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Flood Control Topic Is Pertinent Now

During the past two weeks residents of the Yadkin valley have been anxiously scanning the skies, fearful that there would be a repetition of the disastrous flood in August, 1940.

Rainfall has been exceedingly heavy, but the rain has been in spotted areas and intermittent. One period of a few hours of heavy rainfall throughout the Yadkin area could have caused a flood which would have destroyed all crops and industries in the lower part of the valley, including much of North Wilkesboro.

Such circumstances naturally bring up the subject of flood control, which, as far as the Yadkin is concerned, has been kicked about the halls of congress and executive branches of federal government with no visible results. In the Winston-Salem Journal Saturday, July 16, was an editorial which includes much favorable argument for action on the Yadkin:

Apropos Governor W. Kerr Scott's insistence that more dams be constructed on North Carolina streams for flood control and power purposes, The Madison Messenger makes a pertinent suggestion. The dams should be constructed in the hill country, says The Messenger. Why?

Simply, because it is extremely difficult to do anything worth while in flood control by damming rivers in low, flat country. The water volume from the upstream tributaries is so large and the stream movement is slow in flat country and the rivers clog up with silt, raise the level of their beds above that of the surrounding area, and overflow in every direction unless the water flow is controlled upstream.

The Army engineers know from their experience with the Mississippi, The Messenger reminds us, that "you can't do a thing with the lower reaches of a river." And, as a matter of fact, it adds, as far north as Cairo, Illinois, the bed of the Mississippi is 60 feet above the level of the streets. As levees have been built to impound flood waters, silt has built up the bed of the river. There appears to be no end of this process.

Editor Spear is right. The place to control rivers and produce a maximum of hydro-electric power is largely along the head waters and the main tributaries of a river. There the fall and second-foot stream flow is such as to provide ideal conditions for the development of power, and the water volume is small enough to be kept under control. A series of dams extending along a river for many miles from the mountain areas down through the plateau areas proves very effective in flood prevention as the TVA and Duke Power Company systems convincingly demonstrate.

Army engineers have worked out a project for the upper Yadkin River, in which vital control dams confined exclusively to flood control would be thrown across the Yadkin and Reddies River near North Wilkesboro. The devastation in the Yadkin Valley caused by floods in recent years has been such as to convince most of the people throughout the whole Valley area of the urgent need for the completion of this flood control program. But it has been subjected to continued delays, and its fate still appears to be somewhat uncertain despite the support given it by the North Carolina delegation in Congress.

We believe Governor Scott could perform a fine service for all Northwest North Carolina by throwing his dynamic personality and admittedly considerable influ-

ence in Washington energetically behind the Yadkin flood control program. In the meantime, friends of the program in the Valley area should renew and resolutely continue their efforts to secure the Congressional appropriations essential to the completion of this vital program.

Tobacco Referendum Planned For July 23


Voting in the national referendum on tobacco quotas for the 1950, 1951, and 1952 crops will take place at community polling places Saturday, July 23, Paul Choplin, farm agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week. Mr. Choplin urged all tobacco farmers to cast their ballots.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and help them obtain fair prices for the tobacco they produce.

The referendum is being held in accordance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which directs the Secretary of Agriculture to call for a referendum to determine whether growers want quotas continued. Growers may vote for quotas for three years beginning with the 1950 crop; may vote for quotas for 1950 only; or may vote against quotas.

Marketing quotas will be in effect if approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR



By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

Why do I write so frequently about domestic cases and matrimonial difficulties? I have often been asked this. The answer is easy: because I have so many of these cases presented to me either in person or by letter. Another one is before me now. The pattern is familiar. The letter is written by a mother of several children whose husband is "always drinking and running after women. Is it because he doesn't care anything about me and his children? I try to be a good wife and mother but it seems like the harder I try the worse he acts. I have talked to him about it, but he only gets angry and we have a quarrel. I don't believe he loves me or he wouldn't treat me as he does. Am I going wrong by talking to him about the way he acts? What makes a man want to run around with other women when he has a good wife at home?"

This wife raises several questions. Why do men act this way? It is not limited to men, but women also act in the same manner, but not in such great numbers. Many men seem to be naturally promiscuous, and can't seem to be willing to try to limit themselves to one woman, the wife. Let them get under the influence of liquor and they are many times worse.

Alcohol depresses the nervous system and deadens conscience, whips up sex desire. Consult police records and you will find this to be true. When a man or woman toy with the idea of sex irregularities, they first and almost invariably indulge in alcohol. Without the restraining hand of conscience men and women become little better than high class animals, and often they aren't even high class; they are low class. A drunk man or woman often behaves far worse than an animal.

This wife asks whether her husband loves her if he acts as he does. Apparently he doesn't care for her very much, if at all. He probably did care for her very much when he married her, but the marriage has fallen into a state of poor repair. She may be able to win him back to her, but she won't do it by lecturing to him. The fact that he becomes angry when she does indicates that he at least has a guilty conscience.

There are two things that she should do. First, she should put her life completely in her Lord's hands, and pray earnestly to Him to reform her home, guide her in her dealings with her husband and children, and bring her husband back into the home circle of love and affection. Then she should be sure that she is doing her part to make herself and the home attractive. With a situation such as she has, nothing but prayer and the power of God will change it.

Other literature on this subject may be had by writing The Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper enclosing a long self-addressed stamped envelope and 10c to cover mailing costs.

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