired into the cost of spray equipment, and found that a motorized spray would cost \$1,700, in addition to a truck to carry the machine. This cost, the committee believed, would be burdensome on any one community and the group will suggest that a number of towns by one cooperatively, or that one town buy one and rent it to other municipalities on a cooperative basis.

Another subject taken up was discussion of measures to eradicate roaches and other insects from public places. It was suggested that the health department purchase hand spray equipment, which would be used by the sanitarian on a cost basis.

A committee composed of Gilbert Foster, Jim Hauser and Fred Hubbard, Jr., was named to appear before the city councils of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro to present the committee's proposals.

March 28 Closing Date For AAA Grass

According to Maude S. Miller, secretary of the Wilkes county AAA, March 28 has been set as the deadline for securing grass seed through the 1949 AAA program. Mrs. Miller urges all farmers to visit the county office and sign their farm plan if they are interested in seeding permanent pasture this spring.

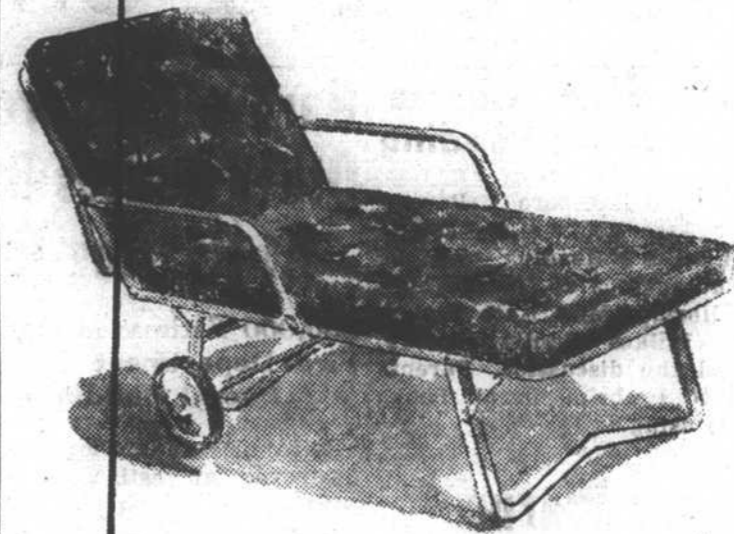
All orders will expire on Monday, March 28, and any producers who have orders on hand are reminded to use them at once as there will be no extension of the grass seed program beyond the approved date.

Last year there were about two and a half million goats in the United States—the smallest number in 20 years.

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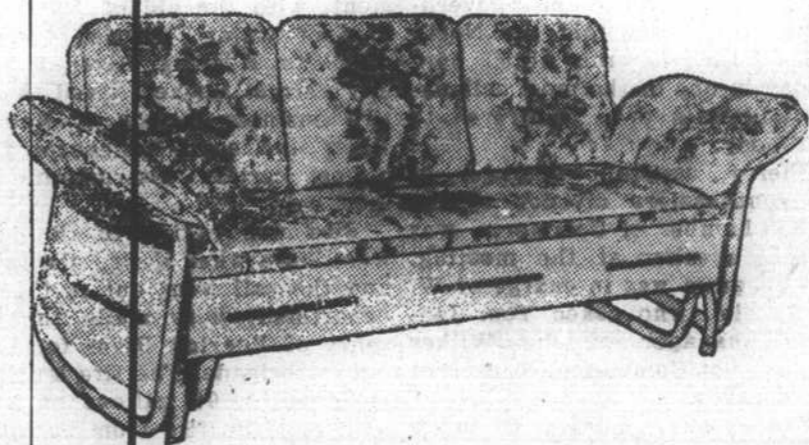
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